Staunton Spectator.

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Local Department.

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.

Thursday, April 11th.—D. S. Young, com'r, will offer for sale on the premises, 72 acres of land near Valley Mills, being that part of the Lewis Keller tract partitioned to Jacob F. Keller.

Saturday, April 20—A. H. H. Stuart, com'r, will sell 89 acres of fine land, near New Hope.—Improvements good.

Thursday, April 25—S. H. Letcher, special com'r will sell in front of the court-house in Covington, Alleghany county, a tract of land, on Smith's creek, containing between three and four hundred acres, now in possession of Paul Gleason, Esq.

Saturday April 27th.—Messrs. Bumgardner, Cochran and Craig, Com'rs, will sell 110 acres of valuable land, situated near Churchville, Augusta county.

Saturday, May 4—Messrs. Stuart and Bell, com'rs, will re-sell the old Tilt-hammer property, near the Valley R. R. depot.

Tuesday, May 7.—Messrs. Sheffey, Bumgardner and Mathews, trustees, will sell, in Lewisburg, the "Stuart McClung" lands, lately owned by R. J. Glendy, containing between 1200 and 1400 acres. These lands are among the very best grazing lands in the blue grass region.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

MR. JOHN GLOVER offers for sale 383 acres of good land, lying on both sides of C. & O. railroad, 2 miles West of Craigsville.

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'.

MR. JACOB SHRECKHISE offers for sale his fine farm of 260 acres 9½ miles from Staunton. This farm is limestone land, well improved, and one of the best in Augusta county. The improvements are first-class, and it has on it two orchards of fine fruit, Running water passes through about 25 acres of fine meadow land, and there a fine spring near the dwelling.

JACOB HOOVER offers for sale two tracts of grazing land in Highland county, one of 128 and the other of 1008 acres.

☞Families in want of CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR will use the EDOM BRAND, which gives so great satsfaction to our best housekeepers, always on hand at

jan 8-tf BAKER & BRO'S.

FIFTH LECTURE OF MAJ. JED HOTCHKISS—In accordance with the announcement made last week, Maj. Jed Hotchkiss delivered on last Saturday night in the Y. M. C. A. Hall the concluding lecture in the series of five on the geography and geology of Virginia. This lecture was confined chiefly to the great Valley extending from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River to Alabama, of which the Valley of Virginia is the central portion. This lecture was exceedingly interesting, and we greatly regret there was not a larger audience to hear it.—Those who have attended these lectures of Maj. Hotchkiss, have been greatly interested and benefited, and hope that he may be prevailed upon to continue them. We can say for ourselves that we have never attended any lectures in which we were more interested, or by which we gained more information. We earnestly hope that Maj. Hotchkiss may be induced to deliver another series of lectures on the same subject, and that our citizens will do themselves the justice to attend them in large numbers.—The Hall should be filled each night to its utmost capacity when such profitable lectures are delivered.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN STAUNTON.—In accordance with an act passed by the last Legislature, a new registration of all the qualified voters of Staunton will be made, commencing on Tuesday, the 7th of May, and must be completed within 7 days from that time. No one can vote unless he be registered. Don't fail to register. This special registration act provides, "that each duly qualified Registrar of the city of Staunton shall, on the first Tuesday in May, 1878, proceed to register the names of all qualified voters within the ward of said city for which he was appointed, who, according to law, are entitled to registration therein, entering, in addition to the requirements of the general registration law, in a separate column, the names of streets and numbers of residences of said qualified voters, and he shall complete said registration within 7 days."

AN OLD COIN.—Some time since we published a notice of the fact that Mr. C. A. Richardson of this city, whilst on a visit to Rome several years since, found in the Coliseum a very old copper coin. Since then, this coin has been submittted to Mr. Robert Morris, of Ashtabula, Ohio, a distinguished numatologist, who has deciphered its devices and inscriptions, from which it appears that it was coined at Sisicum, between the years 306 and 323 of the Christian era, in the reign of Licinius, denominated by an inscription on the coin, "the dutiful, the happy, the august." The obverse side of the coin contained a figure of Jupiter, and the inscription, "To Jupiter, the preserver of our Emperors."

CHURCH NOTICE.—The Luther Aid Society met promptly last evening in the Sunday school room.

Arrangements were made for decorating the church for the Easter season with handsome garlands of evergreens and flowers. The services will be appropriate to the day, *expressive of the joy* christians should feel when celebrating the *resurrection* of our Lord and Savior.

Services will be held in the church each evening of Passion week, except Friday and Saturday, which the public is invited to attend.

Early York cabbage in store and for sale low, also Seed Sweet Potatoes, opposite Grange hall.

C. C. WHEAT.

NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD.—Major Borst seems to be pushing work on the Eastern end of the Washington City, Cincinnati, & St. Louis Railroad. Work was commenced on last Saturday with Gov. Randolph's steam-excavator, and Maj. Borst thinks that he will have the road, within thirty days, graded to Falls Church, a distance of 7½ miles. He expects to astonish the public with the rapidity with which he will have the work pushed ahead.

PERSONAL.—Mr. E. V. Blakemore, who has recently become part owner and Associate Editor of that enterprising paper, the *Highland Recorder*, has been in our city, in the interests of that paper, during the past week.

We had the pleasure of seeing Geo. H. Bowman, D. D.S. in our city last Sunday. He is well known to many of our citizens, and is now studying law at the University of Virginia.

NEW MUSIC—"DRIFTING WITH THE TIDE."—A new Song and Chorus, by Will L. Thompson, is said to be even prettier than the famous "*Gathering Shells from the Sea Shore*," by the same author. Any music dealer will mail you either of these beautiful songs on receipt of price, 40 cents. Both have handsome picture titles. Published by W. L. THOMPSON & Co., East Liverpool, Ohio.

WEST AUGUSTA GUARD.—Last week, Captain Wm. L. Bumgardner made the following appointments of non-commissioned officers of the West Augusta Guard for the ensuing year: O. S., T. J. Crowder; 2d Sgt., R. P. Summerson; 3rd, Thomas Burke; 4th, Wm. Logan; Color-Sergeant, E. T. Jessup; 1st Corporal, J. Lushbaugh; 2d, T. R. Henning; 3rd, W. M. Moffett; 4th, Ash Ayres.

We call the attention of our readers generally, and the ladies especially, to the advertisement of Mr. Robt. J. Halliday, florist, Baltimore, who is prepared to furnish any and everything in his line of business. Read his advertisement and send for one or all of his Catalogues, which are now ready for gratuitous distribution.

We call attention to the adv. of "M. R. L.," who advertises for a private school, and can recommend him as being thoroughly qualified and competent to conduct a school of high grade.

The firm of Cooke & Baker are keeping abreast of the times. The inducements they offer purchasers can be found in their double column advertisement in this issue.

Maj. Marshall Hanger has been appointed by the Governor one of the honorary commissioners from Virginia to the Paris Exposition.

T. T. Kendall has been appointed postmaster at Verona, vice Dr. H. S. Eichelberger, resigned.

Soiree at the Augusta Female Seminary.

The entertainment at the Augusta Female Seminary on last Thursday night was a very pleasant and enjoyable affair and was attended by a large number of invited guests. The Market chorus from the opera of Martha was admirably rendered with the following caste:—Sheriff, Miss Ida Fletcher; Servants, Misses A. Junkin, G. Gunn, and J. Baird; Farmer's wives, Misses J. Junkin, L. McCutchen, and A. McCoy. The scene of this chorus is a market place where the servants and farmers' wives have assembled at the annual Fair to enter into new contracts for the coming year. The Sheriff enters robed in gown and wig and orders the crowd to give place to the representative of the government and to attend whilst he explains the law regarding the contracts made with servants at the Fair. Then in obedience to his direction each servant steps forward and tells what she can do, such as scrubbing, sewing, baking, weaving, &c., and the farmers' wives make their selections; after which they all crowd around the Sheriff demanding to have the contracts sealed without further delay.

The costuming of the characters was tasteful and pretty and the rendition of the chorus met with the hearty approval of the audience.

This was followed by the solo, "Robin Adair," sung most sweetly and expressively by Miss Nellie Moreland, in a mezzo-soprano voice, flute-like in its clearness and as sweet and soft as the breeze-moved harp of Æolus.

The beautiful poem "Songs of Seven," by Jean Ingelow was recited with the caste as given below. The costuming for the different periods was exceedingly appropriate and the tableaux at the close of each recitation were beautiful enough, could they have been seized by an artist, to serve for illustrations of the poem.

Seven times One—Exultation—by Miss Annie Raphael.
Seven times Two—Romance—by Miss Gertrude Gunn.
Seven times Three—Love—by Miss Mollie Love.
Seven times Four—A Happy Home—by Miss Bettie Du Bose.
Seven times Five—Widowhood—Miss Annie Red.
Seven time Six—Giving in Marriage—by Miss Ida Fletcher, Miss Fannie Symington.
Seven times Seven—Longing for Home—by Miss Lottie Baylor.

Musical Accompaniments—by Misses Jackson, Goyer, Baird, Ballagh.

The second part of the programme opened with the solo of Esmeralda by *Levey* sung most delightfully by Miss Jennie Baird in a voice of great compass, accuracy of execution and clearness of vocalization and met with the unbounded applause of the audience.

This was followed by a semi-chorus of Auld Lang Syne, which was very charmingly rendered by Misses Moreland, Antrim, Hopkins, Hooks, McCutchen, Keitt, Simpson, Kittrell, J. and A. Junkin.

The entertainment closed with a pantomime by the class in calisthenics in which they most gracefully and in perfect time and movement represented the emotions of Expectation, Affection, Hate, Joy, Grief, Fear, Devotion, and Farewell. The young ladies were tastefully arrayed in white and presented a most attractive scene as they went through the various movement of the pantomime.

METHODIST MISSION NO. 2.—Quite a remarkable and interesting religious work has been accomplished at a point on Christian's creek in this county, about four miles southeast of Staunton, in the neighborhood of Mr. B. F. Whitmore's, under the direction and management of Mr. O. W. Hammond, clerk in the bookstore of Messrs. Hunter & Co., of this place. Some months ago, he, in company with several other young men, full of zeal in the work of the Lord, established a Sunday school at this point. By prompt attendance and good management, they very soon attracted quite a large number of the children and grown persons of that neighborhood around them, and now they have most interesting and profitable meetings there every Sunday. Shortly after the establishment of the Sunday school they had interesting revival meetings at which quite a large number of grown persons and the larger scholars of the school professed conversion, and they now have an appointment for regular preaching. In the meantime they went to work and erected a house of worship large enough to accommodate their increasing congregations. This house has not been completed, being without comfortable seats and not yet having been plastered. These young men and their co-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord are watchful and untiring in their efforts, and deserve aid and encouragement from their friends in the cause who are more fortunately circumstanced in life. Can't the ladies take hold of the matter and supply them with the funds to furnish their place of worship with the necessary comforts. It may not be amiss to state that the people of this neighborhood, before this work began, were almost entirely cut off from all religious privileges, many of them never enjoying the sound of the glorious gospel.

Go to the Washer and Wringer exhibition in the Court-house yard this morning at 10 o'clock.

Debating Society of Mint Spring.

Our correspondent, "Occasional," from Mint Spring furnishes us with an elaborate account of the recent discussion by the debating Society of that place of the question—"Was Brutus justifiable in the assassination of Julius Cæsar." The debate seems to have been quite interesting and animated and was participated by Messrs. A. Blauth, R. J. Dyche and David Henkle on the affirmative, and Messrs. J. M. Lambert and W. G. Abney on the negative. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative. We are compelled to omit the extracts from the speeches as furnished by our correspondent.

As the farmers are now quite busy the Society agreed to suspend its meetings until Friday evening the 19th inst., when it will adjourn until next Fall. The following is the programme for the occasion:

"Salutatory address," by Mr. J. M. Lambert; "On Debate," Messrs. A. Blauth and W. G. Abney; "Lecturer," Mr. R. J. Dyche; "Essayist," Mr. W. A. Willson; "Declaimer," Master W. O. Abney; "Valedictory Address," Mr. David Henkle.

There will be sweet music to enliven the occasion and the public are invited to attend.

THE LATEST.—Yeager has almost been challenged to a duel by other dealers, because he is selling vegetables and fish so cheap. It

IMPROVEMENTS.—Many merchants are now busy repairing, painting and renovating their store-rooms, preparatory to the opening of the Spring trade.

The store-room of Gabriel Hirsh is being greatly improved by lowering the floor to a level with the pavement.

Mr. Rob't G. Bickle is having the old stone-house on New street remodeled by deeping the cellar, lowering the floor and removing the enormous stone chimney which nearly filled the lower floor. It will be so changed as to form two good-sized store-rooms.

TEMPERANCE PRAYER-MEETING.—The temperance prayer-meeting, on last Sunday afternoon, was led by Prof. J. J. Ladd, who read a part of the 17th chapter of Matthew, and made appropriate and interesting comments on the same. These prayer-meetings, under the auspices of the Good Templars of our city, have been in uninterrupted and successful operation for several years, and they have been the means of accomplishing much good. They are held every Sunday afternoon, commencing at half past 3 o'clock and continuing for only one hour. The public are invited to attend them.

Come and see Yeager and read those pretty little notes which other dealers have sent to Yeager because he sells so cheap. It

CORPORATION COURT.—Nothing of public interest has been before this Court during the April term, which commenced last Thursday, except the trial of Frank Newby on a charge of grand larceny, of which charge, however, he was acquitted. The granting of liquor licenses will probably be taken up to-morrow.

SNOW IN THE BLUE RIDGE.—A gentleman who was in the Blue Ridge near the border of Nelson and Amherst last week, informs us that it snowed heavily there all day last Thursday and that the snow was about four inches deep when he left on Friday morning.

If you would like to see the complacency which sweetly rests on the countenance of the "Boss of the road" and then the marked contrast it presents when "bull-dozed" just call at the establishment of W. L. Bumgardner & Co.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS.—Those who have paid the capitation tax of 1876 are entitled to vote at the May elections, but the capitation tax of 1877 must be paid to entitle the voter to vote in the November election.

William H. Chiles is appointed postmaster at Gilmore's Mills, Rockbridge county, Va., vice A. G. Bradley, resigned.

A SUCCESSFUL INVENTION.

A new and novel invention for wringing clothes is now being introduced through this State, which we consider will supercede all others. We have tested it in our own family and know whereof we speak. The inventor and manufacturer, Mr. F. F. Adams, is now giving the citizens of Staunton a practical demonstration of this new article, by putting them into use in the best families here, and proposes to have them thoroughly tested. The firm of F. F. Adams & Co., Erie, Pennsylvania, is a large manufacturing concern, making very many useful household articles, viz: Clothes Wringers, Washing Machines, Step and Extension Ladders, Clothes Horses, Hat and Coat Racks, &c., &c.

They have made and sold over one hundred and fifty thousand Washing Machines. They make a specialty in Clothes Wringers and Washers, and have a large trade through the Northern States, and also an extensive foreign trade. All their goods are warranted first-class. The firm is responsible and reliable. Our hardware men here know them by reputation, as they advertize largely in the *Iron Age*, which demonstrates that they know how to do business and to bring their goods into general use.

The following notice of the manufactory is taken from the Philadelphia *Press* of March 11th: "One of the most enterprising of Erie manufactures is the washing-machine factory of F. F. Adams & Co. Its first contract, only a few years ago, was with a responsible Philadelphia house to supply it with sixty thousand machines in two years. It has made and sold one hundred and fifty thousand of these little household articles since its establishment. Mr. Adams, the senior proprietor, is a marvel of energy and pluck, and through his indefatigable efforts a demand has been created from all over the United States to South Africa."

Clothes Wringers have become a necessity in every family. No one will dispute the fact that the poorest Wringer in the market to-day is better than the old twisting hand-wringing process. The question then for the purchaser to consider is which of the many kinds, all things considered, is the best.

Progress has clearly demonstrated that the reward of success is given only to the Machines that embody to the greatest extent simplicity, durability and convenience.

We fully believe that after a full and careful examination and comparison, the COMPLETE WRINGER will be found to possess more good qualities than any other Clothes Wringer offered to the public at this time, and the price at which it is sold brings it within the reach of every family.

Nearly all other Wringers have cog wheels, springs, and thumb screws; all that have cog wheels have stops to prevent the rolls from separating so far apart that the cog wheels will not touch each other. No cog wheel Wringer will allow the rolls to separate more than one-half inch, even if the thumb screws are taken entirely out.

These springs have so little capacity that they will not wring small articles sufficiently dry without turning down the thumb screws, then if a heavy piece comes next and it is put through without the screws being loosened, which will be done, and there is an undue strain on the rollers which soon produces bunches or twists the rubber from the shaft.

More rolls fail in cog-wheel Wringers than in any other, because their stops and thumbs screws set the rolls to a given point, at which the pressure becomes dead, and the user will attempt to put through large articles or bunches that there is not room for, then the strain comes directly on the rubber, the cog wheels turn the shaft, and the rubber also, if it sticks tight enough to the shaft.

There will be a public exhibition of the Washer and Wringer in the Court-house yard this morning at 10 o'clock, where a large family Washing will be done ready for the line. All interested are invited to be present and see the working of these machines.

If Yeager keeps on selling fish and vegetables as cheap as he has in the past, he will have to fight a duel. The police will please be on the look out. It

GOV. HOLLIDAY SUSTAINED.—The question, "Should Gov. Holliday have vetoed the Barbour bill?" which has been discussed with much earnestness for the past three weeks by the Staunton Debating Society, was decided in the affirmative by a vote of twelve to eight on last Friday night. The debate of this question created quite an interest in the community, and the attendance of spectators on each occasion was quite large, including a number of ladies, whose nightly attendance caused a more knightly courtesy on the part of the debaters than they would probably have observed but for the womanly restraint unconsciously thrown around man's more rugged nature.

The speakers on last Friday night were Messrs. Chas. Grattan, A. S. Mauzy and John N. Opie on the affirmative, and Messrs. Jacob Yost and Dr. R. S. Hamilton on the negative.

In the absence of the President, Maj. Marshall Hanger kindly consented to act in that capacity, and presided with the dignity, firmness and quickness which have made him so eminent as a presiding officer.

The question for debate on next Friday night will be, "Ought capital punishment to be abolished?"

Y. M. C. A.—The Y. M. C. A. Hall last Sunday evening was densely crowded—more persons being present, perhaps, than on any former occasion. The singing was charming, and fervent prayers were offered by Messrs. Ker and Ladd.

The leader, Mr. Heber Ker, read the 2nd chapter of Corinthians, together with several passages from Revelations relative to the bliss in reservation for those that love God, and addressed the meeting very earnestly and at some length upon the same. Brief, appropriate addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Burr, and by Messrs. Hoover, Elder and Nelson. The meeting was dismissed with a benediction by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

Mr. Davis A. Kayser will have charge of the exercises next Sunday. Subject: 3rd chapter of Corinthians. Time: 4½ o'clock, P. M.

Call and examine the flowers to be received this morning, opposite Grange Hall.

C. C. WHEAT.

THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.—Able and interesting sermons were delivered in the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., of Lexington, one of the Professors of Washington & Lee University.

In the Lutheran church, in the morning, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Haskell, delivered an interesting sermon specially addressed to the children, and held the usual services in the evening.

In the Baptist Church, the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Manly, being unwell, the sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. Dr. Sears. The communion service was administered. There were no services in the evening.

In the Second Presbyterian Church there were no services, the Rev. W. T. Richardson being absent.

In the other churches the usual services were held by the respective pastors thereof.

THE WESTERN MARSHALSHIE.—As the office of U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia becomes vacant on the 1st of May by the resignation of Col. A. S. Gray, the several candidates for that position are quite alive. In Col. Wm. S. Gilman's Washington correspondence with the Richmond *Dispatch* under date of Saturday last, he says:—

"The candidates are putting in big licks for the marshalship of the Western district of Virginia, and proceed upon the calculation that Hon. C. Y. Thomas has been killed oil. A delegation yesterday saw the President in behalf of ex-Senator Lewis, and last night Major McMahon's friends called at the White House in his behalf. Mr. Langhorne's friends in the meanwhile are very active.

When the fish dealers tackle Yeager they had better use some dead shot insect powder, as everybody in town says (even the Editors) that Yeager keeps the best and the cheapest, It

The "Baby's Best Friend" is the most appropriate title for Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. It is absolutely free from Opium, Morphia and other powerful agents, is perfectly safe and reliable under all circumstances and by allaying the usual Stomach and Bowel Disorders of babyhood keeps the child from fretting and crying, so injurious to itself and annoying to all. Price 25 cents.

COFFEE, TEA AND SPICE STORE.—Mr. J. D. Hounihan, formerly of this city and recently from Chicago, has opened a coffee, tea, and spice store, on Augusta street, one door south of H. M. McIlhany's. The above commodities are made a specialty, but he keeps many other novel and useful articles, and a visit to his store will well repay the trouble, even though you don't desire to purchase.

A delicate complexion is best compared to a blooming rose; but when the countenance is disfigured with Blotches and Pimples, like weeds in a rose-bed, the sufferer should promptly use Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture, which quickly and effectually eradicates such unsightly evidences of impure blood.

Bro. Stutz and Yeager are friends. Come and see us both and those beautiful flowers at Yeager's. It

Soiree at the Wesleyan Female Institute.

Our "special soiree reporter," we are sorry to say, was necessarily absent from the musical entertainment given at the Wesleyan Female Institute on last Friday evening. The last we saw of him, was late that evening, in the rear room of the office deeply intent upon the Revised Code, whether of 1819 or 1873 we were unable to ascertain from the violent manner in which he was gesticulating with it and beating the empty air, whilst occasionally we caught within the "fearful hollow of our ear" the words "Barbour bill," "re-adjustment," "repudiation" and such like distressful sounds. We at once inferred that he was becoming involved in the meshes of that tangled web which the recent debates in the Staunton Debating Society have woven around the subject of the State debt and the Governor's veto. We knew that all music had lost charms to soothe his savage breast and that no siren's song, however sweet, could win its way into his financial ear. Hence, we at once began to search for a substitute and found him in a young man, whose appreciation of music is very marked, and who doubtless would have furnished us an excellent report, but in selecting him we had forgotten that, though he loved music much, he loved the performers more. So when we asked him about the soiree he said, "you ought just to have been there, Miss A. was looking beautiful and Miss B. is the loveliest girl I've ever seen, and Miss C. has the most glorious eyes, and—" But we stopped him to ask about the music. "Oh! the music; well, it was first-rate, splendid, never heard better music in my life, and Miss D. is the most charming—" But what about the singing we hastily interposed. "The singing was divine, seraphic, and Miss E. sang as angel never sung. Oh! the glorious vision, 'twas bright, 'twas heavenly, but 'tis past," and a deep sigh heaved his manly breast. Further questioning we saw was useless, and thanking our enthusiastic friend, we gave up in despair.

From other sources we learn that the soiree was most charming and that the vocal and instrumental music was fully up to the high standard which this school has always maintained. To those who know, no higher praise can be given than this.

HOLIDAY.—This is holiday week with the pupils of the Augusta Female Seminary, and we hope that it will be of as great enjoyment as they anticipated, and that the recreation it will afford will enable them to renew their studies with increased zest and vigor.

BELL PUNCH TAX.—The tax realized in Staunton last month from the sale of whisky, as indicated by the bell punch register, is $396.34, about $25 in excess of the month previous.

You will find Fresh Vegetables and Fresh Shad at C. C. WHEAT'S, opposite Grange Hall. Give him a call.

Do not forget. Remember, you can get your Vegetable supplies at 119 Main st., opposite Grange Hall—low for cash.

The Rev. Mr. Rosebro will deliver a lecture before the Y. M. C. A., of Greenville, on next Sunday evening at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

Our Sherando Letter.

NUMEROUS INTERESTING ITEMS.

SHERANDO VA., April 6th 1878.

Eds. Spectator:—On his way from Staunton, on Monday of last week, D. D. Childress was set upon by three men, just as he was entering "the pines" about one mile south of Stuart's mill. It was just at dark and Childress was unable to see whether the men were white or black but think they were *mixed*. Finding that their intention were of a warlike character, Davy put spurs to his horse and skedaddled. One of the men ran with him three or four hundred yards, and gave over the chase. The only harm done was the *scare*.

Just about the same place, three years ago James McDaniel of this place, was attacked by three men and severely beaten.

He had a team, and when the attack was made, was on the wagon.

McDaniel is pluck, and stood for fight but was so beaten up that his mind for sook him. The team got away and when Mac—found himself he was in Sherando. The team had preceded him by an hour. McDaniel knows who attempted his life, or thinks he does, although he has never made his suspicions known.

The smoke-house of D. D. Childress was entered and robbed on Monday night last. No clue to the thief or thieves.

Rev. J. C. Jones, junior preacher on Augusta circuit, M. E. Church South preached his first sermon for this year at this place, on Sunday last—His text was Ps. XV—"Lord who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? &c." Mr. Jones put the blows in thick and heavy when he reached: "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." The text was handled in a masterly manner throughout, and, as is usual after sermons on such subjects, ever body knew exactly where to put his hand on "the man the preacher meant."

We are glad to know that, by a bill recently passed in Congress, Mrs. Martha Balsley, widow of Jacob Balsley, is entitled to a pension of eight dollars per month. Mrs. B. is a very worthy woman, who for many years has had hard work to "keep the wolf from her door."—having a large family to support, and doing it by hard labor about the neighborhood.

Z. S. Wait has rented the tannery of G. D. Balsley for a term of years.

He has secured the services of J. H. Pence as tanner, and there is not a better one in Va. From present prospects, the new firm will make a decided success of the enterprise.

Larew and Lewis, having had their saw mill thoroughly repaired, are now doing business with a vim rarely equalled and never excelled in this section. Childress and Dedrick are in charge of the mill.

A little son of R. B. Padgett, in crossing a foot bridge over the "creek" lost his balance and fell into the rapid stream, which at that point is six feet deep. He washed about thirty feet down the stream and caught hold of the *very last* one of a clumb of hazel bushes that grow on the bank. No one knew of the peril of the boy until he returned to the house.

F. W. Hiserman, who left here for Cal. about two years ago, has enough of it, and is coming home soon. He is a good boy and his return will be hailed with joy by all who know him.

The advertisement put in your paper by Daniel Hiserman is bringing innumerable letters from all parts of the State; yet we hope he won't sell.

An ewe, belonging to Wm. Lunsford, near here, gave birth to a lamb having six legs (four behind) and two tails.

The lamb was dead.

The wild-cats are depredating upon the lambs in the mountainous parts of this township to an alarming extent.

Henry Bear of Sherando has exchanged his house and lot in the village, to Messrs. Larew and Lewis, for a tract of their wood-land, a mile from here.

Tramps are plentiful on the roads leading through here. In my next I propose to give you a brief history of two of these skunks, who in the last year have poked their fingers into the eyes of some of our over-credulous citizens.

A. A. A.

A pious resident on Brady street, who has been much interested in the cremation system, yesterday said to his wife:

"My dear, I wish you to remember that when the Lord calls me to my reward I desire to be cremated, if a suitable furnace is accessible."

"Yes, love," replied the spouse; "but when the Lord calls you, I think he will provide for your burning."—*Davenport Gazette.*

W. W. Gilmer, Esq., one of the oldest, most widely known and most popular citizens of Albemarle, has sold his farm, near Ivy, to Mr. Geo. H. Eidson, of Augusta, and proposes to change his residence, in a few weeks, to Pittsylvania.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

Mrs. Tyler, widow of the President, has become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. She was confirmed at Georgetown on Tuesday by Archbishop Gibbons.—*New York Tribune.*

Coupon Case Decided.

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS DECIDES THAT COUPONS ARE RECEIVABLE FOR ALL FINES DUE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Supreme Court of Appeals on Wednesday last decided that coupons were receivable for all fines due the Commonwealth. Clark, a prisoner in the city jail, tendered to the City Sergeant coupons in payment of a fine that had been imposed on him by the Hustings Court. The sergeant refused to receive the same, whereupon Clark, by William L. Royal, Esq., his attorney, applied to the Supreme Court of Appeals for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

Judge Christian delivered the opinion of the court, Judges Anderson and Burks concurring, Judge Staples dissenting, and Judge Moncure declining to hear the cause because he held bonds. In the former case of Antoni vs. Wright, Judge Moncure stated that if he sat he would have concurred in that decision; so it is understood that the decision Wednesday receives the endorsement of four judges out of five.

Judge Christian's opinion held that the decision of the case of Antoni vs. Wright had settled the question of the constitutionality of the funding bill. It had been subsequently adhered to and approved in the two cases of Wise Brothers vs. the Auditor, and was now no longer open to question or discussion. The language of that law, that coupons should be received in payment of all taxes, debts, dues and demands of the Commonwealth, was as broad and comprehensive as it could be. "Demands" was, according to Lord Coke, a legal term covering every kind of right which one could claim toward another. He met the question of the right of the Legislature to make a contract authorizing money dedicated to the schools by the Constitution to be paid in coupons, and stated that the Constitution meant that such amount as should be realized from fines should be paid to schools, The support of the schools was a high duty, but the payment of the debt was equally high, and the State had no right to dedicate money due her creditors to school purposes. She must be just before she is generous, and it could not be supposed that the Legislature would fail to perform both duties—i. e. to pay the debt and support the schools.

He did not discuss the other question raised in the case as to the right of the State to collect a tax out of the coupons, but inasmuch as the court held that the coupons must be received for Clark's fine at their face value without deducting the tax, the effect of the decision is to declare that no tax can be collected or retained from coupons, and that they must be received at their face value. He declared that they were gold as far as the State is concerned.—*The State.*

For the SPECTATOR.

NEAR MT. TABOR, VA., April 5th, 1878

MR. EDITOR:—With your permission I will impose another short article on your readers. I wish to give vent to the dying groans occasioned by the wounds from Guesthename's last volley. I am glad to see that he is honest enough to admit the correctness of my numbers, "Truth is mighty and will prevail." And I am gratified to hear him acknowledge that there are some things he is ignorant of. At one time I was a little uneasy for fear wisdom would perish from the face of the earth when Guesthename should be laid under the sod.

I can reassert on quite as good authority as my honorable opponent, that the challenge was given by Arbor Hill: hence the opposite party did not feel that they were under any obligation to go to Arbor Hill to renew the contest; and, besides, the children were so small and so unaccustomed to late hours that it was feared they would have an attack of croup from the exposure. They ought, by all means, to have gone, for I am sure they missed a golden opportunity of learning manners. (But good or bad? that's the question.) The boasting with which I charged the Arbor Hillians is not about anything they *have* done, but all about what they *can* do. I have no doubt they are excellent spellers. They say so, and for be it from me to doubt their veracity in this particular. But if they did not tell it themselves I have very serious doubts whether many people would know it. How I wish they could find antagonists worthy of their best efforts.

The part of the moral to which I referred Guesthename was the first two lines:

"Thus plain, plodding people, we often shall find,
Will leave hasty, confident people behind."

Gravelly Hill representing the former and Arbor Hill the latter.

I am glad that Guesthename does not undertake the criticisms on my article, but leaves it those who are competent to criticise. I have assurance now that it will be done properly. And now Mr. Guesthename accept my profound thanks for the prescription given for my physical comfort. It is a great consolation to me to know that my disease is in my feet. How I wish yours were located likewise instead of being at the other extremity, but 'extremes will sometimes meet' Behold Aliquis's feet and Guesthename's head on a common level.

ALIQUIS.

FUGITIVES FROM CINCINNATI FOUND RUSTICATING IN VIRGINIA—STORY OF ANOTHER PRODIGAL SON.—J. H. Driver alias Jackson Driver, charged with forging the name of his mother, a wealthy lady of Cincinnati, to mortgages, notes, &c., and Mamie Lord, a woman of ill-repute (who personated Mrs. Driver,) were arrested on Saturday at Front Royal, Va., by Detective Wappenstein, of Cincinnati, Officer James Smith, of Alexandria, Va., and Detectives McNevitt and McElfresh, of this city, and on Saturday night were taken from this city back to Cincinnati. John Lord, who drew up the mortgages, notes, &c., was arrested a few days since at Lexington, Ky., and on him was found $3,000. The circumstances of the forgeries are that about February 1 Driver, who had recently lost his wife, took up with Mamie Lord, a divorced woman, and, finding that his cash had become short, conceived the idea of resorting to forgery to make a raise. The woman went to the banks in Cincinnati and raised money on the papers, and realized about $15,000. After remaining in Cincinnati three days, where Driver lost several thousand dollars at faro, he, in company with the woman and Lord, left that city hurriedly, Lord going in a different direction. Driver and the woman proceeded to Parkersburg, Va., where they remained a short time, and thence to Huntington, Gordonsville, Culpeper, and Manassas, and then came to Alexandria, Va., where they stayed a few hours, and afterward went to Front Royal, Va., where they were arrested. Driver admitted the forgery, and out of the amount realized he had but $40 left. He claims that the matter can be righted when he reaches Cincinnati.—*Washington Republican.*

WHY THEY WERE NOT THERE.—The SPECTATOR of the 2nd inst. expresses surprise that the ladies did not attend the temperance meeting held here not long since. Let us in behalf of the ladies of Monterey say that their absence on the occasion was owing entirely to a misunderstanding on their part. The Jonadabs, who got up this meeting, do not admit ladies into their regular sessions, and by some means our ladies were informed that they expected to organize a lodge here, and would therefore be excluded. The Monterey ladies are all temperance advocates to a man, and will ever be found in the front in all movements tending to the advancement of temperance and morality.—*Highland Recorder.*

Prof. Cushman, the horse man, reached this place on last Sunday evening.—Soon Monday morning he was ordered to leave town or take a good thrashing for the insulting language he used while at Marion. He did as requested.—*Salem Register, 5th inst.*

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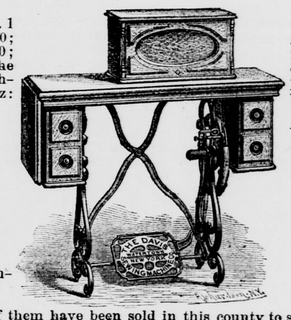

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JUDGE CHRISTIAN AND THE MOFFETT REGISTER.—In giving reasons for the faithful enforcement of the Moffett Liquor Register, in his charge to the Grand Jury of the Hustings Court of Richmond, Judge Christian said:

"The objects of this act, as stated in its title, are the "support of the government and to pay the interest on the public debt." It is hard to conceive how a human law could be framed for higher purposes than these. The burden of a song of a certain class in Virginia to-day is that she is groaning under a load of debt that she cannot pay, and the manhood, the honor and intelligence of this people, who have suffered so much for honor's sake, are insulted by the stigma of repudiation. Gentlemen of the grand jury, to my mind it is impossible to conceive the injury that this cry has inflicted on the State. The payment of her public debt is, in my opinion, what it should be, the price of her future existence as a