Staunton Spectator.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1878.

Local Department.

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

	6 A. M.	12 M.	6 P. M.	12 P. M.
Tuesday	68	76	74	72
Wednesday	70	80	76	74
Thursday	70	78	74	68
Friday	64	70	68	66
Saturday	66	74	70	68
Sunday	66	74	72	68
Monday	64	70	68	00

The weather during the past week, as seen from the above record of the thermometer, has been very cool and has been accompanied by occasional showers.

CONFECTIONARIES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S

WAYNESBORO' ITEMS.—We condense the following items from the *Tribune*, which, we are glad to say, is much improved in appearance, and shows evidence of prosperity complimentary to the neighborhood of its publication:—

The streets of "Little Tammany" have been cleaned up, and present a greatly improved appearance.

Two young men of Waynesboro', Messrs. R. Lee Antrim and Arthur Antrim, have gone to Paris, Kentucky, to attend the school conducted at that place by Charles Withrow.

The camp-meeting held during the past two weeks by the colored people, near Waynesboro', was conducted in the most creditable manner, and, notwithstanding the great number of people present during the time, was markedly characterized by the good order which prevailed. A large number of white persons attended the services, and were impressed with the earnestness and oratorical ability shown by a number of the ministers.

The good citizens of Waynesboro are complaining of the unmusical voices which "infest the night" in that usually quiet village. We suggest a *pedal* accompaniment, which is often successful in softening sounds.

Mr. Joseph A. Mann, son of Mr. Walter Mann, of Waynesboro', died in Richmond last week. His remains were buried in the Cemetery at Waynesboro'.

OLIVE OIL at C. A. RICHARDSON'S

STAUNTON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.—Since our report last week the people of Staunton have been active in adding to the sum which had up to that time been raised for the fever-stricken cities of the South. Up to yesterday evening the total sum turned over to the Mayor, and forwarded by him to Vicksburg, Memphis, Grenada, and Holly Springs, was $642. Of this sum the Committee appointed for that purpose raised $405, the Masonic Lodge contributed $75, and the proceeds of the Concert given by the Stonewall Brigade Band, on last Tuesday night, was $162. The above sums have been forwarded to the places above named in proportion to the reported necessities of each.

But this is not all, for we notice in front of the places of business of Levy Brothers and W. L. Bumgardner & Co., pasteboard boxes into which passers by are requested to drop their contributions for the yellow fever sufferers and this evening the Stonewall Band will give another Concert for their relief.

Mr. John Evers, who drives the best six-horse team in Augusta county, says: "I can still see the effects of Ober used four years ago."

2ts J. E. GRAHAM, Agent.

NEW PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.—The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia will elect on the 12th of September a professor of natural history (mineralogy, geology, botany and zoology.) The emoluments of the position are $3,000 a year and a house. The position is an important one in an educational point of view as well as in connection with the study of the material resources of Virginia and the South. This professorship is also to have control of the Lewis Brooks Museum, upon which $80,000 have been expended and which is one of the most interesting collections in this country. The Visitors are men of enlarged views and most liberal culture, and will doubtless select the fittest man whose name is presented to them.

Country life, fresh air, and bathing are all very well, but if you want to cleanse your system thoroughly use a few bottles of Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

CAMP-MEETINGS.—Some of the Methodist journals are making war upon the present mode of conducting camp-meetings. It is alleged that these are converted into excursion parties, and that by encouraging Sunday trains, with promiscuous travel, they utterly destroy the religious consistency of the old gatherings that were instituted when the groves became the only churches for pioneers or immense concourses of people. Certainly camp-meetings in the vicinity of large cities inevitably partake of the characteristics of fairs and picnics rather than of assemblages of serious people who practically believe what Mr. James Paxton has recently theoretically written—that religion is to many the only compensation for the necessity of living.

CHURCHES SUNDAY.—The services at the Episcopal, Baptist, Lutheran and Methodist churches were conducted by their respective pastors.

At the 1st Presbyterian church, Rev. W. E. Baker, pastor, preached in the morning; and at night, Rev. James Balagh, who has been for seventeen years in Japan, delivered a very interesting address upon the subject of missionary work in that country. He referred to the good being accomplished by Miss Fletcher, of this city, and of her marked success in teaching the pupils of her school to play on the organ. The address was peculiarly interesting and was listened to by a large congregation with the deepest attention.

OBER FERTILIZER.—Buy this standard Fertilizer and you will not be disappointed in the results. 2t J. E. GRAHAM, Agent.

A NEW BRIDGE AT WAYNESBORO'.—Since the destruction of the bridge across South river at Waynesboro' the business people of that vicinity have greatly felt the necessity of having it rebuilt. Steps are now being taken to accomplish this object, and with the appropriation of three hundred dollars, that the County Court will make, it is thought that the citizens of that neighborhood will soon raise the additional two hundred required, and the bridge shortly built. We understand that $100 of the amount has already been subscribed.

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

C. A. RICHARDSON.

On account of the hard times and scarcity of money, Hughes & Matheny propose to make Gentlemen's **fine box-toed Boots** at from **$7.00 to $10.00** pair, and all their other work at a similar reduction in prices. ☞ Invariably cash. You will find their work of the best workmanship and material, all guaranteed in every particular. sep10-1t

Mothers should take warning and stop dosing their Babies with laudanum while teething. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup answers the same purpose and is perfectly harmless. Price 25 cents.

Resolutions passed by the District Conference of Rockingham District, Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, held at Woodstock, Sept. 3rd to 7th, 1878:—

In view of the fearful desolation by Yellow Fever, now prevailing in districts of the South, especially in some of its populous cities; therefore—

Resolved 1st, That we hereby urge the people of our respective charges to pray the Lord to stay the fearful pestilence, and give those suffering communities rest from the calamities which waste them.

Resolved 2nd, That we will encourage the people of our respective neighborhoods to unite with others in contributing, according to their ability, to aid in relieving the destitute and providing for the wants of the suffering.

Resolved 3rd, That we sympathize with the Ministers and members of our own and other Christian communions in the trials they are now enduring, and pray that they may be spared and be graciously sustained by the Great Head of the Church! Also, we pray the preserver of men will mercifully preserve the members of the Howard and other associations, the nurses and physicians, who, by their self-sacrificing attentions and heroic devotions in behalf of the sick and dying, have won for themselves the love of the whole country.

COFFEES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

FINE CATTLE FOR ENGLAND.—A fine drove of cattle, numbering 107, averaging 1,400 pounds a piece, were shipped from the Valley depot on yesterday for Liverpool, England, by Mr. Francis H. Bell, of Pulaski county, grazed near Swoope's Depot and in Highland county. His shipment will be about 200, the remainder being brought to Baltimore from his farm in Southwest Virginia.

COFFEE at the Tea Store, 15, 17, 18, and 20 cts.

Aid for the Yellow Fever Sufferers.

The cry for aid still comes up from the suffering cities of the South. In response to the call for supplies and provisions, the B. & O. Railroad Company will send a special train through to the South loaded with the contributions of those who can give provisions, where they could not give money. A car will be sent from the Depot at Staunton on next Friday and all who are desirous of sending provisions should send them in by Thursday evening. They should be sent to the care of the Mayor of the city Capt. Baldwin, or to some member of the soliciting Committee, viz: Dr. J. N. Wayt, Capt. F. B. Berkeley, Lt. John McQuaide, Maj. J. W. Newton, and Messrs. G. W. May, W. H. H. Lyon, Isaac Witz, S. H. Hilb, and Robert W. Burke.

The above Committee knowing that the people of the county are anxious and willing to aid in this charitable and praise-worthy contribution to suffering humanity, have suggested the names of the following gentlemen in various parts of the County, who are requested to see that all contributions are forwarded either to Staunton or to the most convenient Depot on the Valley Railroad, where they will be taken up by the train on next Friday morning.

Mt. Meridian—J. Davis Craig and R. S. Harnsberger.
New Hope—Dr. James Stout and James N. Gentry.
Mt. Sidney—Dr. Wm. M. Crawford and C. A. Roler.
Fort Defiance—James McP. Crawford and John H. Parkins.
Verona—Dr. E. S. Eichelberger and E. L. Edmonson.
West View—Dr. Wm. L. Walters and David Baylor.
Churchville—H. H. Harger and Henry B. Sieg.
Swoope's Depot—George W. Swoope and Jno. Waldrop.
Middlebrook—P. B. Hogshead, A. A. Sproul and Dr. R. A. McChesney.
New Port—A. S. Turk and Wm. Steele.
Arbor Hill—C. T. Palmer and James Henderson.
Greenville—Wm. F. Smith and A. Blouth.
Folly Mills—A. D. Tribbett and John Towberman.
Steeles Tavern—John C. Hyde and John H. Carson.
Fishersville—George A. Gulley and Wm. H. Grooms.
Waynesboro—James A. Patterson Thomas H. Antrim and S. H. Hunt.
Hermitage—R. N. Page.
Craigsville—B. F. Fergurson and R. S. Craig.
Long Glade—Wm. H. Gamble and Col. S. A. East.
Mt. Solon—D. N. Van Lear Dr. James T. Clarke and J. H. McFall.
Millnesville—P. H. Wheeler and George Craun.
Parnassus—James A. Hamrick and Marten S. Whitmer.
Stribling Springs—Charley Kinney.
Stuarts Draft—James F. Hisik.
Barterbrook—Dr. James M. Watson, M. P. Coalter and Hugh G. Guthrie.
Burkes Mill—Thomas Burke.

We feel satisfied that it is only necessary to make the above announcement, and that no words of ours are needed to induce the people of the county to aid liberally out of their abundance in contributing to the relief of the plague-smitten people of the South.

The Kind of supplies to send are flour, bacon, potatoes, corned-beef, and any kind of delicacies that will keep well, but our country friends will know better than we do, what kinds of supplies it is better to contribute.

It is better for the sufferers to send them supplies than money, for in the dire distress to which they are reduced even money can not procure the requisite necessaries for their relief. It is fearful to contemplate the sufferings to which they are reduced in many places. The groans of the dying and the cries for assistance from the sick filling the air, the dead bodies of the victims lying for hours and days without burial, the nurses and physicians either dead or disabled by the fearful disease, and whole towns deserted by all but a few devoted souls, call in the most powerful tones to the people of more healthful regions for assistance. Let all heed the cry as they would the suffering voices of their own friends and relatives.

The Lawn Party at New Hope.

The evening of the 5th inst. was delightful.—Quite a large party had assembled. At twilight the grounds were illuminated by Chinese lanterns, making a beautiful light among the majestic old oaks, and gleaming in the darkness, like the fiery eyes of Cretonian giants.—The grove seemed especially adapted for such an occasion—well kept, picturesque, and full large for the wing-clipping of any budding Demosthenes, who, inspired by sweet music, Italian scenery and bright eyes, might rise equal to the occasion, and revive the glorious eloquence of a Pitt, Grattan, Randolph, or Hayne. The moon was out bright, the band was playing, Dan Cupid, (more often Dan *Stupid*,) with folded arms and love rhymes, sighed and groaned, and mentally swore, no doubt, when the world interrupted his *tete-a-tete*, and all went "merry as a marriage bell."

"No sleep till morn,
When youth and beauty, with flying *tongues*,
Chase the glowing hours."

Refreshments of every variety were served, a splendid collation being especially reserved for the Staunton Band. Ices, small talk, music by the band, lemonade and promenade, monopolized the occasion, a monopoly happily appreciated by all. Flower stands, weighed down by every imaginable manner of bouquets, like landscape pictures, dotted the grove, and their's was the place—

"Where the flowers ever blossom, the beams ever shine,
Where the light wings of zephyr, oppress'd with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the garden's of Gull in her bloom.

Gypsies and Castilian flower girls, fresh from the Tyrolese, were the roles assumed. And many were the dainty bouquets that adorned the lappel of young Romeo, which fact, laying aside all poetry, argued "flush times" for flowers. Away in the back-ground, the *garcons*, all by themselves, like the babes in the woods, were "tripping the light fantastic," their youthful feet and fancy being alike stirred to a moving consistency under the inspiration of the band. As the prettiest lady present, Miss Minnie Mowry, bore off the palm, to whom, in a polished oration, Mr. Bumgardner presented a beautiful cake. Mr. W. I. Stout then mounted the rostrum, amid the cheers of the audience and cries of "Go on, Billy!" And "Billy" did go on in his inimitable wit and humor, appropriately and charmingly. Every one enjoyed it. He presented a handsome cane to the "biggest blow" in the place, and Mr. Cushing, Jr., of Staunton, won it *with much credit*. The numerous candidates ran so well, 'twas a pity they hadn't other canes for distribution, for having "blowed" so long and so well.—Nothing in return for nothing, though logical, was not overwhelmingly agreeable. *Nil desperandum*, however, "every dog has his day."—The band was the soul of the occasion. With that absent, it would have been the play of Hamlet, with Hamlet off on a tear in a back street saloon. F. B.

Elegant, fresh Bottled Beer, $1.00 per dozen.

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Corporation Court.

The September term of the Corporation Court was in session Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This was the regular Grand Jury term, and on Thursday the Grand Jury assembled, and sundry young men remembered they had business out of town and were unable to be present.

But two indictments were found—one against Addison Gordon, *alias* Henry White, colored, for felony. Addison, on the 18th day of last July, forged an order on Rob't G. Bickle for $2.75, with which he purchased a pistol from S. M. McIlhany. He was found guilty of the offence and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Isaac Graves was disposed of by a *nolle prosequi*—Isaac having departed this life.

John M. Carroll's delinquent lists of real and personal property and licenses for 1877, were examined and certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

The sum of $362.29 is the amount of tax reported for last month's sales of whisky under the Moffett law.

A. M. Bowman was relieved of tax on a stallion, he having paid the same in South River District.

Thomas D. Ranson, Councilman for Ward No. 2, appeared and was sworn in.

Sundry judgments in civil cases were rendered, and the Court adjourned to October.

Dianora Chewing Tobacco.

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CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The Augusta Fire Company and the Hook and Ladder company having each the right to recommend to the City Council the name of some person to fill the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, last week, respectively sent in the names of Capt. J. H. Waters, the present incumbent, and Capt. J. W. Hardy, recently the Captain of the Hook and Ladder company. The Council has not yet made its appointment.

SEE the new spring wagons built at Staunton Wagon Factory, 3 springs, handsomely finished, warranted for one year, price $70. Farm wagons $80.

TEAS at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

Brieft.

A slight rain yesterday.

The weather is "readjusting in the cool."

The city Grand Jury had a grand time last week, but produced only a ridiculous *mus*.

Song of the Baker:—"I Knead Thee Every Hour." The first note of the song is dough.

Don't forget the Tableaux to be given at Arbor Hill on Thursday and Friday nights next.

"Come, now, you can't try that on here," is what the shop-keeper said to the purchaser of a bustle.

Many merchants are going north to lay in their supply of goods for the Fall trade, which promises to be very good.

With the opening of the D., D. & B. Institution, the *Goodson Gazette* makes its appearance as fresh and bright as ever.

The Augusta Female Seminary and the Staunton Female Institute opened last week with a large attendance of pupils.

It is now that every incoming train bears a young lady, and next Summer every out-coming young lady will bear a train.

Go, one and all, to the Band Concert to-night for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers. It will be a charming entertainment.

The excursion to Washington for the benefit of the Methodist church left here this morning at six o'clock with a full train.

The rain-fall, as given us by Mr. Geo. E. Price, was for last week forty-five hundredths of an inch, and for the week before one and a half inches.

It is expected that the repairs on the Second Presbyterian church will be so far completed that the congregation can occupy that edifice on next Sunday.

We call attention to the letter on the outside of this issue in reference to getting up and perpetuating the records of companies, regiments and brigades in the Confederate army.

We have received the Richmond *Standard*, a new weekly paper published and edited by G. Watson James. It is handsomely gotten up, and its contents unusually good. We wish it great success.

The Highland *Recorder* prints *requiescat in pace* thusly: *requiscent jn pasce*. We fear its proof-reader was not proof against the attractions of a certain new enterprise recently started in Monterey.

The Sisters of Charity are preparing to open a Catholic School here for young ladies. They have rented a portion of the Plecker building on Augusta street, adjoining the Catholic church, and will open their school some time during the present month.

We learn from the *Goodson Gazette*, an authority on "snake stories," that in digging a cistern at the Institution a snake of the "garter" species was found at the depth of fifteen feet below the surface. Probably this "garter" slipped down.

Mr. Henry Hyer recently put a new stock on a breech-loading shot-gun for Dr. Carter Berkeley, and the Dr. is as well satisfied with the work as if it had been done in New York or Boston. It is a handsome job, and highly creditable to Mr. Hyer's skill and workmanship.

Henry Schmidt, a brakesman on the C. & O. R. R., and son of the baker on New street, fell asleep on the track last Saturday night, and was struck by a passing train. He escaped with a bruised shoulder and several contusions. He promises not to do it again.

The excursion of colored people to Richmond left here on Saturday night with six well-filled coaches, three of which were filled with white people. Good order was maintained throughout the trip, and, having spent Sunday in Richmond, the excursionists returned yesterday morning, much pleased with their trip.

On the 18th and 19th inst., the Duprez & Benedict Minstrels will appear at the "Town Hall," in this city, and give our citizens an opportunity of enjoying their excellent laughter-moving entertainments, which have gained them such popularity throughout the country. Duprez prove yourself a Benedict for once, and take your girl with you.

SUGARS at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

Resignation of the Superintendent of the Public Schools of Staunton.

It was announced last week in the SPECTATOR that Prof. Ladd had resigned his position as Superintendent of the Public Schools of the city. We have not learned the cause of this resignation, but from the correspondence published below it will be seen that Prof. Ladd "insists peremptorily" upon his resignation being accepted, and the Board of School Trustees will doubtless feel "peremptorily" called upon to accept it.

We hope, for the benefit of the numerous children in the city, and in consideration of the large amount of money already expended by the city upon her public schools, that a competent and able Superintendent will be elected at once and that the Schools will be opened at the usual time. We do not know much about these school matters, except that they have already cost the city much money and we hope the benefit received has equaled the outlay. However, we are proud of our public schools, and hope to see a good, competent man elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Prof. Ladd.

We do not propose to reflect upon Prof. Ladd. He has been a good organizer, and under his energetic efforts, assisted by the cordial support of the Board of Trustees, the public schools have grown to a proportion that was not anticipated by their warmest advocates. But now that Prof. Ladd has of his own motion resigned the position, we humbly submit that it is not necessary to go out of our own State to find a competent superintendent.

We do not think our city can afford to discredit the educational institutions of our State by selecting men from outside of her borders to fill positions which her own citizens, educated at her own educational institutions are equally as capable of filling.

The above remarks are made in the interest of no particular individual, but because we feel satisfied that their are numbers of Virginians fully qualified to fill the position of Superintendent of our Public Schools, and we think it a reflection on the intelligence of our educated men, and on the standard of our educational institutions, when we go outside of the cultivated sons of our own State to fill positions of importance, honor, and profit. There is much more we could say upon this subject, but at present submit the above remarks, trusting in the judgement of our excellent Board of Trustees to act for the best interests of the city and the cause of education.

The correspondence above referred to is as follows:

STAUNTON, 5th Sept., 1878.

Prof. J. J. Ladd:

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public Free Schools of Staunton held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Superintendent J. J. Ladd be requested to withdraw his resignation, and the Clerk was requested to communicate this action promptly to Prof. Ladd and request a reply as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

WM. J. NELSON, Clerk.

STAUNTON, Sept. 5th, 1878.

Gentlemen of the Board of School Trustees for the City of Staunton, Virginia.

Thanking you most cordially for the high appreciation you hold of my service as Superintendent of your Public Schools for the past five years, and for the high compliment you bestow in your resolution, asking me to reconsider my resignation, I must insist peremptorily that you accept it as heretofore given through your honored chairman, Maj. H. M. Bell.

Sincerely yours,

JNO. J. LADD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE AUGUSTA FIRE COMPANY AND THE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.—The present officers of the Augusta Fire Company, elected last week, are: Commander, Michael Cox; 2nd Commander, John T. Long; 1st Pipeman, Ed. E. Grove, 2nd John Fisher, 3rd John Hounihan and 4th Robert Shehan; Chief Hose Director, John Teabo; 2d B. Fisher; Secretary, T. J. Crowder; Treasurer, J. H. Waters; Librarian; William Taylor; Assistant, De Vere Hope; Steward, E. F. Grove.

On last Wednesday night, the Hook and Ladder Company elected the following officers: 1st Commander, J. M. Quarles; 2nd Commander, B. F. Terry; Secretary, J. T. Lightner; Treasurer, J. Herbert Stiff; 1st Axeman, M. Bunch, 2nd Wm. Mahoney, 3rd Samuel Gibbs and 4th John Wehn; Tillerman, B. B. Dull.

SEE the new spring wagons built at Staunton Wagon Factory, 3 springs, handsomely finished, warranted for one year, price $70. Farm wagons $80.

50 cases FRUIT JARS in Store. 10,000 gals. STONE-WARE, at 10 and 12½ cts. per gal. Call early! Call early!! at

sep3-2t LIPSCOOMB & SOMERVILLE'S.

SAUCES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

PICKLES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

FINE GROCERIES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S

Personals.

Rev. W. T. Richardson and lady and Miss Nellie Tate reached home last week from their European tour.

Rev. R. P. Fletcher having accepted the charge of the Presbyterian church at Clarksburg, West Va., has removed his family to that place.

On last Thursday, Messrs. Chas. L. Cooke, Chas. L. Weller, Wm. H. Weller and H. C. Tinsley left for Richmond to take steamer to New York and thence to Boston.

The Charlottesville *Chronicle* says: "The Richmond *State* expresses a perference for the Hon. Marshall Hanger as Congressman from this District. There are hundreds in this District who agree with the *State* in that preference.

Dr. R. H. Darrow, who has for several years been practicing medicine in Waynesboro', and made quite a reputation as an excellent physician, will, we understand, leave in a few days for Omaha. He will be accompanied by Mr. Morris M. Spooner, of Charlottesville.

Mr. William C. McClung, who has been on a visit to our city for several weeks, returned to Baltimore on yesterday. He is with the old established house of D. F. Haynes & Co., and is, we are glad to learn, building up a good trade.

Prof. McGillvray, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Richmond, was in the city last week.

J. S. Pagaud, Associate Editor of the National Biographical Publishing Co., of Baltimore, paid our office a visit last week. It was the first time we have had the pleasure of seeing him since the editorial excursion of 1872. During the past Summer he has been the Springs correspondent of the Norfolk *Virginian* and other papers.

It was M. F. Gilkeson, who lives near Folly Mills, that purchased the fine buck at General Meems's sheep sale and not T. S. Gilkeson, as published in the papers last week.

Dr. C. C. Phillips is in the city visiting his father, Rev. R. H. Phillips.

The Highland *Recorder* says: Our Circuit Court opens on the 13th inst., and we hope to see Judge McLaughlin on the bench. He has heretofore given general satisfaction, and we hope that "his days may be many on earth," to give fair and impartial judgment between man and man.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. C. A. Richardson and family reached home last Saturday evening after an absence of two months. Mr. R. returning from a European trip and his family from Rockingham, Mr. R. is looking well and reports a pleasant and enjoyable trip, he does not think Staunton is quite up to Paris and London in some respects, but in others it is superior, &c. **We take pleasure in welcoming him back once more.**

ROASTED COFFEES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

Response of Jno. W. Daniel.

HE IS COMPELLED TO DECLINE THE INVITATION OF THE PEOPLE OF STAUNTON AND AUGUSTA COUNTY.

We published week before last a letter, numerously signed by citizens of Staunton and Augusta county, requesting John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, to deliver a speech here upon the subject of the State debt. From the letter found below it will be seen that Maj. Daniel has been compelled to decline, against his own wishes, and we feel no doubt that we represent the sentiment of a majority of our citizens, where we express our regret at his inability to comply with the invitation sent him. However wild he may be on the subject of the finances of the general government, he is "solid" on the State debt question, and it is on this point that the people of this county wanted to hear him. His letter is as follows:

LYNCHBURG, VA., Sept. 6th, 1878.

Gentlemen:—It was my earnest hope and desire when I received the invitation with which you honored me to address the people of Augusta and Staunton on the State debt question, that I might be able to accept it. And I have for a few days delayed reply that I might, if possible, make the opportunity.

The continued illness of my grandfather, Mr. Warwick, has prevented, and still prevents my acceptance, and as his life is now despaired of, I am constrained with regret to send my declination, with my grateful sense of your complimentary request.

Could we make up our minds, gentlemen, with one accord, to *settle* instead of seeking to *unsettle* State debt, all would soon be well. Hoping that this spirit may soon animate all of us, and again regretting my inability at present to offer my mite to this end,

I am, with great respect, most truly yours,

JOHN W. DANIEL.

To Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, Absalom Koiner, Esq., Jas. C. Cochran, Esq., Hugh F. Lyle, Esq., R. M. Bowman, Esq., Thos. J. Ranson, Esq., and others.

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Y. M. C. A.—The Y. M. C. A. Hall had about and average attendance last Sunday P. M., and the exercises were very interesting.

The leader, Capt. T. C. Morton, read, and made comments upon, the 10th chapter of St Luke; after which, brief appropriate addresses were made by Capt. Chas. Grattan and Prof. Leonidas Poyntz.

At the Temperance Hall Prayer-meeting, although a good attendance was present, the meeting was not so large as it frequently is.

Mr. T. A. Bledsoe and Dr. R. S. Hamilton, who were present, as regularly appointed visitors from the Y. M. C. A. made appropriate remarks upon the 1st chapter of Matthew, which was the lesson of the occasion.

Mr. Geo. P. Baker was announced as the leader of the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday: and Messrs. W. A. McCue and J. E. McDowell as visitors to the Temperance Hall meeting.

At the Y. M. C. A. at Greenville on last Sunday the attendance was unusually large, so much so, that they had to adjourn from their Hall to the Methodist church.

By invitation of the Association Prof. Henry Hoover, W. J. Nelson, H. M. McIlhany, and Hober Ker of the Staunton Association were present and delivered addresses, the subject being the 18th chapter of Matthew.

This association is in a very flourishing condition and is doing good work.

OBER FERTILIZER.—Buy the best and secure the best results. 2ts J. E. GRAHAM, Agt.

The following gentlemen have been elected delegates and alternates to represent Rockingham District in the next meeting of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, which meets in Salem, Va., on the first Wednesday in March next:

Delegates—Rev. Wm. Hines, Messrs. M. L. Walton, R. M. Cushing, and Joe T. Logan.

Alternates—Rev. Jacob Funkhouser, Messrs. A. A. Eakridge, Jr., S. C. Switzer, and — Graybill.

The next District Conference will meet in Waynesboro'.

Pure Medicinal Whiskey—from one to five years old. W. L. BUMGARDNER & Co.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Staunton Public Schools, held on Monday, Sept. 9th, 1878, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1st, That this Board will meet on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 5 P. M., to examine testimonials of candidates for the office of Superintendent of Public Schools, and to recommend a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. J. J. Ladd.

2nd, That Monday, Sept. 16th, be fixed as the day for the opening of the Public Schools for the session of 1878-9.

3rd, That the teachers be requested to meet the Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 12th, at 4 P. M., at the Academy building.

WM. J. NELSON, Clerk.

This is the time to use disinfectants, but not to stir up the unhealthy deposits in the city.—They should remain until cold weather arrives, when they can be removed with safety to the health of the community. Good disinfectants are the proper things to use now.

Oyster soup, 10 cents; Large Oyster stews, 25 cents, and everything else in proportion; cheap lunches; good accommodations, and polite attention is the rule at the Virginia Hotel dining counter. Open from 9 A. M. to 12 P. M Try it.

The ladies of the Old Stone Church will have a lawn party at Fort Defiance on the night of Friday the 20th inst. Grand preparations are being made in the way of illumination, music, &c.

Sudler's Compound.—The best cheap Fertilizer in the market, $34 cash per ton.

sep10-2t J. E. GRAHAM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce CAPT. JOHN PAUL, of Rockingham, as a candidate to represent the Seventh Congressional District in the next Congress of the United States.

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SPICES at C. A. RICHARDSON'S.

Ladies' Newport ties and slippers, all styles, just received and sold very low at

C. L. WELLER'S.

50 cases FRUIT JARS in Store, 10,000 gals. STONE-WARE, at 10 and 12½ cts. per gal. Call early! Call early!! at

sep3-2t LIPSCOMB & SOMERVILLE'S.

"Social Club" Cigar, Havana filled—5 cts.—sold only by W. L. BUMGARDNER & Co.

Scenes at the Commissary Department in Memphis.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY—HEARTRENDING SCENES.

[From the Memphis Avalanche, Sep. 1.]

The King of Terrors continues to snatch victims with fearful rapidity. One by one those who remain in the city and are liable to the monstrous malady are taken down, and the question is asked by those yet on their feet. "Who will be the next to fall?" But three short weeks ago our city was active with business of all classes, our people were happy and prosperous, and the entire business community was in a cheerful temper over the prospect of a heavy and lucrative fall trade. Now our streets are deserted, our stores and residences empty, and out of a population of more than 50,000 barely 5,000 remain, and of these nearly 500 are in the grave, and perhaps double that number lie suffering with rasking pains and burning fevers. But three weeks have passed since the fever broke out among us, and from six to eight weeks must yet elapse before relief can be extended and the fever checked by the appearance of frost. The scenes about the aid centres remind one of the days of war. Particularly does the waiting crowd of basket-holding people about the Commissary Department awaken in the writer's memory the days following the capture of the city of Savannah, when the people of a starved town, many the members of families of the first social position, went daily to take their place in a long line and draw the rations which the generous people of the cities of the North had sent in great sloop loads to the suffering Southern port. Here the crowd is made up of negroes, who sit on the curbing, sit on the pavement of the street beyond the railing of the Commissary Depot, and, clutching their baskets and the orders from ward committees, watch intently the large door and listen long in vain to hear their own names pronounced by the black crier, mounted on the box upon the window's ledge. The crowd is four or five hundred in number during the livelong day.

The Democrats elected their Mayor and City Council in Washington, Del., on Tuesday. Last year it went Radical.

OBER FERTILIZER.—You will soon want your Fertilizer. Leave your order at once.

2t J. E. GRAHAM, Agent.

Spring stock of boots and shoes at C. L. WELLER'S! Great reduction in prices! Be sure and call.

MARRIAGES.

GREINER—WILHITE—August 18th, 1878, by Rev. Frederick Miller, Vernon B. Greiner and Mary Ann Rebecca Wilhite, all of Rockingham county.

LILLY—RAY—September 2nd, 1878, by Rev. David Barr, at the residence of D. H. Ralston, Esq., in Harrisonburg, Solomon Lilly and Miss Josephine Ray, all of Rockingham Co.

SMITH—VAWTER—August 29th, 1878, by Rev. J. H. Taylor, Wm. H. Smith, of Shenandoah county, and Miss Fannie A. Vawter, daughter of Lemuel Vawter, Esq., near Mt. Crawford.

HARTSOOK—PATTERSON—By Rev. H. Suter, on Wednesday, August 28th, at St. John's church, Liberty, Va., Miss Annie A. Patterson, of Bedford county, Va., to Dr. Angus R. B. Hartsook, of Nelson county, Va.

TOLBERT—RUSMISEL.—On the 5th of Sept. at the residence of the bride's parents near Philippi, W. Va., by Rev. J. S. Corder, Mr. Salathiel M. Tolbert to Celia Virginia, daughter of Peter Rusmisel, Esq., formerly of Augusta co.

DEATHS.

Obituaries are charged for at advertising rates.
Notices of deaths published gratuitously.

SMITH—Aug. 22nd, near Churchville of typhoid fever, Mrs. Susan Smith, wife of Mr. Gideon Smith, aged about 70 years.

JOSEPH—On the 1st inst., near Churchville, of typhoid fever, Mr. John Joseph, aged 23 years. He had been married only a few months.

PATTERSON—At the residence of her husband in Buckingham county, on Friday, 23rd ult., Mrs. Mary E. Patterson, wife of Capt. Camm Patterson.

ROOT—On the 2nd of September, of typhoid fever, at the residence of his father, John A. Root, near Mount Pleasant, Rockingham county, Howard L. Root, aged 16 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

MANN—Sept. 1st, 1878, at his residence, No. 1313 Broad street, Richmond, Joseph A. Mann, in the 46th year of his age. His remains were taken to Waynesboro', Augusta county, Va., where his funeral was preached. He leaves a devoted wife and two daughters to mourn their loss.

THE MARKETS.

Corrected weekly by C. A. RICHARDSON.

STAUNTON, SEPT. 3, 1878.

Flour—Family	$5 00@5 50
" Extra	4 25@4 30
" Superfine	3 50@3 75
Wheat—Red—per bushel	90@1 00
" White	1 00@1 15
Corn—White	55@ 60
" Yellow	55@ 55
Rye	60@ 65
Oats	30@ 32
Buckwheat—per lb	2@ 3
Butter	15@ 16
Eggs—per dozen	12@ 15
Lard	8@ 9
Bacon—City Hams	10@ 10
Country Hams	10@ 10
" Shoulders	8@ 8
" Sides	9@ 10
Bacon—Hog round	8@ 9
" Sides	9@ 9
Coffee—Rio	20@ 25
" Laguyra	25@ 28
" Java	30@ 35
Sugar—Brown	10@ 11
" White	11@ 12
" Cut-loaf	14@ 14
" Granulated	13@ 13
" Pulverized	14@ 14
Tea—Black	90@1 00
" Breakfast	1 00@1 10
" Green	1 25@1 50
" Gunpowder	1 25@1 50
Syrups	40@1 00
Molasses	40@1 00
Salt	1 75@1 75
Leather	25@ 30
Cotton Yarn	1 00@1 10

Our market for Flour and Grain is dull and declining in prices, and the indications are for the prices of leading products to rule yet lower.

ALEXANDRIA GRAIN MARKET.

Flour—Fine	$3 00@ 3 50
" Superfine	4 00@ 4 25
" Extra	5 00@ 5 00
" Family	5 00@ 5 50
" Fancy brands	6 00@ 6 50
Wheat—common to fair	0 90@ 0 95
" Good to prime	1 00@ 1 03
" Choice	1 04@ 1 06
Corn—White	0 54@ 0 54
" Mixed	0 53@ 0 54
" Yellow	0 52@ 0 54
Rye	0 52@ 0 55
Oats	0 25@ 0 27

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Sept. 2nd.

Best Beeves	4 75@5 12
Generally rated first quality	4 50@4 75
Medium or good fair quality	3 50@4 25
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 50@2 75
Extreme range of prices	2 50@5 12
Most of the sales were from	3 75@4 50

RICHMOND MARKET, Sept. 5th.—The quotations for Flour range from $3 25 to $6 25 for fine to fancy brands. The offerings of Wheat amounted to 6500 bushels, and sales were reported at 80@105, and a few fancy lots at $1 10. Corn is in very light receipt; one small lot of 32 bushels sold at 62, and the other offerings on private terms at lower figures. Rye 55, and Oats 34.

EDUCATIONAL.

CHARLESTOWN ACADEMY.—A Preparatory School for Boys, Charlestown, Jefferson Co., W. Va. Wm. H. KABLE, A. M. Principal; F. K. LEAVELL (A. M. and Medalist, of Washington & Lee University). For thoroughness of instruction and completeness of course equal to the best schools in the country. Course of instruction embraces English, Ancient and Modern Languages, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences.—Next Session begins September 11th. For Catalogue giving full particulars and list of testimonials, address WM. H. K