Staunton Spectator.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER.—NORFOLK, Va., November 24.—The U. S. Steamer Huron which left Hampton Roads at 3 P. M. yesterday, went to pieces this morning at 1 o'clock 2 miles from the life-saving station No. 7, near Kitty Hawk. 105 souls were lost. She had a crew of 135. Thirty have been saved, but so prostrated that nothing can be found out from them. Assistance has been sent from this city.

"SO ARRANGED."—The article headed the "Reason Why," published in the last SPECTATOR, was copied from the Lynchburg *Virginian* and credited to that paper. We are free to admit that it was not written by the Editor of the SPECTATOR and was never intended to be so understood. It was not intended to apply to this locality, and the insinuation of the *Virginian* that it was so intended, was uncalled for and gratuitous. The article was in no way altered or "arranged," but was published just as it appeared in the Lynchburg *Virginian*.

That it could not have been intended for this locality is evident from the fact that it does not apply. For whilst the Lynchburg *Virginian* says "almost all the leading white republicans, with a few of the best class of colored voters, supported the debt-paying candidates," it is well known here that the leading white republicans, under the leadership of the *Valley Virginian*, voted for the re-adjusters.

The recent high waters have interrupted all communication with the outside world. We have received no mail since last Thursday evening and consequently can not give our readers the latest phases of the Eastern war. At last accounts the Russians were pressing the advantage gained by the fall of Kars and were expected to soon invest Erzeroum. For all we know the war may be over, but we are strongly inclined to think that the Turks will be able to check the Russians in their "On to Constantinople," and that the war will not be ended before the cold of winter puts a stop to the fighting. The victory of the Russians at Kars was a most complete one, but the Turks are an obstinate people and will fight to the last ditch.

Lincoln and Gen. Lee.

THE OFFER TO GENERAL LEE OF THE COMMAND OF THE FEDERAL ARMY.

Mr. Allen B. Magruder, of Winchester, Va., contributes to the Philadelphia *Weekly Times* a letter from General R. E. Lee, dated Lexington, Va., February 25, 1868, and addressed to the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, then a United States Senator from Maryland. The letter is in response to a charge made in the United States Senate by Hon. Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, that General Lee had applied to President Lincoln for the command of the Federal army destined to invade and subdue the Southern States, and that, being refused, from pique and resentment he turned and offered his sword in aid to the Southern cause, and thus was raised to the chief command of the Confederate forces. Mr. Johnson denounced the statement as untrue, saying that altho' he had not the authority of the accused to deny it, General Lee's lofty character and unstained honor alone sufficed to repel the charge. This elicited form General Lee the following letter:

"LEXINGTON, VA., February 25.—*Hon. Reverdy Johnson*, United States Senate, Washington—My Dear Sir: My attention has been called to the official report of the debate in the Senate of the United States of the 19th instand, in which you did me the kindness to doubt the correctness of the statement made by the Hon. Simon Cameron in regard to myself. I desire that you may feel certain of my conduct on the occasion referred to, so far as my individual statement can make you so.

"I never intimated to any one that I desired the command of the United States army, nor did I ever have conversation with but one gentlemen (Mr. Francis Preston Blair) on the subject, which was at his invitation and, as I understood, at the instance of President Lincoln. After listening to his remarks, I declined the offer he made me to take command of the army that was to be brought into the field, stating as candidly and courteously as I could that though opposed to secession and deprecating war, I could take no part in an invasion of the Southern States.

"I went directly from the interview with Mr. Blair to the office of General Scott, and told him of the proposition that had been made to me and my decision. Upon reflection, after returning to my home, I concluded that I ought no longer to retain the commission I held in the United States army, and on the second morning thereafter I forwarded my resignation to General Scott. At the time I hoped that peace would have been preserved, that some way would have been found to save the country from the calamities of war, and then had no other intention than to pass the remainder of my life as a private citizen. Two days afterward, upon the invitation of the Governor of Virginia, I repaired to Richmond, found the convention then in session had passed the ordinance withdrawing the State from the Union, and accepted the commission of commander of its forces, which was tendered me.

"These are the simple facts of the case, and they show that Mr. Cameron has been misinformed. Your obedient servant, R. E. LEE."

THE GREAT SALT WORKS CASE DECIDED.—The Court of Appeal of Virginia on Thursday decided the case of Preston vs. Stuart et al., from the Circuit Court of Wythe county. The case involves the title to the salt works in Wythe county, now owned by Stuart, Buchanan & Co., who purchased them from Robert Gibbony, trustee, in a deed made by Preston to him conveying this and all the rest of his property to secure all of his creditors. The sale was made by Gibbony privately, as authorized by the deed, and long after the sale and confirmation by Preston, the grantor in the deed, and after Gibbony's death Preston filed his bill to set aside the sale to Stuart & Co. on several grounds, among them that of fraud, want of power to sell, collusion between the trustee and purchaser. The court held that the trustee and purchaser acted properly in every particular, and confirmed the sale to Stuart & Co. The amount involved was about $500,000.

AN UNMARKED GRAVE.—There is buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Georgetown, D. C., a little son of ex-Confederate President Jefferson Davis, whose grave is unmarked by slab or monument. It died and was buried there in a corner on the banks of Rock creek towards Mr. Davis's last days in Congress.—*Alexandria Press.*

Summary of Valley News.

A number of ladies and gentlemen of Harrisonburg will, on the 29th inst., give a rehearsal of the Cantata of the Haymakers for the benefit of Woodbine Cemetery of that place.

Capt. John Avis, recently tried, in the County Court of Shenandoah, on an indictment for the murder of James Johnson, at Orkney Springs last summer, was acquitted.

The Shenandoah *Herald* says: Judge H. C. Allen has been quite ill for several days. He is suffering with congestion of the lungs. He is now, we are glad to learn, convalescing.

WILD CAT.—Messrs. James Peer and Jasper L. Link killed a large wild cat on last Thursday, on the farm of Mr. James Windle, near Tom's Brook in this county.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

ANNUAL REPORT.—The report of the Valley Turnpike Company for the year ending September 30th, shows its receipts for tolls were $6,930. The repairs cost $4,635, and salaries $3,145 for the year.

William Ashby alias William Cornwall of Shenandoah county has been convicted of stealing a horse from Mr. Levi Stickley, and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

We learn from the Shenandoah *Herald* of the 21st inst., that, the German Baptists, more commonly known as Tunkers, held their annual meeting in the new Church about three miles N. E. of Woodstock on last Saturday and Sunday. The church is large, well finished and well arranged. The congregations were very large, fully one-third were unable to get into the church. On Sunday evening the ordinances of the church, including feet washing, celebration of the Feast of the Passover and the Lord's Supper, were observed. The ceremonies were of an impressive and solemn character. Two hundred and fifty members of the church celebrated the feast of the Passover at the same time. The exercises were conducted by an able minister, from Maryland, assisted by a number of elders from this and other counties of the Valley. The exercises of the meeting, we are informed, will continue during the week.

Some of the boys of Woodstock seem to delight in the cheerful sound of stones falling on tin roofs. Strap oil well applied might cure this propensity.

The Shoe Factory at Winchester is now employing as many workmen as the building will accommodate, and yet cannot meet the supply for their goods. Sixty hands are now at work. It is proposed to put an additional story on the building in the Spring.

ROCKBRIDGE ITEMS.

[From the Lexington Gazette.]

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last, Miss Campbell, daughter of the miller at John Davidson's mill, about 3 miles below Lexington on the canal, was mangled in a frightful manner by being caught in some of the machinery of the mill while in motion. Her clothes were torn off, her left arm stripped entirely of flesh from the elbow to the hand, her right arm bruised and lacerated. Her hair also became entangled in the wheel and a considerable portion of it torn out.

A brother of the unfortunate young lady who was on the next floor, heard her screams, and immediately turned off the water, which stopped the mill.—This presence of mind saved the young lady from instant death.

Her physician entertains hopes of her recovery.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Sunday, the 18th inst., about 1:30 p. m. Claiborne Breedlove, son of Mr. Wm. Breedlove, aged 16 years, met with a painful accident by the careless handling of a small pocket Derringer pistol. He was "practising showsman" (as the boys say) in the presence of some of his play fellows, when the pistol went off, the ball passing down his left side and entering below the rib and bearing towards the groin. He is lying in a very critical condition.

PICTURES.—The Graham Lee Society of Washington & Lee University, has requested the following gentlemen to send it their pictures: Gov. Stockdale, Prof. J. J. White, Hon. A. H. Stephens, Gov. Wade Hampton, Hon. Jefferson Davis, Gen. Jubal Early, Hon. J. R. Tucker, Hon. J. Y. Brown, Rev. Moses Hoge, Hon. T. A. Hendricks.

DEATH OF A CADET.—Wm. J. Agar, of New Orleans died at the V. M. I. on Tuesday last. His remains will be sent to his father who resides in that city. A series of resolutions were adopted by the Fourth Class of which he was a member.

Large quantities of pork are being shipped by canal from Lexington to Lynchburg.

MATERIAL FOR A SENSATIONAL NOVEL.—In New York, on Wednesday last, Morris Goldberg discovered the body of a dead man in his cellar; it was taken subsequently to the morgue, where a young man named Louis Samuels recognized it as that of his father, who had been missing from home some three months. Other members of the family also confirmed the identification, and the coroner accordingly turned the corpse over to them for burial. Just here, however, the curtain rises on a second act of the tragedy. As young Samuels was walking along Grand St. Saturday evening, who should he encounter but his long-missing father, whose remains he supposed were awaiting interment. The father greeted him affectionately, and easily convinced him that a serious mistake had been made. He was then led home to the family, where there was general rejoicing all around. Meanwhile the corpse has been again thrown on the coroner's hands for interment when he thinks proper.

SAVED AT THE LAST HOUR.—Allen Carter was to have been hung in Stanley county, N. C., on Friday week for the murder of Bushrod Lilly in 1865. On Thursday morning Gov. Vance telegraphed from Columbia, S. C., to his private secretary to stay the execution of Carter by telegraph to the sheriff, and send the commutation of sentence to imprisonment for life by mail. The telegram reached the sheriff late Thursday evening, and at the lowest calculation Carter was within twelve hours of his grave. The scaffold had been erected, the coffin made, and even the rope, with the fatal noose, was in readiness. The prisoner had been told there was no hope, and his spiritual advisers were preparing him for the event. Carter is 22 years of age, and the commutation of sentence was made at the earnest request of leading citizens.

Personal and Political.

It is said that Stanley will visit London next year, and that he would have returned to New York first, but that the lady to whom he was betrothed tired of waiting for him, and has lately married. He Congo on now without any fears of matrimonial infelicity.

The *Athenæum* asserts that a romance, hitherto unknown, by Edgar A. Poe, has recently come into the possession of Mr. John H. Ingram. It is entitled "The Journal of Julius Rodman," and is a description of an imaginary "First Passage across the Rocky Mountains of North America ever Achieved by Civilized Man."

The wedding dress of Maria de las Mercedes, future Queen of Spain, has already been ordered, and the feminine portion of the world will doubtless call it beautiful. It is to be of white satin, entirely covered with Alencon point lace, on which will be worked the arms of all the realms into which Spain was formerly divided. This recalls the dress of Queen Adelaide, of England, which was a pretty piece of imagination—it was embroidered with flowers, the initials of which formed her name.

The Alexandria *Gazette* says that it is reported that Judge Henry W. Thomas, of Fairfax county, and State Senator J. V. Brooke, of Fauquier, will be supported for the position of judge of this judicial circuit in the election to be held by the Legislature. Judge Keith, who fills the position so acceptably at present, will be a candidate for re-election.

Colonel C. T. Crittenden is sending around a circular announcing himself a candidate for re-election as doorkeeper of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Hunter McGuire a few days since performed a most wonderful surgical operation on a little girl in Richmond. "Chester," in a letter to the *Index-Appeal*, says she had received an injury which resulted in the breaking of her jawbone and her mouth was closed so that she could not open it. She was taken to New York but the surgeons there were afraid to undertake any operation. She was then brought to Dr. McGuire, who slit her jaw open, and by a most remarkable operation succeeded in mending it.

Hon. George S. Bangs, of Chicago, died on Saturday the 17th instant. General Bangs has been in ill health for nearly a year. A post-office in Virginia was named for him. He was superintendent of the United States mails a few years ago.

Mr. Wm. Meade Nelson, formerly of Culpeper, passed through that place on Monday night 19th inst., on his way to New Castle, Delaware, where he goes to teach in the family of Mr. John Johns, a nephew of the late Bishop Johns.

Professor Richard S. McCullough of Washington & Lee University, Virginia, has accepted the chair of chemistry and natural history in the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. He was connected with Princeton College before the war.

Herbert Barbee, the sculptor, will sail for Europe on the 18th of December.—He will go to Florence for the purpose of filling commissions for several life-sized statues, one being a reproduction of his father's renowned "Fisher Girl," ordered by Mr. S. B. French, of New York.

W. D. Coleman, lately released from the Virginia penitentiary, has settled in Richmond, and is engaged in corresponding for Northern papers.

The Directors of the Lee Monumental Association of New Orleans have adopted the design of Mr. John Ray, of that city, for the monument to be erected to the memory of the late Robert E. Lee.

The monument is to cost $30,000, and will be erected at once.

The Executors of the late Henry Meiggs have determined to complete the public works in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

THE UNVARNISHED TRUTH.—Dr. Redfield, the well known correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, a Republican himself, gives us, says the Lynchburg *Virginian*, the following pen-and-ink sketch of the South Carolina carpet-baggers, and notifies those members of his party at the North, and in Congress, who affect to believe that the aforesaid "salt of the earth" have been maligned and persecuted in the South, that their sympathies are expended on very worthless objects. The truth is, South Carolina proposes to do a good part by these fellows in providing homes for the most of them, at the State's expense, for a term of years, where they will be well cared for, and kept from wrong-doing, and out of the reach of all harm. But Dr. Redfield says:

"Right here let me say that sympathy for the South Carolina Republican leaders is pretty much wasted. They were rascals and plunderers from top to bottom, with now and then an exception that made the surrounding darkness only more dark. That fellow Patterson has no business in the Senate, and should be kicked out, no matter if his vote is necessary to Republican supremacy, as I believe it is. Don't sympathize with the 'persecuted South Carolina Republicans' more than you would with an ordinary gang of convicts, or mourn that the so-called Democrats are in power there. That State must belong either to thieves or the Democrats; there is no half-way ground, and it is better to let the Democrats have it. We can almost cry out, 'Anything, but what has been for the past ten years.'"

A cheerful view of Washington is given in a story once told by Mrs. Madison to a little girl, who now repeats it in Lippincott. "One day in Philadelphia," said Mistress Dolly Madison, "I was sitting in my parlor with a very dear friend, Mrs. R. B. Lee, when in walked Payne Todd (her son) dressed in my calico bed-gown. While we were laughing at the figure he cut, the servant threw open the door, and announced General and Mrs. Washington. What to do with that dreadful boy I didn't know. He could not face the President in that garb. Neither could he leave the room without meeting them, for the door they were entering was the only one. I made him crawl quickly under a low, broad settee on which I was sitting. I had just time to arrange the drapery when the Washingtons entered. After the courtly greeting, and the usual compliments of the season, there come from under the settee a heavy sigh, which evidently attracted the General's notice. However, I only talked and laughed a little louder hoping to divert his attention when—oh, me!—there came an out-cry and a kick that could not be ignored. So I stooped down and dragged Payne out by the leg. General Washington's dignity left him for once. Laugh! Why, he fairly roared! He nearly went into convulsions. The sight of that boy in that gown, all so unexpected, coming wrong end first from under my seat,—it was too much."

Virginia News Items.

A house occupied by a colored woman named Hester Ann Williams, near Tander's Creek Cross Roads, Va., was destroyed by fire Thursday. Three children, two aged four years, the other an infant, were burned to death.

The Governor has commissioned General William B. Taliaferro, Col. William T. Robins, and Colonel William K. Berrin military examiners for the district of Gloucester.

The grand jury of Norfolk, on Nov. 21st, found true bills in forty-nine cases against about thirty whiskey dealers for violation of the Moffett bell-punch liquor law.

The Tazewell *News* says that Mr. Adington of Scott county a few days ago celebrated his centennial birthday with a rousing protracted meeting of his relatives and friends, lasting several days. Near a thousand persons, one-half of whom were kinsmen, attended the old man's house-warming.

The Fredericksburg *Star* says that while digging a well in that place the other day, John Morrissey fell in and broke his neck. He was an industrious and respected citizen.

The Richmond volunteer soldiers, who went to Columbia, South Carolina, week before last, to take part in the competitive drill, are not pleased with the hospitality they received.

The steam mill at Wolf Run Shoals, in Fairfax county, owned by Mr. Wildboar, took fire and was burned to the ground on Saturday night week, together with all its contents. There was no insurance on the mill.

The barn of George A. Wilson, treasurer of Norfolk county, Va., was burned by an incendiary Monday of last week. Thirteen hundred barrels of corn were consumed. Loss $3,500; no insurance.

The Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church South has elected the following delegates to the General Conference:—Clerical, W. W. Bennett, P. A. Peterson, L. M. Lee, John D. Blackwell, R. N. Sledd, L. S. Reed, John E. Edwards and Paul Whitehead; lay, George M. Bain, Thos. Branch, H. W. Murray, Francis H. Smith, John R. Pace, T. W. Mason, T. B. Hamlin and Richard Pollard.

Robert C. Ould, son of Judge Robert Ould, of Richmond, who shot a young man named Saunders, in Buckingham county, several months ago, was tried and convicted in the County Court of that County week before last. The verdict of the jury was twelve months confinement in the county jail and a fine of $500.

The directors of the Irish Catholic Colonization Society of Philadelphia have just closed negotiations for securing a tract of land at Barnesville, Charlotte county, Va., containing about seven thousand acres, at $11 an acre and on ten years' time. There are on the tract a saw mill, grist mill, tannery, about forty small dwellings and a large mansion, valued at several thousand dollars. The society is negotiating for the sale of the latter to a religious organization, which proposes to use it for school purposes. The land is to be sold to colonists on ten years' time, at a slight advance, in tracts of twenty-five, fifty and one hundred acres. Colonists intending to settle thereon next spring are now enrolling.

Mr. Frank Williamson's store in Essex county, together with his entire stock of goods, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night of last week. The stock of goods was partially insured.

The Abingdon *Virginian* says that Mr. Hanson Bryan of that place dropped dead in the dining room of the Colonnade Hotel on last Tuesday evening, just before reaching his seat at the supper table. He was about sixty-seven years of age, and is supposed to have died from apoplexy.

Twenty-five more convicts have been sent to work on the Milton and Sutherlin Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Rev. E. C. Gordon, of Savannah, Ga., has declined the pastoral call recently tendered him by the Presbyterian church of Charlottesville.

The Lynchburg *News* says that a "distinguished Lynchburger," who deserted his wife and children eleven years ago, and is said to have a family in a distant State, returned to that city a few days ago, and was taken in charge by the police and locked up for subsequent examination.

Rev. Arthur S. Johns, son of the late Bishop Johns, has accepted a call from St. Peter's church, Smyrna, Delaware, to become its rector.

West Virginia Items.

The Greenbrier *Independent* editorially urges the importance of an Agricultural Fair for that and adjoining counties. It would undoubtedly be of great benefit to the stock raising interests of that region. From the exhibits of stock which Greenbrier has always made at the Augusta Fairs, she should feel encouraged to establish a Fair of her own, which would necessarily induce her stock-raisers to improve the breed of their already fine stock of cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, &c.

Hon. John S. Hoffman, late judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Va., died at Clarksburg on Sunday the 18th inst. During the war he served as the Colonel of the 31st Virginia regiment and was noted for his gallantry.

After four years' imprisonment the Supreme Court of West Virginia has confirmed the action of the Circuit Court of Wheeling, sentencing Taylor Strauder to be hung for the murder of his wife, and ordered him re-sentenced to be hung.

Mr. Henry Nicholas, one of the oldest citizens of Greenbrier, died on the 17th inst., aged 95 years.

In the United States Court, at Charleston, in the case of H. W. Sheffey and others vs. The Bank of Lewisburg and others, in chancery, a decree was entered directing a sale of the sale of the lands of R. J. Glendy, and the caused referred to a commissioner.

The Mountain *Herald* says: Mr. Russell Deeds has recently had nine sheep killed and six wounded by dogs.

From the same paper we learn that two prisoners have escaped from the jail at Hinton by cutting through the floor. One was a negro, Jake Coleman indicted for robbery, and the other a white man named Hodges charged with forgery. Two other prisoners in jail under sentence for violation of the Revenue laws refused to make their escape.

Jordan Davis, a colored man, living in Lewisburg, had stolen from his house, on Tuesday night last, one hundred and sixty dollars in money. One Charles Smith, (colored,) was arrested and lodged in jail, charged with the felony.—*Greenbrier Independent.*

Mr. Jacob Petry, residing in the Coal Marsh country, in Raleigh county, made a calculation the other day of the number of his descendants. They amount to over 360. The old gentleman is over 80 years of age, and is one of the pioneers of Raleigh county.—*Fayetteville Enterprise.*

Two stacks of wheat and oat straw, valued at about eighty dollars, the property of Mr. Wm. H. Montgomery, of Lewisburg, were destroyed by fire, near Lewisburg, on Sunday last.—*Greenbrier Independent.*

A correspondent of the Greenbrier *Independent* says: On the farm of Richard White, Esq., on Anthony's Creek, is an oak tree, which stands at the base of the Alleghany mountain, that measures 22 feet and 5 inches in circumference, and carries its thickness up to a height of 60 feet; also, on the farm of the same gentleman is a sassafras tree which measures 8 feet and 3 inches in circumference, and is 70 feet high, with large branches. I have traveled over the greater portion of Virginia, and these are the largest trees of the kind I have ever seen.

MASONIC.—The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons held their thirteenth annual communication at Martinsburg, on the 13th and 14th of Nov. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: George Baird, (of Ohio Co.,) M. W. G. M.; John W. Arbuckle, (of Greenbrier Co.,) D. G. M.; Charles J. Faulkner, jr., (of Berkeley Co.,) G. Sen. W.; John H. Riley, (of Jackson Co.,) G. Jun. W.; I. H. Williams, (of Ohio Co.,) G. Treasurer; O. S. Long, (of Ohio Co.,) G. Secretary.—*Greenbrier Independent.*

REFUSING TO INDICT.—The Keyser *Tribune* says the Grand Jury of Mineral county, W. Va., has failed to find bills against the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for running its trains on the Sabbath, against the parties charged with interfering with the running of trains during the strike last summer, and against persons who refused, at that time, to assist the sheriff in making arrests.

Senator Hereford, has introduced a bill in the Senate for the relief of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in this city, which bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Claims.—The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the trustees of the Church, or any one authorized to receive it, the sum of seven thousand dollars for the destruction of the Church by the Federal troops during the late war.—*Charleston Courier.*

General News Items.

A child, aged two and a half years, a son of Charles Liebrick, in Philadephia, who was bitten by a Spitz dog, died from hydrophobia Monday night of last week.

Julius Kircher, a Lutheran, and his wife, a Jewess, living in East Fifty-sixth street, New York, being unable to agree as to the place of burial of their dead child, whether in a Christian or Hebrew cemetery, agreed to cremate it, which was done at some chemical works of which the father is proprietor.

General orders have been issued by General Sherman, at the instance of the President, announcing that no further clemency need be expected by officers of the army who violate the article of war in regard to intemperence. The President holds that a person who cannot be trusted had better not be continued in office, and a rigorous execution of the sentence imposed in such cases may be looked for.

The first national thanksgiving was observed Thursday, Febuary 19th 1795, the proclamation having been issued by President Washington, and dated Philadelphia, January 1, 1795. It was issued to 4,000 000 of people, while the recent proclamation issued by President Hays reached 44,000,000.

City Controller Hancock, of Philadelphia, in his annual statement reports that the depreciation in real estate in that city during the past year is between forty and fifty millions of dollars.

Two millions and a half dollars' worth of American dried fruits have been sold in Europe during the last twelve months.

On Friday evening a week two small children of Daniel Witman, living about six miles from York, Pa., were playing about the house, when one of them, a little girl between seven and eight years old, got a piece of apple in its throat. It was stangled to death before any assistance to relieve it could be rendered.

It is stated that a Belgian gentleman, who was the commissioner from that country to the centennial exhibition, is organizing a company of European capitalists for the purpose of making plate glass in America, and that he proposes to return to this country in a short time to select a location. The company's work shops are to be situated in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, where the firm also contemplate the purchase of coal fields.

Christian Schubert and John Baer, track laborers, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, were run over Monday morning of last week by an engine at Enerson Station, in Fayette county, Pa., on the Southwestern Pennsylvania railroad, and instantly killed. The men were working on the track, and the steam from the escape pipe of a Baltimore and Ohio engine was blowing off and hid the approaching engine from view.

The Confederate monument at Chattanooga, Tenn., completed and ready for erection, was defaced beyond repair on Saturday night a week by unknown persons.

MARRIED AT LAST.—On Wednesday, the 7th instant, Miss Carrie De Nyse, the pretty step-daughter of Mr. John De Nyse, of Brooklyn, left her home, ostensibly to attend a matinee at the Park Theatre, but in reality to elope with Wm. E. White, a friend of the family. Mr. De Nyse found the pair a few days afterwards at the Grand Union Hotel, New York, and White claimed to have married the girl, but when the proofs of this were demanded he sneeringly answered that he was afraid he could not accommodate them. A stormy scene ensued, Mr. De Nyse calling White a "villainous coward," and threatened to throw him out of the window. White, it is said, drew a pistol and leveled it at the head of the angry father. The parents left the hotel and the father swore out a warrant for White's arrest on the charge of abduction. He was arraigned before a magistrate in Brooklyn on Thursday, and acting upon the advice of his counsel consented to marry the girl. She was present in court with her parents, and the knot was at once tied, and the party left together, the bride and groom seemingly in a jolly humor. White is a wealthy real estate agent, and the bride is only 15 years old.

Major General Hancock has been beaten in a suit the result of which is of general importance to hotel keepers.—The action was brought to recover the value of three thousand dollars' worth of jewelry stolen while he was living at a hotel in this city. Having made a contract for board it is held that he was not a guest but a boarder, which released the hotel proprietor from all responsibility.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Pickings from the Paragraphers.

Danbury News: One girl kissing another is a good deal like eating maple syrup on ice cream.

Philadelphia Herald: Fools and their money soon part. It's worth while being a fool to have the money to part with.

Philadelphia Chronicle: Philadelphia has model thieves. They go to church to prey upon the congregation.

Norristown Herald: The *Hawkeye* asks: "What is the singular of mumps?" Why, the "singular" appearance they give a man who wears 'em.

Courier Journal:

WHERE THE LOYAL LEATHER PINCHES.

I wouldn't mind this Hayes's style—
He's not the Lord's anointed—
But what gets me is seeing them
Old Dimmicrats app'inted.

Detroit Free Press: Statistics show that the number of idiots is increasing; and yet some newspapers continue to make war on quack doctors. What is a quack doctor for but to kill off the fools?

Richmond Enquirer: Our tobacconists ought to wear "fine-cut" clothes and "plug" hats.

New York Herald. Kate Claxton married again after a short scorchship.

Philadelphia Chronicle: The woman who doesn't wish she had a seal-skin cloak for the winter hasn't been born yet.

Philadelphia Herald: First irate female—"I'd hate to be in your shoes!" Second ditto—"You can't get in them!"

Hawkeye: We wish Dr. Prime and Colonel Ingersoll would quit talking about Tom Paine, and tell us candidly what they think will become of a man named Catlin, who writes such things as this in the *Commercial Advertiser:*

A suggestion to advocates of the free-pew system:

"No pent-up pew-taker contracts your powers."

Philadelphia Herald: Tell us no more of the "House that Jack built," but of the will that Vanderbuilt.

Hawkeye: Every young man who is so fat he can't tie his own neck tie, and whose face is as round and about as large as a dinner plate, wears a helmet hat, and the burlesque sits on top of his head like a grape on an orange. The spectacle of a fat man in a helmet hat is what makes men murderers.

The New York *Standard* waxing eloquent on the fall fashions, says:

"Leaves have their time to fall,
The flowers to wither when cold winds blow on it,
And stars to set, but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O bonnet!"

On Waltzing.

A SPICY BIT OF INFORMATION FROM OUR "JENKINS" ON THE WALTZING WAYS OF GIRLS IN THIS VICINITY.

Our "Jenkins," who is as graceful a person as ever lifted a hoof o'er the waxed surface of a ball-room floor, was dispatched early in the season to different points in this vicinity to ascertain the peculiarities of the girls who waltz residing in this city and suburban towns. He has attended to his mission faithfully; has been present at all the "hops" given thus far this season, and reports the "hop" market very brisk, and parties engaged in the business still brisker. His veracity cannot be doubted, and for this reason we give below the different styles of the girls with whom he has floated round and round in the mazes of the giddy waltz, for the edification of those whose experience is limited, that they may know what sort of a girl to seek for a partner when "the next dance is called." He says: People may say that a waltz is a waltz, but it is a mistake; as much as to say that a girl is a girl, for there are girls and girls, and there are waltzes and waltzes. With one person it is the poetry of motion: with another it is about as awkward a performance as putting yourself upon a level and going through the motion of running up stairs would be. A West-side girl is a natural waltzer, and she does it with a charming *chic* and *abandon*. A North side girl's waltzing is easy, graceful, and "melodious." If she comes from the South-side, she throws her hair back, jumps up and cracks her heels together, and carries off her astonished partner as though a simoon had struck him, and knocks over all intervening obstacles in her mad career around the room. If she is from Bellaire, she creeps closely and timidly up to her partner, as though she would like to get into his vest pocket, and melts away with ecstasy as the witching strains of the "Blue Danube" sweep through the hall. If she is from Ætnaville, she crooks her body in the middle like a door-hinge, takes her partner by the shoulder and makes him miserable in trying to hop around her without treading on her No. 9 shoes. If she comes from Martin's Ferry, she astonishes her partner now and then by working in a touch of the double-shuffle, or a bit of pigeon-wing with the waltz step; and if she comes from Bridgeport, or has been spending the summer in the mountains and is of the hifalutin order, she throws both arms around his neck, rolls up her eyes as she floats away, and is heard to murmur, "Oh, hug me, John!"—*Wheeling Register.*

A Railroad Scandal.

JOHN W. GARRETT PRESENTS A TEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR BOARD BILL TO THOMAS R. SHARPE.

Baltimore, November 18.—A private dispatch received here to-night says a day or two ago a messenger came into the office of Colonel. Thomas R. Sharp president of the Long Island railroad, and formerly master of transportation, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad here, and presented a draft for $10,000, drawn at sight, through Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co., by Mr. John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, specifying that it was for board, unpaid for four years at the hotels of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The dispatch adds:

The expression of Mr. Sharpe's countenance was beautiful to behold, but he did not pay it. Colonel Sharpe, when master of transportation of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, left that corporation in a manner which, to say the least, was unexpected. Mr. Garrett, it is claimed, was surprised at his resignation. Colonel Sharpe understood that he was to be made the scapegoat for the responsibility of the July riots; and Colonel Sharpe, according to Mr. Garrett, had so ill-treated the employes, and was so domineering towards them, that they rebelled against the reduction of wages. This was contradicted by Colonel Sharpe, and it is said that he stated at the time if Mr. Garrett was to remain president of the corporation he would resign.

He at once looked for a new field of labor, and his consummate ability as a railroad manager being well known, he had half a dozen offers made him at once. In the mean time Mr. Garrett informed the press that Colonel Sharp had no intention of leaving the road, and in railroad circles it was said he had reconsidered the idea of making a scapegoat out of his master of tranportation. Besides, the negotiation of the English loan, which had hung fire so long, and on which Drexel, Morgan & Co., had already advanced seventy-five cents on the dollar, had had a good effect on the stockholders, and promised to dispel any doubts of his reelection. Colonel Sharpe was elected president of the United Railroads of Long Island, therefore, much to Mr. Garrett's disgust and intense astonishment.

When Mr. Kinsley, of Chicago, was in the employment of the road, running the hotels, he received $3,000 per annum and board for himself and family. When his engagement terminated Colonel Sharpe undertooke his department in addition to his own duties, and without additional compensation. He conducted the hotel business to perfection, and lived with his small family at the Relay and Deer Park.

For the SPECTATOR.

Good Templars.

MY BRETHREN:—In the session of our Grand Lodge, which meets here Wednesday morning, we have a special opportunity afforded us for doing much for our beloved Order. Let every member avail himself of this season to increase his interest and zeal, by entertaining and visiting our Brothren from a distance. Let harmony, good will and brotherly love prevail, and the only strife be that of striving to advance the cause of Temperence. We call upon all Good Templars, their families and friends, to do all they can to make the visit of our friends pleasant, that this session of our Grand Lodge may be looked back to with pride, as one of great prosperity to our order. Brother Hickman, P. G. T. of the World, Brother Christian, G. W. C. T. of the State; Brether Woods, Grand Chaplain of the State, and other prominent and earnest members, will deliver addresses at the Grange Hall Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, nights at which all Good Templars are expected, make all your arrangements so as to be present, and bring all your friends with you.

Let none fail in their duty at this time. We shall not have another Session of the Grand Lodge in our city for many years. Be prepared for the good work this week, and give to our friends such a reception, and entertainment as our noble cause demands.

"A GOOD TEMPLAR."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—From the summary statement prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, it appears that the imports for September, 1877, were thirty-eight million dollars in value, as against thirty-four millions in September of 1876; while for the months of 1877, ending with September 30th, the total of imports was three hundred and eighty-nine millions, against three hundred and forty for the same period of 1876.

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