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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Election—Thursday, May 27th, 1880.**

FOR MAYOR.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

In reply to your very flattering call in the "Vindicator" of the 16th inst., I have, in addition, a large number of private calls to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city. As these complimentary requests, public and private, come unsolicited on my part, I appreciate them the more, as an evidence of your confidence and an earnest desire that I should be a candidate for said office:

Therefore, yielding my personal feelings in the matter, I most respectfully respond that, if my fellow citizens shall, at the election in May, confer the office of Mayor upon me, I will accept the honor, with all its responsibilities, and try to discharge its duties.

Thanking you most cordially for this evidence of your confidence and esteem, I remain yours truly,

JOHN B. EVANS.

*Citizens of Staunton:*

I am a candidate for re-election to the Mayoralty and respectfully ask your suffrages.

WM. L. BALTHIS.
ap6-tde

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

Maj. Thomas C. Elder, having, by published card, declined re-election to the office of CITY ATTORNEY, I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the position that will be thus made vacant. Should it be your pleasure to elect me I pledge myself to a faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties of the office,

Respectfully,
EDWARD ECHOLS.

Election—Thursday, May 27, 1880.
mar30-tde

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

Maj. Elder having published a card declining to be a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY for the City of Staunton, I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to that office and respectfully solicit your vote at the polls in May next. If elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office impartially and faithfully.

Respectfully,
mar30-tde ALEX. F. ROBERTSON.

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

I am a candidate for the position of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY for the City, and solicit your votes at the polls, on the 4th Thursday in May.

mar30-tde LEWIS M. BUMGARDNER.

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

At the earnest solicitation of many friends and voters of the City of Staunton, I have consented to announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY for the City, and I respectfully request your votes at the polls in May next. Should you see proper to elect me I will endeavor to honestly and efficiently perform the duties of the position under any and all circumstances.

Respectfully,
mar30-tde C. A. RICHARDSON.

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY for the City at the coming election—the 4th Thursday in May.

mar30-tde H. ST. GEO. TUCKER.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE.

*To the Voters of First Ward, City of Staunton:*

At the request of many voters, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace.

Respectfully,
may 11-tde THOS. A. GORDON.

FOR CONSTABLE.

I hereby respectfully announce myself for re-election to the office of CITY CONSTABLE, which I have filled for the last two years, I hope, to the satisfaction of my friends.

mar30-tde* GEO. A. HUTCHESON.

*To the Voters of Staunton:*

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of City Constable; and in soliciting the suffrage of my fellow-citizens of Staunton, I beg to refer respectfully to my past record in that office as an earnest of my faithful discharge of its duties in the future.

ap12 Respectfully,
Val Vir copy, WM. A. REED.

FOR CITY SERGEANT.

I respectfully announce to the voters of Staunton, that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of CITY SERGEANT, and solicit their support, pledging myself to the continued faithful discarge of the duties of the office.

mar30-tde* W. D. RUNNELS.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE.

*To the Voters of the City of Staunton:*

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue at the election to be held the 4th Thursday of May next.

ap6-tde* v. & v. c GEO. H. HUDSON.

The folowing named gentlemen, members of the present City Council, who have discharged their duty well and faithfully, will be voted for on May 27th:—

| WARD No. 1. | WARD No. 2. |
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| J. A. Cochran, | A. H. Fultz, |
| J. T. Byers, | J. W. Alby, |
| J. W. Todd, | W. L. Bumgardner, |
| G. G. Gooch, | Thos. D. Ranson, |
| R. W. Burke, | F. B. Berkeley, |
| J. D. Crowle. | Geo. M. Cochran, Jr. |

may18-2t* MANY VOTERS.

### Briefs.

A young man who has recently taken a wife says he didn't find it half so hard to get married as he did to get furniture.

On Sunday of last week, a German Baptist (Tunker) Sunday school was organized with Mr. H. C. Early as Superintendent, at Barren Ridge Church.

The decoration of the graves in the Federal Cemetery near this city will take place on Monday, the 31st inst., as the 30th, the regular day, falls on Sunday.

Americans are the most inventive race on the globe, and it seems singular that no plan for making flies stay in bed until the entire household is up has yet been patented.—*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

The carpets for the Baptist church and parsonage of this city were purchased by Rev. J. M. Frost and Mr. Wm. H. Peyton, of Brown & Scott of Lexington, Kentucky, whilst in attendance there upon the Southern Baptist Convention.

THE MANGANESE WORKS OF THIS COUNTY.—The Company now operating the rich mine of a superior quality of manganese on the Turk's Gap road in the East of this county, about 12 miles from Waynesboro', are pushing their work with commendable energy, and are getting out vast quantities of this mineral for which they find ready sale in England and elsewhere. They give employment to about 75 hands, which adds greatly to the business prosperity of that neighborhood. When the Shenandoah Valley Railroad shall be completed to Waynesboro', it will pass near these works, and save the expense of hauling in wagons to Waynesboro', and consequently add greatly to the profits of this enterprise.

SLIM VOTE.—The City Treasurer's book indicates that there will be a very slim vote cast at the coming election on Thursday week. Up to last night there were only 505 paid up voters on the Registration lists, as follows:—

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| Ward No. 1—white, | | 250 |
| " " colored, | | 13 |
| Ward No. 2—white, | | 227 |
| " " colored, | | 25 |
| Total, | | 505 |

ACCIDENT AT FISHERSVILLE.—Whilst Mrs. Geo. W. Koiner and her mother and Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Montgomery county, were passing through the streets of Fishersville in a buggy on last Wednesday, the axle of the buggy broke, and the occupants were thrown out, and Mrs. Davis received a cut on the head, and was badly hurt. The necessary medical assistance was rendered by Dr. H. M. Dold.

RAILROAD FARE TO STATE CONVENTION.—Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company will sell to delegates and alternates special round-trip tickets to Richmond on the 18th and 19th instant at all of the Chesapeake and Ohio stations in Virginia and at one unlimited fare for the round trip. Delegates buying straight limited tickets to Richmond will not be returned free.

HARRISONBURG GUARDS AT FORT DEFIANCE.—The Harrisonburg Guards will hold a picnic at Fort Defiance in this county next Saturday. During the day they will have target practice, and we suppose dancing and other sports, and have a good time generally. They will arrive in the "early morn" and not return till "dewy eve."

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—The present schedule of the Ches. & Ohio Railway commenced on Monday of last week. Going East the passenger trains leave Staunton at 1:45 P. M. and 12:55 A. M., and going West leave Staunton at 2:10 P. M. and 5:20 A. M.

ANGORA GOATS.—Maj. Absalom Koiner has concluded to try the experiment of raising Angora goats, whose wool is quite valuable. He has purchased a few for a commencement which he will place on his mountain farm.

Fifty cases Men's and Boys' Kip Boots at lowest prices at C. L. WELLER'S Boot and Shoe Store Main Street.

### DEATH OF JOHN B. SCHERER, Sr.

It is our painful duty to record the death of this venerable and worthy citizen, in the 68th year of his age, on Friday last, the 14th of May. Mr. Scherer came to this country from Baden, Germany, about 1840, and went to work on the farm of Mr. Gasper Coyner, near Fishersville in this County. By his persevering industry, and genial nature he soon won the respect and good will of his employer, and all who came in contact with him.

In 1851 he removed to Staunton and opened a bakery. By dint of hard work and honest dealing, he soon made himself a comfortable home and reared a large family of children. About the breaking out of the war, or before that time, he added to the business of the bakery, that of a Restaurant and Bar. In this business he continued until his death.

He was at one time a worthy member of the City Council, and at the time of his death, a member of the City School Board of Education, and always discharged his public duties with the same fidelity that characterized him in all of his other relations in life.

Although a man of moderate education, he had a strong natural intellect, apt in learning the laws and acquiring the customs of the country of his adoption—and no more devoted son of Virginia was ever born on her soil than he proved himself to be. To say that he was kind of heart and generous as charity itself to the faults of his fellow men, but feebly expresses the tenderness that pervaded his nature and the kindness which characterized his intercourse with his neighbors.

By his strict integrity he won the respect of all who knew him and by his generosity, his large sympathies and geniality of disposition, their admiration, esteem and love. He was a zealous Catholic, and yielded implicit obedience to the doctrines and discipline of the church.

We hazard nothing in saying that few men have gone down to their graves in this community leaving behind them more sincere and sorrowing friends. "Uncle John," as he was familiarly and fondly called by his friend.—His loss will be deeply felt and his virtues long remembered by others than his immediate family.

To his aged widow and life-long partner of his sorrows and joys we tender our warmest sympathy, as well as to his children, to whom he has left the heritage of a good name and an example worthy of imitation, and give them the assurance that it is but the common sentiment of all classes of our community.

The funeral services took place at the Catholic church on last Sunday evening and were conducted by Rev. Father McKeefry, after which his remains were buried in Thornrose Cemetery, followed to their last resting place by an unusually large concourse of our citizens. A good man has been taken from our midst—peace to his ashes.

The pall bearers were Wm. Kinney, Timothy Hounihan, Jacob Steinbuck, Neil O'Brien, Wm. Wholey, W. A. Burnett, Dr. Carter Berkeley and A. S. Kinney.

### Personals.

In one of the mines at Quinnemont, W. Va., last week, David Tenant was badly injured by the explosion of a keg of powder.

On Saturday evening, the 8th inst., near Old Providence church, Mrs. Alex. G. Brown died suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs.

On Friday, the 7th inst., Mr. Job Hart, who lived about three miles from Greenville in this county, died from the effects of a cancer.

As will be seen from his published card, Mr. L. M. Bumgardner has withdrawn from the contest for Commonwealth's Attorney of this city.

Rev. Samuel McCune held communion at McDowell on last Sunday, and in the evening of the same day preached his farewell sermon at Bethlehem church.

Mr. A. J. Frion, of this city, has accepted an agency under L. M. Crosby for the sale of his "Grader" wheat fan, which is meeting with such ready sale in this and adjoining counties.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., in the Sangersville neighborhood, Mr. Andrew Kiracoffe, aged 73 years, was stricken with paraysis and died within a few hours after the attack. He was buried at Emanuel church with the ceremonies of the German Baptist (Tunker) church of which he had been a member for a number of years.

Rev. E. D. Junkin, D. D., who has been for near twenty years the Pastor of New Providence church, on Sunday of last week preached his farewell sermon to that congregation, having accepted a call to Houston, Texas. He is a minister of more than usual ability, and in his removal, Lexington Presbytery loses one of its ablest ministers.

On Sunday of last week, Mrs. Minerva Myers, wife of Mr. Jacob Myers, died of pneumonia after a brief illness at her residence in this county. The funeral was preached at Pleasant Grove church by Rev. Addison Weller, after which she was buried in the family burying ground at New Hope. She was a member of the United Brethren church.

This afternoon, at the residence of the bride's mother at Lewisburg, W. Va., Rev. M. L. Lacy, Pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place, will unite in the holy bonds of matrimony, J. Emmet Guy, Esq., of the Staunton Bar, and Miss Lily F. Fry, daughter of the late Judge Fry of Wheeling, W. Va., and grand-daughter of the late Rev. John McElhany, D. D., of Lewisburg.

We learn from the Charleston (West Virginia) *Courier* that Rev. J. C. Barr and family will be absent from that city during the Summer months, or at least until Mr. Barr's health is sufficiently improved to warrant a resumption of his pastoral duties. They will go directly to the Red Sulphur Springs in Monroe county, where Mr. Barr will thoroughly test the medicinal properties of the water, with the hope of speedily recuperating his impaired condition. May his recovery be hasty is the universal expression of his many admiring friends, both in and out of the church.

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEES.—The following are the standing committees of the Y. M. C. A. of Staunton for the ensuing year:

*On Library.*—J. H. Skinner, T. D. Ranson, Dr. R. S. Hamilton.

*Lectures.*—H. D. Peck, Jed Hotchkiss, Samuel H. Coleman.

*Publication.*—J. E. Graham, H. B. Brown, Reeves Catt.

*Ways and Means.*—H. M. McIlhany, John W. Alby, Jas. W. Morrison.

*Nominations.*—Wm. Rock, G. D. Pearman, R. M. Guy.

*Bible Classes.*—W. C. Straughan, R. D. Lilley, Geo. P. Baker.

*Religious Exercises.*—H. Kee, H. J. Hoover, T. C. Morton.

*Sunday Schools.*—Wm. G. Brown, Charles Grattan, F. J. West.

*Visiting.*—G. G. Gooch, Geo. M. Bodell, A. M. Simpson.

*Relief of the Poor.*—John W. Todd, John M. Carroll, Dr. S. H. Henkel.

"SOUTH RIVER LODGE" KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—At Waynesboro' on last Tuesday night, a Lodge of Knights of Honor, entitled the "South River Lodge," was instituted with 19 charter members from that town and vicinity, by District Deputy T. C. Morton, assisted by Alexander Hart, P. D.; R. C. Anderson, D.; J. E. Rollins, V. D.; W. A. Burnett, R.; J. W. Newton, Tr.; and J. W. B. Parker, G., of Staunton Lodge, No. 756.

The following officers were elected and installed: J. A. Patterson, Past Dictator; H. H. Shackelford, Dictator; B. P. Gaw, Vice Dictator; John W. Nicklin, Assistant Dictator; C. R. Haines, Guide; W. J. Jones, Reporter; J. B. Roden, Financial Reporter; R. G. Wright, Treasurer; John H. Schindel, Guardian, and D. P. Garner, Sentinel.

DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION.—The following delegates and alternates were elected to represent the Y. M. C. A. of Staunton in the County Convention which will meet in this city on Friday afternoon next:—

*Delegates.*—Messrs. H. L. Hoover, W. J. Nelson, J. W. Newton, Wm. Rock, H. M. McIlhany, T. D. Ranson, W. G. Brown, David Landes, G. D. Pearman, Wm. C. Straughan, T. C. Morton, T. S. Doyle.

*Alternates.*—J. W. Todd, E. Shott, J. E. Graham, C. S. Lindsay, George Baker, Wm. E. Craig, A. M. Simpson, John C. Scott, S. H. Coleman.

CONDUCTOR OF FREIGHT TRAIN HAS THREE RIBS BROKEN.—At the Woodstock depot, on Saturday week, Capt. Ed. Russell, conductor of freight train 681, was caught between some detached cars whilst being shifted, which resulted in breaking three of his ribs. The Rockingham *Register* says:—Medical attention was secured immediately, and during the evening he was put upon a train and taken to his home in Harper's Ferry, where he has a wife and three small children, and we are glad to learn he is doing as well as could be expected, considering the serious character of his injuries.

Look-out Soap cheapest in the market.
may 11-2t J. E. GRAHAM.

### Staunton Opera House.

"AS YOU LIKE IT."

It is as true to-day, as it always was—and it always was true—that the stage in its illustration of "As you like it" cannot preserve the exquisite grace, the poetic glamour—like autumnal mists on distant hills at sunset—which clothes this lovely comedy as with a garment of light. Something evanescent, elusive, indescribable—an enchantment recognized, felt, longed-for, but never named—seems still to escape the most searching processes of dramatic art in its treatment of this theme. Men who have walked alone in the autumn woods, calling to mind the words of the royal exile, the sad wisdom of Jacques, and the richly tender songs of Amiens—songs which are the perfect and immortal voice of broken hope and wasted faith—are aware of these qualities, and understand why they can never be reached in practical expression. Nature keeps her secret, and this great comedy is one with nature. The strong genius of Shakespeare, likewise looking down on all mortal things, and touching in this play, with heavenly colors, the sweetest and saddest experiences of human life, assumes an exaltation of pensive beauty far above the reach of the world of fact. Art comes to a limit at last when all it can do is to stretch its hands towards heaven. There are mysteries of starry nights and solitary ocean and mountain solitude which it can never interpret. There is a music in the voices of some children, an ineffable loveliness in the faces of some women, which it can never preserve; and so in this comedy, there is an interior spirit, a celestial fragrance, secure beyond its reach and coy to all its supplication. The stage may do much; but these ideals elude it, and—

No speed avails
To hunt upon its shining trails.

Nevertheless, the dramatic management or company who bring forward this play, and place it on the stage in a conscientious spirit and adequate dress, are public benefactors. All the influences that flow out of it are gentle and noble. Its development of pure love kindles the heart. Its pastoral pictures tranquilize the the mind. Its presentment of contrasted character and experience broadens the intelligence. Its philosophy exalts the soul. Its poetry sings itself through the thoughts like the evening wind that murmurs in the dry grasses by the brookside on late October days. And its mingled sheen of warm, youthful life and shadow of mournful sentiment fascinate every perception of the beautiful, and satisfy us with inexplicable pleasure. Though the effort to interpret this comedy, therefore, fall short of perfection in its results, it is yet a noble effort, and its results can not fail to be good.

The rendition of it by Miss Pomeroy's company at our Opera House on last Thursday night marks an important era in its history, as well as in that of our dramatic growth as a city. It is the first occasion since the completion of the building for this purpose, that the classic dramatic representation has graced its boards. The audience was numerous, refined, intellectual, attentive and delighted. The promise of the managers was found to have been fulfilled in the matter of costuming.

The liberality of our City Council in the essentials of elaborate and variegated scenery, provided in the construction of the stage, was gorgeously manifested. The wood-land scenes, composed with feeling and handled with skill, were made to present, in the loveliest confusion, leafy vistas continually changing and sunset colors softening into dusk.

There was no moment when, if completeness of picture be considered, the stage ceased to be a luxury to the eye. To accomplish this result was to accomplish much; and we are more anxious to recognize this achievement with cordiality, since we are compelled to add that the acting was not up to that degree of artistic excellence which the sensitive taste of our city demands. Miss Pomeroy appeared as Rosalind, giving her first appearance in that part here. It is not a finished Rosalind. It is pretty and rather well dressed; it is, at times, coquettish and tantalizing; it is notable for fidelity to nature in the mere respect of assumed boyishness; it has freedom and vivacity; and it is graced, in the musical episode, with passable execution and arch manner. But there is more in the part than prettiness, raillery, and bewitchment; much that Miss Pomeroy's nature does not convey and probably does not seize. The intellectual character, the luxuriant womanhood, sensuous yet spiritual, the child-like purity, the fascination, the gleeful radiance—like morning sunshine on the sea—this actress did not indicate and apparently does not apprehend. Her Rosalind is first a robust flaxen-haired beauty, and then a saucy boy. The frolic is present, but not the soul. Such a woman might tease a man's fancy; she could not break his heart. Aside from imperfection of ideal, there are other defects in Miss Pomeroy's execution. While she approaches more nearly the ideal conception than Miss Davenport and others who take elevated rank in the profession and are luminaries on the metropolitan stage, her elocutionary work is defective. Her tones are sometimes muffled and indistinct, and her enunciation too rapid. This can surely be remedied, and as to the lofier element, it is enough to say that there are some depths of feeling and thought which can only be sounded in the actual experience of high-hearted natures, and that for some conceptions of poetry, the artist must be born and not made.

The Orlando of Mr. Roberts was inexpressibly tame and ineffective. The amazement and bewilderment, consequent upon the revelation of Rosalind's identity, was feebly exhibited, and the inflections required in uttering mild sarcasm were absolutely wanting. The Jacques of Mr. Leake was a highly creditable delineation. The dreaminess and intellectual cynicism were faithfully given, and the physical accessory of a fine and well cultivated voice, supplemented by accurate appreciation and good method, enabled him to make an impressive hit at the point of the Seven Ages. The Touchstone of Mr. Davidson was a crisp and rather too comic conception, but was far above the average, and the Celia of Miss Willis was creditable, to say the least.

Miss Pomeroy's reception was most cordial, and her well expressed and graceful acknowledgment in front of the curtain received rounds of spontaneous applause. She will always be heartily and warmly received in Staunton.

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If you wish to keep cool, go to John Jesser's and get some of his delicious Strawberry Ice-cream, made of the best of berries and the richest of cream. 1t

THE SEASON OF ICE WATER.—Now is the season of ice water and we copy the following so that the ice-dealers will get mad at us: "There is no more doubt that drinking ice water arrests digestion than there is that a refrigerator would arrest perspiration. It drives from the stomach its natural heat, suspends the flow of gastric juice and shocks and weakens the delicate organs with which it comes in contact. An able writer on human diseases says: Habitual ice water drinkers are usually very flabby about the region of the stomach. They complain that their food lies heavy on that patient organ. They taste their dinner for hours after it is bolted. They cultivate the use of stimulants to aid digestion. If they are intelligent they read upon food and what the physiologist has to say about it—how long it takes cabbage and pork and beef and potatoes and other meats and esculents to go through the process of assimilation. They roar at new bread, hot cakes and fried meat, imagining those to have been the cause of their maladies. But the ice water goes down all the same, and finally friends are called in to take a farewell look at one whom a mysterious Providence has called to a clime where, as far as is known, ice water is not used. The number of immortal beings who go hence, to return no more, on account of an injudicious use of ice water can hardly be estimated."

FINE LIVERY.—Mr. S. T. Thornburg, proprietor of the American Hotel Livery Stables, has just refitted his stables and added a number of fine horses and new vehicles to his stock, for the accommodation of the summer travel. He calls the attention of fishing and hunting parties and pleasure-seekers generally to the fact that he is prepared to supply them with any kind of vehicle they may desire on the most reasonable terms. Fast and safe horses, fine vehicles, careful drivers and everything necessary for the comfort of patrons will be furnished on the most reasonable terms.

DEATH AT THE W. L. ASYLUM.—On last Sunday night, Miss Jennie Dural, an inmate of the Western Lunatic Asylum for about two years, departed this life. She was a native of Waynesboro and about nineteen years of age. Her parents formerly lived in that place, but are now living in California. Her remains were, on yesterday, taken to Waynesboro for burial.

Mr. John G. Yeager starts for Capon Springs this morning to take charge of the culinary department for the summer season, as chief cook. Mr. Yeager is thoroughly posted in that business and his services being secured is a guarantee that the guests at Capon Springs will be well fed this season.

### A Trip to the Mountains.

On the balmy morn of the 10th inst., a party of us departed from the village of Mint Spring to seek the mountain pastures far to the south-east of Midway. The sun shone brightly, the birds sang joyously on every spray, in fine, every thing seemed to offer happy wishes for a pleasant trip and a safe return. Before the forenoon was far spent we were entering the suburbs of Greenville situated on a proud eminence overlooking the mill-dam, where formerly that large-sized fish caught by Mr. Minor Palmer, sported in its deep and billowy waters. Quietly and cautiously pursuing our course up main street, lest the private franchises of this corporation be trampled upon and ourselves cast into dismal dungeons, to suffer the loneliness and confinement of a Chillon prisoner, we passed its corporate limits, however, unmolested and in no great while under the heat and glow of mid-day, rode boldly into the town of Midway without any fear of molestation, observing particularly on our right nineteen black letters spangling a clear white banner which appeared very much to us like a whiskey saloon sign. Taking the Montebello turnpike, we addressed our steps rapidly towards the Blue Ridge, loitering for a while on the grassy banks of a stream a short distance below Rollin's mill. Our green, sunny valley has receded in the rear, and any further progress seems stayed by the threatening heads of the mountain, rising in our front. The mark of perennial verdure does not merge imperceptibly into this barren, desolate region, being distinctly visible.

A great rocky plain stretches itself far and wide for many miles, over which it is our inevitable fate to travel before reaching the base of the mountain. The ascent appears gradual, encompassed on the right and left by high frowning peaks. The piercing beams of the noon-day sun are splintered and its scorching heat somewhat lessened by an exuberant growth of foliage. We wended slowly our way along this zigzag road, crossing at intervals a number of small rivulets, leaping from their stony beds. Late in the evening as the curtains of night began to spread around the gloomy recesses of the cliffs, we were conquerors of these almost inaccessible heights. Upon these dreadful tops, birds of prey build their nests, a variety of waterfalls are seen pouring from the summits and tumbling in vast sheets from rock to rock in rude and terrible magnificence. Sometimes scattered here and there you see a cultivated spot, robed in living green, which would only appear that the sweet herbage could be cropped by the wild goat, as they bound from cliff to cliff. All around, the steep, shaggy peaks pierce the etherial regions in shapes as spiry and fantastic as the rocks themselves and whose very crests as they rise one above another must ever ensure their immaculate summits from the footsteps of man, except to those bold climbers who peril life and limb to stand for a brief moment on these wind-swept, lofty crags. The contrast of light and shade, produced by the morning and evening sun presents a new scene of astonishment; while the vast shadow, projected by the mountains, buries the opposite part in a deep and purple gloom, which the eye can scarcely penetrate, the other side is bathed in yellow streams of light, purple hues, and azure tints. Sometimes, a serene air and clear sky disclose the tops of the highest peaks, at other times the clouds crown their summits, repose on their sides, or roll along the base, resembling one huge furnace.

We are told, when the winds rage they roar among the cliffs and chasms like sharp peals of thunder, and the crashing of oaks and the sounds of maddened cataracts, join the dreadful tumult. In short, every thing is colossal, yet they lack the smiling valleys and sheltered lakes, which impart such picturesque charms to the Alps. They possess the sublimity without the amenity, the beauty without the variety, which are so characteristic of less elevated ranges in foreign lands. At still moonlight the sounds of distant waterfalls are borne by bonnie winds in varied songs among these enchanting dales and open such romantic scenes of delicate beauty, repose and solemnity as exceed all description. No wonder the illustrious Com. Maury loved to picture these unrivalled objects of exquisite beauty and pride in such chaste and ornate language. No wonder he preferred the removal of his remains in the May-time through the mountains, when the laurel was in bloom, bees in the blossoms, ferns and flowers decking its sides, to a funeral cortege overshadowed by the gloom and dreariness of winter. Far away into the smoky eastern horizon we could faintly see a narrow portion of Nelson, spreading out in one extensive plain, calling to remembrance that prolific valley which once excited the cupidity of the Carthagenian army from their own bountiful lap to make inroads into Italy.

Mountains are indeed the most impressive and sublime works of nature and form the most permanent and enduring monuments of great events. They stand as witnesses for the creator, reminding us of sacred facts and truths and every view of their lofty summits and every recurrence to them in thought, refreshens the precious memories of Sinai, Ararat, Carmel, Transfiguration, still shining in all the pearly lustre of a "fair morn risen on mid-noon."

Let us add in conclusion that the inhabitants, who dwell in these aerial regions, are exceedingly kind and hospitable to those who visit their habitations 'neath sunny skies and salubrious climes, but want the fertility of soil and beautiful cottages to induce a valley person to leave a kindly soil and a comfortable home.

"There are as many lovely things,
As many pleasant tones,
For those who sit by mountain hearths,
As those who sit on thrones."

ANNIE LAURIE.

### Mt. Solon Items.

MT. SOLON, May 8th.

Andrew Karacofe, an aged and highly esteemed man living near here, died quite suddenly on Thursday evening last. He was at work about one hundred yards from his house when he was observed by his grandson to suddenly fall. He was hastily removed to the house, and died in about 2½ hours. Dr. Clark, who was summoned, arrived a short time before his death, and did all in his power for him, but without avail, death being caused by a paralytic stroke. The deceased was born and raised within a few miles of where he died, and during his long and uneventful life made many friends. He was looked upon as an honest man and an exemplary Christian, having been for years a member of the Dunkard church. His funeral, which took place at Emanuel's church, was largely attended by sympathetic friends and relatives.

The condition of Dr. J. L. Blakemore, who has been confined to his bed for a year or more, is daily growing more and more critical.

Wheat is looking remarkably well and gives promise of an early and abundant harvest.

James E. Todd, who left here one year ago for Colorado, is expected home to-day.

Should anything worthy of note occur in this vicinity, I will send you the PEELINGS.

Y. M. C. A.—The meeting on last Sunday evening was led by Mr. W. A. Bowles, who read the 6th chapter of Romans. Remarks were made by Capt. H. L. Hoover and Mr. H. D. Peck. Capt. Hoover, who was in attendance as a delegate from the Staunton Association on the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., held in Richmond last week, gave a very interesting account of its proceedings.

No leader was announced for next Sunday, as the exercises will be under the auspices of the County Convention. The meeting will be open to the public. The ladies are especially invited to attend.

ALBEMARLE SPRING RACES.—The Charlottesville *Jeffersonian* says that the Albemarle Spring races will be held at "Chestnut Ridge," the estate of Mr. J. Woods Garth, on the 25th inst. The first race will be a match between "Highflyer" and "Tom Collins" for $100. The second, third and fourth will be, respectively, a three-quarter, one mile, and one mile hurdle, open to all; entrance fee, $4.00. The fifth will be a one mile flat for Englishmen only, and the meeting will conclude with consolations for the beaten horses. There will no doubt be some fine sport, and a lively time may be anticipated.

DEATH OF PROF. ESTILL.—On last Sunday evening Harry Estill, Professor of Natural Philosophy of Washington, & Lee University at Lexidgton, died of diabetes, at the residence of Arch G. Christian in this county. He was well known in this county and had many friends and relations here, who will greatly mourn his untimely taking off. He was a young man rapidly rising into prominence in educational circles, and greatly beloved by all who knew him.

SMOKE-HOUSE ROBBED.—On Wednesday night the smoke-house of Capt. Thos. P. Eskridge was robbed of 21 shoulders, 7 middlings, and some soap. John Rhodes, Thomas Brown and three other parties have been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery, and are now in jail here awaiting their trial, which will soon take place.

### Waynesboro' Items.

[From our special correspondent "H."]

Our town has been all excitement during the past week, on account of the contractors of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company being busy buying supplies for their different commissaries. They came into a tin-shop and bought all the buckets, frying-pans, and cups that were made up, and all our store-keepers, blacksmiths, harness-makers, and wagon-makers have been busy with extra force attending to the wants of the contractors. The horse market has been good here. Over thirty have been sold at fair prices, and still they want more. Certainly Waynesboro' never has had such a business "boom" in the recollection of our oldest inhabitant.

Mr. Henry L. Massie, who, with Judge Cochran of Charlottesville, purchased the Mountain Top Hotel property a few weeks ago, is busy having it repaired. He will have several new cottages built at once, fences made, &c., so that in a few weeks the place cannot be recognized, so great will be the improvements. Mr. Massie has already received letters from Baltimore and Washington parties wanting to engage rooms for the summer. I will venture to say that the Hotel will be crowded all the season as it certainly has a gentleman who understands the business. Mr. Massie will go to Baltimore and New York for furniture, &c., to furnish the Hotel and cottages.

The many friends of C. A. S. Weller, formerly of this place, will be pleased to learn that he has just secured a good position with Messrs. Coox & Co., the celebrated buggy manufacturers of Cincinnati, Ohio. Burnie will travel in Michigan for them. We wish him all the success he deserves.

Rev. Jno. S. Martin preached in the Methodist church here Sunday morning and night, assisting Rev. J. R. Van Horn in his ante-communion service.

Rev. Frank McCutchen of the Presbyterian church of this place, leaves to-morrow (Tuesday) for Charleston, S. C., to attend the General Assembly as alternate for Rev. D. A. Penick, of Rockbridge, who cannot go.

Last night a lodge of Knights of Honor was instituted at this place by District Deputy T. C. Morton, assisted by Alexander Hart, P. D.; R. C. Anderson, D.; J. E. Rollins, V. D.; W. A. Burnett, R.; J. W. Newton, Tr.; and J. W. B. Parker, G., of Staunton Lodge No. 756.

There were nineteen charter members from the town and neighborhood who agreed to associate themselves together as members of the lodge which was christened "South River Lodge." The following officers were elected: J. A. Patterson, Past Dictator; H. H. Shackelford, Dictator; B. P. Gaw, Vice Dictator; J. W. Nicklin, Ass't Dictator; C. R. Haynes, Guide; W. J. Jones, Reporter; J. B. Roden, Financial Reporter; R. G. Wright, Treasurer; J. H. Schindel, Guardian, and D. P. Garner, Sentinel.

DEATH OF REV. DR. BUSEY.—Rev. Dr. Ezra F. Busey, well known in this city, and a prominent minister of the M. E. Church South, died at the residence of Rev. S. K. Cox, in Baltimore, last Thursday night, of a complication of diseases. Rev. Dr. Busey was born in Berkeley county, Va., (now W. Va.) October 6th, 1817. He entered the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church in 1842, and was in the active itinerancy of that Church and of the M. E. Church South for thirty-six years. In the Alexandria Conference of 1866 he entered the M. E. Church South, and served as presiding elder of Roanoke and Rockingham districts until 1871, when he was appointed to take charge of the M. E. Church South in Alexandria, to succeed Rev. Dr. R. R. S. Hough, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which time he left Alexandria for Baltimore. Dr. Busey was also assistant pastor of the M. E. Church of Alexandria at the time that church divided on the slavery question, in about 1844, but he, like many others, did not enter the ministry of the Southern branch, formed by Bishop Andrews, for many years after the beginning of the troubles among the members of the old church in the General Conference of 1842, as stated above. Dr. Busey was an able and eloquent minister, and was universally esteemed for the integrity and purity of his character. Although not of very advanced age, his term of service was unusually long, there being only three members of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South—Revs. James H. March, J. Hoffman Waugh, and Elias Welty—still surviving who entered into conference relations at the same time with him.

Dr. Busey, who was at the time of his death a widower, his wife, a Miss Conger, of Baltimore, having died many years previous, leaves one son surviving.

Gladke has just returned with a very rge stock of spring and summer dry goods and millinery. Give him a call and see the best stock of goods ever brought to this market. tf.

Go and see Gladke's **5c. Counter.** tf

Mr. W. L. Olivier has removed his stock of books and stationery back to his old stand on corner of Main and New Streets, the glass front and other improvements in the building having been completed. He feels so well pleased in his improved store-room that he is disposed to sell better bargains than usual. Call to see him.

## MARRIAGES.

HOWARD—WASHINGTON.—At the Episcopal church in Charlestown, W. Va., on Wednesday, May 5th, by Rev. Dr. W. H. Meade, assisted by Rev. Mr. Tucker, Mr. Julian Howard, of Richmond county, Va., and Miss Eleanor S. Washington, of Jefferson county—youngest daughter of the late Col. John A. Washington, of Mt. Vernon.

MANN—JOHNSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, W. B. Johnson, Esq., in Monroe county, W. Va., May 5th, by Rev. W. H. Bittenger, Mr. James C. Mann, of Alleghany county, Va., to Miss Alice C. Johnson.

BEVERLY—GRAY.—In St. James Episcopal church, Leesburg, Va., May 5th, by Rev. Dr. Davis, assisted by Rev. Arthur Gray, Mr. J. Bradshaw Beverly to Miss Annie Douglass Gray.

## DEATHS.

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

HEVENER.—Near Hightown, Highland county, on the 5th inst., Miss Emma Hevener, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hevener, in the 19th year of her age.

HARNSBERGER.—On Saturday 8th, at the residence of her father, on Shenandoah River, in Rockingham county, Miss Mollie Harnsberger, daughter of Thos. K. Harnsberger, Esq., aged 21 years.

HARPER.—Mrs. Phebe Harper, wife of the late Leonard Harper, of Pendleton county, West Va., died at her home on the North Fork Sunday, May 9th, in the 85th year of her age, having been born September 3, 1795. She was the mother of a large family of children, among whom, now living, are Mrs. John and James Trimble of Monterey, Highland county, and was a woman of many noble qualities of heart.

MAYO.—On the 10th inst., at her residence in West End, Mrs. Henrietta Mayo, the beloved wife of Mr. Stephen L. Mayo, and daughter of Samuel Craig, Esq., of Albemarle county, Va., in her 23th year. Deceased was a consistent member of the Second Presbyterian church of this city and died a triumphant death. She leaves a husband and three little children.—Her funeral was preached at the house on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. J. E. Booker, and her remains buried in Thornrose Cemetery.

BRUNK.—Near Broadway, Rockingham county, on Monday, the 3rd inst., Christian Brunk, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 24 days. He was a member of the Mennonite church. He was the surviving member of his father's family; was married to Barbara Funk at the age of 22, with whom he lived 42 years, and who died in 1858 in the 61st year of her age. Lived to see their family of eleven children raised, ten of whom are still living. Seven are living in the State of Virginia and three in the West. His descendants number 156—125 living, 10 of whom are children, 46 grand-children and 69 great-grand-children.

### Tribute of Respect.

At a meeting of the Staunton City School Board, held May 15th, 1880, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: