# 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, July* 18.—G. M. Harrison, comm'r, will sell 187 acres of valuable land, one mile from Fishersville, and now in possession of Mrs Ellen S. McCue. It contains excellent brick improvements, including a large brick mansion house.

*Saturday, July* 20.—J. W. Green Smith, Trustee, will sell the lot on east side of Lewis street, now occupied by John Beard as a wagon yard.

*Saturday, July* 20.—Geo. M. Harrison, comm'r, will sell a number of desirable building lots in Staunton, and also a one-ninth interest in 200 acres of land, adjoining the "Mill tract" of G. M. Cochran, Sr., 4 miles south of Staunton.

*Saturday, July* 20—W. A. Hudson, com'r, will sell, in front of the Court-house, one acre of ground, ¼ mile East of Staunton.

*Saturday, July* 20—W. A. Hudson, trustee, will sell on the premises, a nice little home near the residence of the late Jno. D. Brown.

*Saturday, July* 20—P. A. Baylor, com'r, will, in front of the Court house, sell lot No. 1 in the partition of the real estate owned by the late James Gregory. It is a corner lot containing 2300 square feet.

*Wednesday July* 24—P. A. Baylor, com'r, will sell about 16 or 17 acres of land, with improvements, 2 miles from Spring Hill.

*Saturday, Aug.* 10—G. M. Harrison, trustee, will sell a number of valuable houses and lots, embracing several of the most desirable store-rooms and residences in the city of Staunton. See adv.

*Monday, Aug.* 26—Messrs. Bumgardner, Cochran, Michie, Paul and Yancey, com'rs, will sell the valuable property known as the "Augusta or Stribling Springs.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

HENRY HARTMAN offers for sale, privately, his valuable mill property and farm, situated one mile South of Charlottesville. The farm contains 242 acres, and has good improvements. The mill is a 3 story building with latest patterns of machinery, and is doing a fine business.

DR. C. H. PERROW offers at private sale his farm, four miles from Staunton, containing 106 acres.

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'.

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

PICKLES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

PERSONALS.—Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is rusticating and "dipping" at the Warm Springs, Va.

The Atlanta Cadets passed up the road yesterday (Monday) morning, en route to the White Sulphur Springs.

W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist, and his family are at the White Sulphur Springs; also Judge Wayne McVeigh, of Pa.

W. J. Jewell, mayor of Lexington, was in our city last week, as a delegate to the Sunday school convention.

Many of our citizens will learn with regret of the death, in Alexandria, on the 6th inst., of Miss Maggie Taylor, a blind pupil at the D. D. & Blind Institution here session before last.

Maj. Jed Hotchkiss has returned from the North Carolina Normal School, at Chapel Hill, where he delivered his full course of six lectures and an extra one on Stonewall Jackson's campaign.

Mr. Chas. M. Stubbs, a former well-known young man of Staunton, reached the city last week in time to attend his father's funeral. He is now living at Terre-Haute, Indiana, and we are pleased to learn is doing well. He is a deserving young man.

Judge N. M. Barnitz, of Salem, Va., was in the city last week, in attendance on the Sunday School Convention. He was the guest of Mr. Jno. M. Carroll, City Treasurer, and on Wednesday night he was the recipient of a complimentary serenade by the Stonewall Brigade Band. Judge Barnitz is the leader of the Salem Band and is the brother of Price T. Barnitz, who was the leader of the Stonewall Band for some time during the war.

Prof. Job Turner, of whose missionary work we have from time to time given notices, arrived in Staunton from Cincinnati on last Wednesday and spent several days with his friends and relatives. He is looking remarkably well, nothwithstanding his arduous labors of the past seven months, with the success of which he seems well satisfied.

He left here on last Friday for New England and Canada, where he will spend the Summer, stopping a few days in Fauquier to visit his sons. He hopes to resume his labors in the South next December.

ILLNESS OF "UNCLE JIMMIE" TROTTER.—The friends—and "their name is legion"—will regret to hear of the severe illness of Capt. J. A. I. Trotter, familiarly known all over the State as "Uncle Jimmie" Trotter. Capt. Trotter is lying extremely ill at the residence of his brother, A. D. Trotter, Esq., in this city, but if the kind wishes of our citizens and the prayers of devoted friends can avail anything, he will soon be himself again. Dr. Fauntleroy, the family physician, is unremitting in his attentions and doing all that medical skill can accomplish for him.

CONFECTIONARIES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Staunton Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., held last Thursday night, the following officers were installed by Past Grand Master James H. Waters:—Chas. S. Crowder, N. G.; Isaac J. Hoover, V. G.; Simon N. Miller. Sec'y; Jas. H. Waters, Treas.; A. M. Simpson, Chap.; A. J. Friou, Warden; N. M. Varner, Conductor; W. C. Straughan, R. S. to N. G.; J. A. Kice, L. S. to N. G.; J. W. Forbish, I. G.; J. L. Root, O. G.; John S. Wehn, L. S. S.; C. A. Gladke, R. S. S.; Geo. Long, R. S. to V. G.; C. Lynham, L. S. to V. G.

GROCERIES! GROCERIES!—A full stock of FINE GROCERIES, Sugars, Coffees, Teas, Spices, &c., &c., for sale by

C. A. RICHARDSON.

ADVERTISING FOR CASH IN ADVANCE.—Under this title Geo. P. Rowell & Co., 10 Spruce St., New York, issue a 52-page pamphlet, which is *singular* in its promises, to say the least. They offer to insert an advertisement gratis in 1,000 newspapers, provided they are paid the publishers' rates for 26, which are catalogued. On the same plan 34 different State Lists are offered, all of which contain the leading papers.—Whatever may be thought of the policy of putting forth such offers there is no doubt that Messrs. Rowell & Co., are responsible for their contracts, and can be relied upon to faithfully carry them out.

The price of Sugar at the Tea Store—Brown, 8½ c.; White, 10 c.; Granulated, 12 c.; Cut Loaf 12½ c.; Powdered, 12½ c.

THE LITERARY AGE.—This is the title of a new monthly magazine, just issued from the office of the Bedford *Star*, Mrs. Blanche Douglass Hoffman, editor, the first No. of which is now before us. It is devoted to literature, science, education, and the present. No. indicates decided talent on the part of the editor. The original and selected matter is good, and the typographical appearance beautiful. It is published at the low price of $1 a year.

SAUCES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

SUMMER WEATHER.—Range of Thermometer in the office of the Virginia Hotel during the past week:—

| | 9 A. M. | 12 M. |
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| Tuesday | 78 | 88 |
| Wednesday | 78 | 90 |
| Thursday | 74 | 90 |
| Friday | 74 | 90 |
| Saturday | 78 | 90 |
| Sunday | 74 | 86 |
| Monday | 74 | |

Several refreshing showers during the week have greatly tempered the atmosphere at night.

SUGARS at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

We have been requested to call the attention of the Water Committee to the great inconvenience caused by cutting off the water on Monday, (which is wash-day with many families,) without sufficient notification.

3 lbs. best Soda Crackers, 25 cts. at T Store.

### Sunday School Convention.

CHILDREN'S MASS MEETING—"THE RUSTICS" OF HARRISONBURG—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, OFFICERS ELECTED, &c., &c.

We publish on the outside this week the proceedings of the S. S. Convention during the first three days. On Wednesday night there was a children's mass meeting during which there was some very fine singing. The exercises were very interesting and short, pointed addresses were delivered by Drs. Bitting, Rogers and Harper, with occasional happy remarks by President Magruder.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The session this day was the largest during the convention. It is estimated that the excursion train from Harrisonburg brought at least a thousand persons. The great attraction of this day's proceedings was the singing of the "Rustics" of Harrisonburg under the leadership of Prof. H. T. Wartman. The singing was truly excellent and received the highest praise from all who heard it. The Baltimore delegates, especially, were delighted.

After the usual opening exercises the special committee to which was referred the topic "Are our schools conducted properly, and are the study of the Scriptures and conversion of the scholars the sole object of our Sunday school system?" reported a preamble and resolution setting forth that the schools are conducted properly as far as they go. The address of Rev. Dr. Alpheus W. Wilson on the topic was endorsed and the following resolution was reported:

*Resolved*, That the pastors, superintendents and delegates to this convention be, and are hereby, requested and recommended to teach and explain, whenever and wherever occasion will permit, the economy of our church; that the Discipline be used as a text-book in our advanced classes, and that the members of our Sunday schools and churches be not only urged to acquaint and familiarize themselves with the docrines of our beloved Methodist Episcopal Church South, but that every effort be used and put forth to convince and lead them to believe and understand that it is nearest to the Church of Christ, and therefore the first and most worthy of our love; and further, that if success is desired or expected, the study of the Scriptures the converting to and keeping in Christ of the scholars, must be the sole object of the Sunday school system."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee on business reported the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we fully appreciate the importance of making our church literature the literature of our Sunday schools, as recommended in the president's report, and as the magazine, lesson papers and Sunday school papers issued by our publishing house so fully meet the requirements of such a literature for our Sunday schools, we urge upon the members of this convention the necessity of using the most earnest efforts to have our schools use our own magazine and lesson papers, and circulate our own papers to the exclusion of all others of a similar character."

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the effort to establish a mission school in Mexico, and recommending a collection in aid of this object to be taken up in the schools, provided such collection does not interfere with the regular mission work of the schools.

Lexington was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Resolutions of regret at the death of Thos. M. Eddy, of Millwood, Clarke county, Va., were adopted. Mr. Eddy was elected a member of this convention, but died before it met.

A resolution was adopted inviting Rev. Geo. B. Eager, of Lexington, and Rev. C. C. Bitting of Baltimore, both ministers of the Baptist church, to attend the next convention.

The topic for the day, "The Preparation of Teachers and Teachers' Bible Classes," was taken up, Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodgers leading off. He took the ground that there could be no cast-iron system by which all teachers could be taught, but the individual peculiarities of each must be considered. Still there was a general preparation under which all could be taught.—This general preparation consisted of a conviction of the magnitude of the work, a realization of its difficulties and also of its encouragements; general reading and study on subjects bearing upon the work, cultivation of sympathy with the young by associating with them and activity in the prayer meetings. Then there was special preparation, such as the study of the lesson and use of the imagination in presenting the details of scenes in the Bible, and thus make it vivid, and seize upon the attention of the scholar.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. Dr. J. N. Spangler. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, T. J. Magruder; vice-presidents, Rev. Sam'l Rogers, of Baltimore district; Chas. B. Bayley, of East Baltimore district; Rev. J. W. Boteler, of Washington district; Rev. Geo. G. Brooke, of Winchester district; E. M. Cushing, of Rockingham district; Wm. M. Barnitz, of Roanoke district; John G. Cox, of Lewisburg district; Hon. Patrick Hamell, of Moorefield district; E. B. Tucker, recording secretary; Geo. A. Thomas, assistant recording secretary; J. B. Bond, corresponding secretary; Ezekel Jones, treasurer, and the following executive committee: H. H. Garrigues, Edwin W. King, F. A. Stier, F. G. Maxwell, John D. Lipscomb.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

A missionary meeting was held which was addressed in a very interesting manner by Rev. Thos. E. Carson and by Rev. Dr. A. W. Wilson.

After then addresses it was—

*Resolved*, That we will seek to stimulate our children and the churches with which we are connected to renewed effort in this matter; that where they are not already established we will do what we can to form missionary societies.

The following resolution was also adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Sabbath schools within the bounds of Baltimore Conference be earnestly requested to hold special prayer and praise meetings at least semi-monthly in our stations, and monthly in our circuits, with special reference to the conversion of the children."

FRIDAY MORNING.

The services were conducted by Rev. T. H. Graybill, after which Rev. G. G. Brooke offered a resolution which was adopted looking to the holding of district conventions in view of the rapidly increasing size of the annual convention. The subject is to be reported on at the next convention.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Staunton for their generous hospitality and to the various railroads and the press were adopted.

A most interesting and feeling farewell meeting was then held and earnest speeches were made by T. J. Magruder, of Baltimore; Mrs. J. N. Spangler, of Washington; Miss Sallie Fuller, of Staunton; Rev. G. G. Brooke, Rev. Jacob Hopkins, Judge King, of Baltimore, and Rev. Wm. A. Harris, of Staunton. After benediction by Rev. Mr. Brooke the convention adjourned.

The lowest price Coffee has reached since the war is 16 cts. For sale at the Tea Store.

### Fashion Notes.

The principle upon which the princesse dress is made—that of having gores extending from the neck to the feet, and thus making the waist and skirt one—is now applied to bathing suits.

Navy blue remains the most popular color for bathing dresses, and flannel the most useful fabric. Rather sleazy flannel of light quality is preferred to heavier flannels.

A black grenadine dress is still considered an essential part of a lady's summer wardrobe.—The latest are made of bourette grenadine that has thick irregular threads on a very sheer fine fabric.

The sleeves of all thin dresses are made this season without lining.

The flowing train in evening dresses is gradually superseding the fan train.

Bouquet bows for brightening up white toilettes are made of twelve loops of six different colors, two loops of each color being used. They are of inch-wide satin ribbon, and the loops an inch and a half deep, massed together like the petals of a rose, and form an irregular rosette when sewed on.

Lisle thread shawls, in beautiful colors for evening and sea-side wear, are the latest.

Tiny tinkling bells attached to a black velvet band around the neck are much in favor with young ladies.

Old-fashioned French calico is again popular, the favorite pattern being the palm leaf.

FINE GROCERIES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S

REMOVAL OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.—On yesterday, the offices of the Mayor and of the Police headquarters were removed to the basement rooms of the city hall, where the morning levees of his Honor will be henceforth held.

The room in the same building, opposite the Y. M. C. A. room, will be occupied by the City Council to-night—it having been prepared for that purpose and a Clerk's office. Messrs. Todd, Burke, and Evans have had the fitting up in hand, and have had a nice carpet laid, desks and chairs provided, and artistically embellished throughout.

FLOUR INSPECTED.—During the past three months ending July the 1st, Mr. B. F. Fifer City Flour Inspector, has inspected 3,349 barrels of extra; 279 barrels of family; 380 barrels of superfine; 112 barrels of fine. Sixty-two barrels were condemned making a total of 4,182. This speaks well for the quality of the flour made in this County. The low price at which flour has been selling, has kept the farmers from bringing it to market, they are waiting for better prices, which accounts for the small quantity inspected during the past three months.

### G. N. Townsend, the Swindler of Gov. Booth, Trying His Tricks in Staunton.

HIS NUMEROUS DRAFTS, TELEGRAMS, &C.—LIBERALITY TO BARBERS, BOOT-BLACKS, AND NEWSBOYS.

The newspapers have been recently publishing accounts of the way in which one G. N. Townsend, of the firm of A. H. Wyman & Co., of Philadelphia, successfully swindled Mr. E. G. Booth, formely of Nottoway county, Virginia, but now of Philadelphia, and who is well known to many of our citizens for his lavish hospitality to Virginians at the "Virginia House" during the Centennial. Since the above discovery, it has turned out that T. has been for years engaged in the same business, though on not so large a scale as in his raid upon Mr. Booth, whom he took in to the tune of $56,000.

In the month of January, February, and March, this same Mr. Townsend, a gentleman of fine appearance and pleasing address, stopped frequently at the Virginia Hotel, and from his peculiar behavior excited the suspicion of the proprietor. He purchased all the newspapers he could get hold of, and gave the newsboys a quarter instead of five cents, and would often return the papers to them, telling them to sell them again; so he gave the barber twenty-five cents for a shave, and treated his bootblack quite as liberally. This useless lavishness of money attracted the attention of the proprietor, as it was doubtless intended to do, but had the effect of arousing his suspicion, and not creating confidence in the financial prosperity of the stranger.

His first visit was in January, when he stayed three or four days, and settled his bill with a check of Mr. Crews, telegraph operator here.—The day after his departure, Mr. Crowle received a telegram, purporting to be from A. H. Wyman & Co., Philadelphia, saying that the Townsend draft had been protested during his absence from the city, but to return the draft and it would be paid with all charges. This was all very mysterious to Mr. Crowle, as Townsend had given him no draft, and upon enquiry found that no such draft had passed through the banks here.

A few days after the receipt of the above telegram, Townsend again stopped at the Virginia Hotel for several days, and when he came to settle his bill offered his own check for $50, which Mr. Davis, the clerk, refused to cash, but allowed his bill to stand until he (Townsend) should return, in a few days from a visit to Charleston, West Va.

In about a week or ten days he returned on the western train, and coming to the Hotel, apparently in great haste, requested Mr. Davis to cash a draft for $60, which was refused. He afterwards tried Mr. H. M. McIlhany and Mr. R. H. Catlett, but not succeeding, again returned to the Hotel, and showed a telegram from a Mr. Cook, at Wrightsville, Pa., saying, "I would send you a money order for $60, but this is not a money order office." Mr. Crowle still refused to cash the draft, and Townsend then told him that he had no money with him, but would pay his bill on his return in a few weeks.

In a few weeks a letter was received from him dated at the office of A. H. Wyman & Co., requesting to have his bill sent to him, which was done. Soon after this Mr. Crowle received from him a large batch of circulars gotten up in spread-eagle style, representing him as agent for the sale of mines, mineral lands, &c., &c., in West Va. and other States.

About the middle of March he again returned to the Virginia Hotel, and on leaving settled his whole bill, and left a draft for $48 with Mr. Crowle, requesting him to forward it for collection and hold the money until he should call for it. This draft in due time was paid and Mr. Crowle sent Mr. Townsend a cashier's check for the amount, not wishing to send his own check as Townsend had requested, feeling unwilling, after all that had passed, to let Townsend have a check in his hands signed with his name.

This was the last he heard of him until he saw the notice of his arrest for swindling Mr. Booth.

Whilst at Charleston, West Va., Townsend wrote a letter, enclosing it to Mr. Crowle, requesting him to hand it the gentleman who sat on his left, at table No. 1, and for further description said "call him the handsomest gentleman in the room and you will have the right man." This was Mr. Fleet, a wealthy gentleman of N. Y., who boarded at the Hotel last winter, and the letter set forth the large amount of money to be made by investment in a "Blowing Furnace." Mr. F. merely remarked, "he can't catch me with any such chaff."

OLIVE OIL at C. A. RICHARDSON'S

### Briefs.

Did you ever taste a printers' pi?

It was a woman that first taught man to eat, but he took to drink of his own accord afterwards.

"Brevity is the soul of the *Commonwealth*"—so brief last week there was nothing worth stealing even.

"Never carry a concealed weapon when it can be seen"—never tell a lie when you know you will be found out. That's modern morals.

The Sunday school convention adjourned last week, and spring chickens are again in the market.

It looks rather queer when a bald-headed man steps out on the sidewalk bareheaded, and holds out the back of his hand to find out whether it's really raining a little or not.

Our job printer is in there despair over the loss of his shears, and says he will job the eye out of any galoot who comes foolin' round his office without any business there.

On next Thursday, the Hibernian Society, of this city, will "excurt" to Fort Defiance. Music, good refreshment, dancing, swinging, &c., will serve to make a pleasant time of it. Come one, come all, and shure you shall hev a good orld time, be jabers.

The Atlanta Cadets will spend a week in encampment at the White Sulphur Springs. Tents have been furnished them by Capt. Bigger, quartermaster of the First Virginia Regiment. An invitation was also extended them to visit Rawley Springs, but they were compelled to decline, as it would too greatly prolong their stay from home.

A most charming entertainment was given on last Thursday evening, by Mrs. H. Dwight Peck, at Montgomery Hall, to her cousin, Miss Carrie Harrower, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who has been paying her a visit. The evening was delightful, and every one, owing to the kind attention of the hostess and her fair guest, spent a most pleasant and charming time.

Who is She?—A journalistic friend, on a flying visit to our city, says "the prettiest girl in Virginia lives in Staunton, and that she sang like an angel to him, last Friday evening," on leaving the city he appeared to be very much *harassed* about this concentration of all loveliness.

A garden party will be given to-night at the residence of Mrs. Kate Craven in West End, to assist in repairing the injury recently done to the Baptist church by lightning. The moon has been engaged to lend the light of her countenance to the entertainment, and the daughters of the church will have everything so nice and in such abundance that you will come away craving nothing but to return again to the same place.

This morning, at 5 o'clock, a party of Jonadabs left this city to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Council, S. of J., of Virginia and West Virginia, which will commence at Doe Hill, Highland county, to-morrow. We have no doubt they will have a pleasant time in the air of the highlands and among the hospitable people of Doe Hill. They will return next Friday. Prof. A. J. Turner, Grand Worthy Chief, is the head of this temperance squad "to the highlands bound."

ROASTED COFFEES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

REST AT LAST.—For the past ten years, Alonzo Peer, son of Mr. John Peer, has been bedridden, and a great sufferer from injuries received on the Northern Central R. R., near Harrisburg, in 1868. He bore his sufferings with great patience and fortitude, and sank to rest on last Tuesday, surrounded by sorrowing relatives and friends. He was only twenty-eight years of age. His funeral took took place on Wednesday from his father's residence on Augusta St

COFFEES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

EXCURSION TO WINCHESTER.—An excursion train will be run over the Valley Railroad from Staunton to Winchester, on the 28th inst., (Sunday,) to the dedication of the Catholic Church in that place, at the low price of $2.00 for the round trip. Train will leave Valley depot at 5 o'clock, A. M., and arrive at Winchester at 9:10 A. M. Returning will leave Winchester at 5 P. M.

TEAS at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

AMERICAN HOTEL.—The American Hotel property was sold, under a decree of the Circuit Court, on last Tuesday, to Mr. Ed. Burke, for the sum of $10,500. The sale will have to be confirmed by the Court.

SPICES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

### Dedication of the M. E. Church (South) at Waynesboro.

We are indebted to our excellent correspondent "A. A." for the following account of the dedication services at the M. E. Church (South) at Waynesboro on last Sunday.

At a very early hour on Sunday the roads leading to the little city of Waynesboro were thronged with vehicles of many descriptions, bearing the citizens of the surrounding country and, from a distance, to be present at the dedication of the new M. E. Church South.

Your correspondent was fortunate enough to obtain a favorable position.

The ushers, Messrs. Roden and Shackleford worked assiduously to seat all comfortably and succeeded so far, that at least 500 persons were stowed away after the manner of herring in a barrel, except a little variation in position.

You have had a description of the edifice in a former issue of the *Spectator*, so I will only say that it is a very substantial brick building without any attempt at display, and crowned with a handsome little belfry. The seating capacity of the audience room is about 400 and this with the vestibule is very handsomely frescoed.

The seats, pulpit, marble topped table &c., were all manufactured in Waynesboro and are all first class. A fine organ arrived on Saturday from the New England Organ Company factory and was placed in the church the same day. It is said to be (by those who are able to give an intelligent opinion) an excellent instrument. It was ordered through Messrs. Hunter and Co. of Staunton.

Rev. John S. Martin, D. D. of Staunton, entered the pulpit at 11 A. M. accompanied by Rev. B. F. Ball A. M., formerly pastor of the church here, but now of Baltimore. As they entered, a voluntary was sung by Miss Gibson of Tinkling Spring (Alto), Mr. F. R. Bear of Swoopes Depot (Tenor), and Mr. D. E. Euritt of Staunton (Bass), led by Capt. Stebbins who had the direction of the music on the occasion.

After prayer and appropriate hymns Dr. Martin announced as his text Isaiah, LX:1:—"Arise and shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is upon thee.

I shall not attempt a description of the sermon that followed, suffice it to say that it was one of the Dr's happiest efforts and like an avalanche carried all before it. Every one speaks in the highest terms,—not only of the sermon as a great mental production, but of the broad and liberal sentiments expressed and entertained by the speaker for other christian churches.

At the close of the sermon it was announced that there remained a debt of something over $150, which amount was promptly raised, and the church was then formally presented to the proper authorities for its reception, and was immediately dedicated to the service of God—Dr. Martin officiating in the dedication services, a closing hymn was sung by the choir assisted by the congregation, the benediction pronounced, and the congregation retired.

Promptly at 3:30 P. M. Rev. Andrew Roby of Mt. Sidney entered the pulpit and after hymns had been sung and prayer offered, took as his text Ezekiel XXXVII—3 to 5 inclusive—"and he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones and say unto them, O ye drybones, hear the word of the Lord God unto these bones. Behold I will cause breath to enter in to you and ye shall live:"—Like Dr. Martin in the forenoon, so did Mr. Roby in the afternoon. It is seldom that one is favored with two such sermons in one day, be that day ever so long. It is too hot, Mr. Editor, for a correspondent who is trying hard to get up an article for a very early issue, to comment, so I must hasten to a close or I may be shut out of your next issue.

There were no services in either of the other churches of Waynesboro on this occasion. Rev. J. C. Jones assisted in the services of the evening. The sermon of the night was preached by Rev. B. F. Ball from Daniel II—44—45—Mr. Ball never fails to preach excellently and on this occasion measured full to the standard. Mr. Ball's presence here was warmly greeted by the citizens not only of his own denomination but of all others. We regret to learn that his stay will be short on account of the sickness of his estimable lady, whose recovery is anxiously hoped for by a large circle of friends here.

Your correspondent is truly sorry that he is so limited in time as to be able to give only a hasty sketch of the performances of the choir, as well as the rest of the very interesting services—We give however a list of pieces rendered with the names of the performers.

1st. Voluntary—Hark what mean those holy voices—Sung by Miss Gibson and Messrs. Euritt and Bear.

2nd. Voluntary—Hark the song of Jubilee—Solos by Dr. Fishburn (Tenor) Dr. Mergers (Bass) Miss Patterson (Alto) Miss Fitch (Soprano)—Chorus by full Choir.

Hymns by full Choir.

Anthem "Bow down thy ear" sung by Miss Gibson (Alto), Mr. Bear (Tenor), Mr. Euritt (Bass), Mr. Stebbins (Soprano).

Doxology by Choir and congregation. Dismission—Sweet by and bye, by the Ch ir.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of the performances of the Choir—Capt. Stebbins is a born leader and bore his part on this occasion with his usual skill, while all bore their parts skilifully it is useless to single out for particular notice any one of all, but we hope to be pardoned for remembering specially Mrs Elvin of Washington, Miss Gibson of Tinkling Springs and Messrs. Euritt and Bear. Below is a list of those composing the Choir.

SOPRANO.—Mrs Elvin (Washington), Mrs. Dr. Jones, Miss Kate Fitch, Miss Florence Koiner, Miss Sue Koiner.

TENOR.—F. R. Bear (Swopes Depot.), Dr. E. G. Fishburn, John King.

ALTO.—Miss Delia Gibson, Miss Patterson.

BASS.—D. E. Euritt (Staunton), Dr. Myers, Mr C. Reaves (Tinkling Spring), George Gibson, Mr Harvey Alexander, John Bateman.

We must crave indulgence for haste as this is written under parcilarly trying circumstances.

THE HIGHEST POINT IN VIRGINIA.—A PLEASANT TRIP TO ELLIOTT'S KNOB.—On last Friday morning, at 5 o'clock, the following party of ladies and gentlemen left the city in carriages for the top of Elliot's Knob, which towers aleft on the western edge of our Valley, and is said to be the highest point in Virginia. The ladies were Mrs. P. B. Sublett, Mrs. Fannie Tams, and Misses Rosa Tams, Kate Baldwin, Alice Reid, May Elder, Annie Elder, Nellie Mayne, Mary Kinney, Mary Waddell, Bessie Pinckard, Eva Smith, Bessie Bryan, Virginia Harman; and the gentlemen were Maj. T. C. Elder, P. B. Sublett, Rev. J. E. Haskell, Sumter Sublett, Henderson Bell, Percy Echols, Ed. Taylor, T. Reid, F. Reid, Lewis Harman, Chas. Nelson, Ed. Patterson, Mc. McCue, Columbus Haile, and C. M. Whittle.

After a pleasant drive, they reached the foot of the mountain, at 9 o'clock, and on horseback and on foot they began the ascent. Upon reaching the spring just at the foot of the Knob they were hospitably received by Capt. Mosman and the members of the United States Coast Survey, who are camped there in tents. The tents were kindly surrendered to the use of the ladies, and, after refreshing themselves and partaking of a hearty lunch, they ascended to the top, and enjoyed the vast panorama of mountains and plains which lay spread out around them. A heavy storm, down in the Valley, added to the magnificence and grandeur of the scene, while they were under a cloudless sky.

About 6 o'clock, they began the descent, and, reaching their carriages, drove home by moonlight, which they reached about 11 o'clock, a happy and delighted party of excursionists.

### Churches Sunday.

In the Methodist church, last Sunday, the Rev. L. H. Graybill, of Waynesboro' Circuit, filled the pulpit of Dr. Martin, who was absent from the city, officiating in the dedicatory services of the new church at Waynesboro'. Mr. Graybill's sermons—morning and night—were very interesting, and were listened to with much interest by the large congregations present.

Rev. Geo. B. Eager, pastor of the Baptist church, at Lexington, filled the pulpit of the Baptist church here morning and evening.—His sermons were earnest, able and interesting, and were listened to by large audiences.

In the absence of the Pastor, Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, the pulpit at the Episcopal church was filled in the morning by Rev. J. C. Wheat, formerly of this city, but now President of a large and flourishing female school at Winchester, Virginia. There was no service at night.

At the Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. W. E. Baker, preached in the morning, and at night gave another of his characteristic, short, summer night's sermons.

DEATH OF "LITTLE FELLOW."—We are sorry to learn, through a Carlisle, Pa., paper, that Mr. John H. Snapp, of this place, has had the misfortune to lose, recently, his valuable black gelding, "Little Fellow," which died at Three Springs, Pa., near Carlisle, on last Saturday a week, from sun-stroke. He had been entered for the races at Carlisle, and was on way thither when struck. He could trot in his twenties, and was valued at $10,000.

ITEMS.—[From the Highland *Recorder*.]—On Sunday before last Mr. Jasper L. Fox, a merchant on Jackson's River, was about to retire when his lamp exploded and set fire to the room. Mr. Fox, however, by hard work, succeeded after some time in extinguishing the flames.

Miss Signora Gwin of Jackson's River on last Thursday, fell from a cherry tree and dislocated her right shoulder.

Mr. J. L. Hiner, near Monterey, recently broke his leg in pulling off his boot. [This is almost as bad as a Highland snake story.

Richmond drummers have found their way to Mont'rey.

A little daughteer of Mr. Eli Armstrong living four miles from Doe Hill fell from a cherry tree a few days ago and striking on a large stone knocked out six teeth and fractured the upper jaw-bone from which at least a dozen pieces of bone have been extracted.

We call attention to the large sale of valuable watches, by Mr. E. Brownold, on the 22th inst. This will be a fine chance to secure a good watch at a low price.

Are you going on a picnic? If so, get your nice cakes and crackers at the Tea Store, so cheap.

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### Valley News Items.

The Rockbridge county Fair takes place on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of October.

John Burke, the auctioner of Woodstock, recently had his right ankle dislocated by his horse falling on him.

Bass, by the Knights of Isaak Walton, are being caught by the scores in the Shenandoah, near Front Royal.

The Page *Courier* says that a number of farmers have threshed a portion of their crops, and that the yield is better than expected.

The *Courier* says that the number of the "never sweat club" has been considerably diminished during the recent heated term.

Warren county pays for the support of paupers out of the poor house $54.57 per year, and for jurors in county and circuit court $175.

The residence of Mr. Madison West, about two miles north of New Market, was destroyed by fire one day last week. The fire was accidental.

The Rockingham *Register* says that the several Springs in that county are rapidly filling up with guests since the hot spell has set in.

Samuel J. Price, son of J. D. Price, of Harrisonburg, has received the appointment of Clerk in the War Department of the United States.

The Virginia Insurance Compauy, of Richmond, has paid the $3,000 insurance on the mess-hall of Washington & Lee University, recently destroyed by fire.

We are sorry to learn that Capt. Harry Riddlebarger, of Woodstock, had quite a severe sun-stroke on the the 4th inst. He has, however, recovered from its effects.

How easy it is to be a wit is shown as follows by the Page *Courier*:—"A good wit at our elbow says that printers should be the happiest class of men known; as they have more e's (ease) than any people he ever saw." Much obliged for the ( ). It was kind.

The Lexington *Gazette* says:—We understand that the salaries of all the Professors and employees of the Institute and the University have been reduced, as a matter of wise precaution on the part of the Board of Visitors and Trustees of these institutions.

We learn from the Shenandoah *Valley* that on last Wednesday a week, Dr. Jos. Triplet, Jr., Mt. Jackson, Va., narrowly escaped a fatal accident. He mistook Donovan's solution of Arsenic—iodine and mercury—for some bitters he had been using, and drank a considerable part of it. Soon thereafter, feeling sick from its effects, he was led to suppose something was wrong, and upon examination discovered his mistake. He at once took the proper emetics and antidotes. They, after some time, had a good effect, Dr. Triplett slowly recovered, and the great excitement subsided.

The Clarke *Courier* says that the board of supervisors of Clarke county held a meeting at the court-house on Monday, and after due consideration, by a vote of three to one, decided to accept the proposition tendered by the representatives of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company, to deliver up to the county the bonds heretofore issued in aid of said railroad, and receive therefor new bonds issued by the county, which bonds shall set forth on their face the conditions upon which the subscription was originally made, to wit, the completion of the road in two years.

IMMIGRATION TO VIRGINIA.—The public men and journalists of Virginia can render no more acceptable or needed service to their State, at this time, than in devoting their efforts to the cause of immigration. Our great need is population, of the right kind—men who will buy our surplus land, and cultivate it successfully. There is far too much waste land here; by that we mean arable soil not in cultivation. Millions of acres that with comparatively small expenditure of labor and money, would add vastly to the productive wealth of the State, and largely increase the basis of taxation, are now entirely unproductive. This almost anomalous condition of things, which people outside of Virginia seem not to understand, is the result, chiefly, of the inability, real or imagined, of many of the landholders to improve the soil and cultivate it to profit. They have not the means, they say, wherewith to restore it to that state of fertility that would insure remuneration for the labor that would have to be expended, and, in many cases, they cannot, for the same reason, command the requisite labor. And so, barren old fields, all over Virginia, are growing up in pines, thistles and sedge-grass, that, by the proper application of fertilizers adapted to the soil, would yield a bountiful return for the expenditure of toil and money that are essential to their reclamation.—We hazard nothing in saying that if all the broad acres now waste in Virginia were in successful cultivation, there would not be found a man among us who would have the temerity to suggest reputation as a remedy for the financial recuperation of the State. That is a poor remedy, at best, and, as we have contended, one that we *cannot afford* to adopt. Paradoxical as it may seem, we are too poor to throw away *all that is left us*—if we are to believe the advocates of this measure—our good name; for that would make our last estate worse than it was at first. And so, we insist that if the people of Virginia have not the enterprise, the ability, or the will, to improve their heritage, they cannot do better than to part with a portion of it for such consideration as it will secure, and let others work out what now seems to be the problem of Virginia's ability to pay what she justly owes.

We believe that a comparatively small acquisition of the right kind of population—the creators of wealth dug from the soil would solve the problem. And this would secure development in other forms. Our vast latent wealth would invite capital and stimulate enterprise, so that in the course of a few years Virginia might again be what she once was—the leading State in the Union.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*


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