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Rev. John E Massey.

Parson Massey, the present Auditor, was here a day or two before the Mahone meeting on Monday of last week, and probably left here with the idea that all was lovely for him, but, alas, the delegation was packed against him. We see it stated that he was called away from here by sickness in his family, but we think this must be a mistake, as we find that on the same day, Monday, that the Mahone meeting was held here, he was in attendance upon a meeting in Fauquier where the Mahoneites and Republicans acted together. Though he should be attending to his duties as Auditor, he is busily engaged in electioneering for the nomination for Governor.

Mahone is the man he should electioneer with, for he may rest assured that the Convention of his party will nominate whom Mahone prefers.

If there be a contest outside of the will of Mahone, it is between Cameron and Massey, for we think that John S. Wise committed *felo de se* in the letter he had published some weeks ago, in which he described the white Republicans of Virginia in a manner which makes it impossible for them to support him unless they are willing to brand themselves as unworthy of all respect.

If Cameron should be the candidate, a rich record will be presented, and his remarkable inconsistencies as to the public debt will be exposed for the delectation of readjusters.

If Massey should be the candidate, he will have the difficult task of explaining to the negroes why he voted for the capitation tax. There is fun ahead.

The Mahone Meeting.

In its report of the proceedings of the Mahone meeting held in the court-house on Monday of last week, the *Valley Virginian* says that they "presented the appearance of having been nicely cut and dried beforehand." And this was no doubt the case. There was no need for the meeting, for S. Brown Allen could have done it all just as well without the meeting as he did with it.

It seems, too, from the statement of the *Virginian*, made on the authority of "a prominent readjuster," that "not a single delegate "in favor of Massey was appointed, showing that the delegation was packed against the Reverend Auditor who is so extravagantly lauded by the press and speakers of his party.

As it was useless to have a meeting here to appoint delegates, as S. Brown Allen could have done it as well without the meeting, so it is useless to hold a convention in Richmond on the 2nd of June, as Mahone can nominate a ticket as well without a convention, as he will do with it. It is no use to attempt to make such a show, as the people can see that Mahone manages the whole affair to suit himself. If he wants Massey for Governor, then Massey will be nominated, and if he wants Cameron, as we suspect he does, Cameron will be nominated, or if he prefers John S. Wise, then Wise will be nominated.

It is a useless trouble and expense to have a convention of that party, for Mahone will dictate the nominations and proceedings.

Mahoneite Meetings.

The Mahoneite meetings which have been held recently in different parts of the State have been attended by few and have been devoid of spirit and enthusiasm, and yet they are all reported in the Richmond *Whig* as large and enthusiastic.

The people of this county will understand this and know what credit to attach to such reports as published in that journal when we give them the caption which the *Whig* prints above the official report of the meeting held here last week as follows:—

"RE-ADJUSTMENT BOOMING—SENATOR MAHONE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED—DELEGATES TO THE JUNE COVENTION—ELOQUENT SPEECH BY S BROWN ALLEN, ESQ."

The official report states that the resolutions were adopted "unanimously," notwithstanding the fact that Mr. J. S. Craig and several others voted against the resolution endorsing Mahone, and Mr. Craig had moved that the vote on the resolutions be taken separately for the purpose of having an opportunity to vote against the resolution endorsing Mahone. But he and those who voted with him have been treated by the Chairman and Secretary of that meeting as nonentities, as they have been wholly ignored. "It is strange, passing strange."

PROSELYTES TO MORMONISM.—The Bedford *Sentinel* says that "some fourteen or fifteen persons started from the neighborhood of Stewartsville in that county recently for Utah, the land of many wives. They had previously been converted to the Mormon faith and of course desired to go where they could be Mormons in fact as well as in theory."

The Charlottesville *Chronicle* says that "it would have been more creditable to Gen. Mahone to march his division without arms into Butler's camp, during the war, and then lead them home on parole, than to persuade any respectable body of Virginians to follow him into the present Republican party."

In the United States Senate, Thursday, Mr. Butler made a speech, in which he introduced seventeen indictments to prove that there was a bargain between Mr. Mahone and the republicans in the proposed distribution of the Senate offices.

Mrs. Cornelia Dabney, of Richmond, Va., on a visit in Galveston, Texas, to her sister, was found dead in her bed Wednesday morning. Her death was caused by heart disease.

During a storm of hail and lightning at Louisville, Ky., Thursday, four boys, while playing base ball during school recess, were struck by lightning and killed.

Forty masked men entered the jail at Paris, Ky., Thursday morning, and shot to death John Winn, the murderer of Wm. Moreland.

Mahone, Sole Director and Controller.

The Alexandria *Gazette* says that if there be anything in Mahoneism, it is Mahone. No matter who furnishes the brains of his party, when furnished, he is the sole director and controller, and is strictly and implicitly obeyed in every particular. This being so, and nobody denies it, the General's recent assertion that the settlement of the State debt is not the primary object of his movement, would, it seems to reasonable people, deprive him at once of the support of every man in the State who does want the State debt settled, whether he be a debt payer or a readjuster. The desire to reduce and settle the State debt was the sole means by which General Mahone built up his organization, and now that those who were led off by him hear him say that the settlement of the debt is not the primary object of his party, they must, if they be sensible men, realize how grossly they have been deceived, and come back to the fold from which, in an unwary moment, they strayed away. They will be impelled the stronger to return to the democratic party by the additional fact that, instead of the settlement of the State debt being the main issue in the next campaign, as they supposed it would be, the chief object of the Mahoneites is the practical abolition of the capitation tax. Now of the large sum exacted of the white people to educate negro children, the portion of capitation tax paid by the negroes is all that they contribute toward that purpose, or, in fact, to any State purpose, and to abolish that tax will be to throw the entire burden of schooling the negroes upon the white people, whose taxes are already so grievous that they can hardly bear them. But this is not all, for if the poll tax be abolished every negro, no matter how worthless or how great a vagabond, will vote, and the State and all its interests be turned over to them and their few selfish white allies, who would as readily double the taxes to-morrow as they would repudiate the State debt to-day. The whole Mahone movement is a transparent humbug, and would be ridiculous were it not for the danger involved in it, owing to the ignorance and simplicity of the material upon which its demagogical leaders operate.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED FRENCH JOURNALIST.—Emile de Girardin, one of the oldest and most distinguished of French journalists and politicians, died in Paris Wednesday. He was the son of a nobleman, and took his father's name, although born outside of lawful wedlock. This circumstance, however did not put him to any disadvantage in his struggle for political distinction in Paris, and he became a sort of journalistic dictator, whose opinions shaped and controlled great historical events. He established more successful newspapers than any man of his day. It is said that it was mainly through his advice and persuasion that Louis Phillipe consented to abdicate the throne. He was a voluminous author, as well as a courageous and brilliant editor, and conducted a fashion paper and a monthly journal devoted to the art of cooking. His wife was a poet, dramatist and author, and wrote many popular novels and highly successful plays. Born at a period when most Frenchmen hated Great Britain, he cherished this sentiment of inherited hostility to "perfide Albion" throughout his long life. He was 75 years of age at his death.

SUSPENDED FROM THE MINISTRY.—Rev. Frank D. Moore, late pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Covington, Ky., has been suspended from "the office and all the functions of the gospel ministry." About a year ago Mr. Moore preached a sermon that was not in accord with the orthodox Presbyterian sentiment on the Sunday question, and gave great comfort to the the "Sabbath-breakers." For this he was cited to answer before his presbytery, and in the course of the investigation which ensued Mr. Moore publicly renounced the Confession of Faith as interpreted by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and recanted his ministerial vows.

SENSATIONAL PUBLICATIONS.—We observe that some of the papers that are disposed to seize upon everything that is sensational, are publishing absurd predictions of astrologists—not astronomers—as to the evils that will visit the earth during the next five years, among which is the plague that will depopulate nearly the whole earth. Such publications do great harm as they have a bad effect upon nervous and imaginative persons. The people ought to know in this era of enlightenment that astrology is not only false and absurd, but is an exploded "science so called," and no paper or person of any respectability should countenance its absurd pretensions.

ACQUITTAL OF WM. JAS. PETERS.—In Botetourt county on the 6th of March, Simon Paupaw was murdered by some unknown person. A few weeks ago, at the instance of detectives Wren and Fitch of Richmond, Wm. Jas. Peters was arrested, who had his examining trial on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday week at Fincastle, before Justices R. R. Lunsford, James N Figgat, John Ammen, and John Q. A. Kelly, and was acquitted. The Fincastle *Herald* says that "the detectives, Wren and Fitch, were badly shown up during the trial."

DEJARNETTE IN THE INSANE ASYLUM.—Jas. Thos Dejarnette, who killed his sister in Danville last July, and was recently acquitted on the ground that he was insane at the time, is now in the insane asylum at Raleigh, N. C., being a citizen of Guilford county of that State. He will be 21 years old on the 1st of next July.

About midnight on Tuesday of last week three men went to the residence of John Baker, near Mannington, W. Va., and shot at Baker through the window. They then entered, felled him with an axe, searched the house and obtained $300.

While excavating the site of a new college near Montreal, workmen found the bodies of two men. A hotel once stood there, and two wealthy lumbermen who stopped over in it one night were never afterwards heard of.

The body of Fredrick Watkins, of Volcano, W. Va., who had been missing since the 22d of February last, was found a few days ago in a gulch near Coal Bank run.

John Paul's Interview Reviewed.

The *National Republican* of Washington City, a rabid Republican journal, edited by Gorham, Mahone's candidate for Secretary of the Senate, in its issue of the 19th of April published at great length an interview with Paul, which was reviewed by sections last week by the Rockingham *Register*, from which we quote the following:—

5th. He [Paul] says he expects great results in Virginia in a material point of view "from the liberal, independent course pursued by General Mahone."

"Yes," says the *Register*, "great results will follow the turning over of the State government of Virginia to Mr Paul's liberal party, formed by an alliance of the Mahone fragment with the Republicans, 85,000 strong, nineteen-twentieths of whom are composed of colored voters. Yes, great results will follow, when ignorance shall reign supreme in our legislative halls; when taxation shall be imposed by men who pay no taxes, not even their capitation tax; when mixed schools shall be forced upon the people; when negro lunatics shall be associated in our asylums with the unfortunate whites confined there; when the laws prohibiting the intermarriage of white and colored shall be repealed and miscegenation shall stink in the nostrils of the people; when such men as the negro miscegenist Norton, and the negro social equalist Moss, shall direct legislation. Yes, then, then great results will surely follow, but they will be the results of a social and political pandemonium, paralyzing every material arm, dwarfing every material enterprise, blanching every cheek with terror. Then homes will be deserted, the plough will stand in the furrow, grass will grow in the highways, and the "rising and progressive young men" of Virginia will flee from the land of their fathers and from the graves of their ancestors as from a land cursed with ignorance, infested with thieves and robbers, and filled with the noxious vapors of incurable diseases.

But instead of Mr. Paul's praying that his people might ever be delivered from so dire a calamity, he is coolly and boldly pursuing a course which, if successful, will as inevitably bring about such a result, as that effect will follow cause. But so long as blood is thicker than water and self-preservation is implanted in the breast of man; so long as Virginians remain true to the faith of their fathers, and the "rising and progressive young men" of the State remain constant to the sacred name of woman; so long as our streams continue to murmur and our valleys to echo the fame of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, Lee, Jackson, and Johnston; so long as the grass grows green and the flowers bloom sweetly in sequestered spots, where inurned is the dust of sacred dead, just so long will this attempt to again ravage the South with local misrule, ignorance, and negro domination fail."

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD—CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE EXTENSION.—President Frederick J. Kimball, of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company, has let contracts for the construction of sixty-five miles of the ninety-five-miles extension southward from Waynesboro' to the Norfolk and Western. The contractors will begin at the ends and work toward the the middle. The parties covered by the new contracts are from Waynesboro' forty miles south, and from the Norfolk and Western, at or near Roanoke Station, twenty-five miles north. Mills & Bowland, McMahon & Green, Griffith & Purcell, Fairfax & Diffendal, Reynolds & Angel, Newcomb & Goodloe, Best & Murchler, Walton & Smith, Patrick Cogan and Johnson Rawlings are among the contractors receiving awards. The work is to be finished in October. It is quite possible that it will be all the construction necessary for the main line of the Shenandoah Valley road. Forty miles from Waynesboro' the road can strike the Richmond and Alleghany's Lexington branch, and by a trackage arrangement with that company use its rails to its junction with the main line at Balcony Falls, and from there follow the main line of the Richmond and Alleghany up James river as far as it is in the same line, which will bring it near to Buchanan. The contracts for building north from the Norfolk and Western cover all the ground necessary to meet the Richmond and Alleghany at Buchanan.

FIRE AT RONCEVERTE, GREENBRIER Co., W. VA.—We learn from the *Greenbrier Independent* that about 9 o'clock on Saturday night a week, the dwelling house of Mrs. Fannie C. Caldwell, (widow of Dr. D. C. B. Caldwell) was destroyed by fire. The fire, it seems, was caused by one of her children taking a lighted candle to an upper room in search of some needed article of dress, and either unconsciously dropping the snuff or bringing the blaze in contact with some combustible substance. The heavier articles of furniture were saved, but a part of the household stuff and nearly all of her own and her children's clothing was destroyed. The different Lumber Companies have generously given the material, and the carpenters of the place express a determination to erect a new house upon the ashes of the old one and re-instate her in as comfortable quarters as before the fire occurred. Her loss amounts to about $350—no insurance.

RIDDLEBERGER.—The Woodstock *Virginian*, of which Riddleberger is the editor and proprietor, in its issue of last Friday, says:—

"The contest over the election of Capt. Riddleberger for Sergeant-at-Arms of the U S. Senate bids fair to continue till the first of December It is now certain that he will not be abandoned or allowed to be defeated. It is in the power of his enemies to keep him out till that time; but he has learned in the school of adversity how to suffer and be strong."

Riddleberger is now experiencing the truth of the fact that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." He will never be Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

DEMOCRATIC READJUSTERS CAN SEE.—The fact that the course pursued by Mahone is endorsed by the *Valley Virginian* and other Republican papers as well as leading Republicans generally shows that he is not only acting with, but in the interests of the Republican party. This should be sufficient to convince every Democratic Readjuster that he should no longer follow him, or support his party.

Highland Readjusters.

The meeting in Highland County on Tuesday last which appointed delegates to the Mahone convention to meet in Richmond on the 2nd of June, had more the appearance of a Readjuster meeting than those which have been held in other parts of the State, for the participants in it did not stultify themselves by endorsing Mahone. This is very significant, for it shows that the readjusters of that county have no idea of being led or driven into the Republican party, and before the election in the fall they will see they cannot with consistency support the ticket that will be nominated by the Mahone party, for the canvass will show that to do so will be to aid the Republicans to get control of the State and not to readjust the debt, for they will find, as Mahone says, that the debt question is no longer considered a "primary one," and that the issue will be whether the State government shall be controled by a party composed of Democratic white people, or by a party the majority of whose supporters will be Republicans and negroes.

When they see this, as they surely will, the Democratic readjusters of Highland, as of other counties, will vote for the nominees of the Democratic convention, and show that they are Democrats in reality, and not in name merely, and that they cannot be made tools of to serve the purposes of Republicans whether open and avowed, or treacherously concealed under the mask of readjustment.

The Readjusters of Highland omitted to do what the Mahoneites of this county did—they omitted, or rather refused, to endorse Mahone—and they did two things which the meeting in this county failed to do—they instructed their delegates to vote for the nomination of Massey for Governor, and authorized Wm. H. Peyton of this city to cast the vote of that county for Massey in the event that none of the delegates or alternates from that county should attend the convention. A prophet is not without honor save in his own country, and the stone that was rejected by the builders of this county, has been made the head of the corner by the wiser builders of Highland.

When Mahone shall dictate the nomination of Cameron, the Readjusters of Highland will see how their wishes are respected.

STALWART REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING THE READJUSTERS SO-CALLED.—In his letter of the 27th of April to Geo. V. Case, a Republican, Capt. J. H. Rives, a prominent stalwart and debt-paying Republican, and Collector of Internal Revenue in the Lynchburg District, after stating that Mahone "had given assurances as to his *future* course which ought to be satisfactory to every Republican," says:—

"I see no reason why every stalwart Republican in the State should not give the Readjusters and their ticket a cordial and hearty support in the election this fall, if the platform adopted agrees with their present declarations."

The declarations of Mahone and his leaders are quite satisfactory to the stalwart Republicans, though debt-payers, and they will give them their hearty support. This is a nice dish for Democratic Readjusters, and many of them will refuse the "crow" fast.

ACCIDENT IN HANOVER.—A correspondent of the *Dispatch* says that, on Sunday of last week, Mr. E. S. Cardoza, who lives near Hanover Junction, met with a very serious accident. On returning from church at Taylorsville, and when nearly home, a young man rode rapidly up to his carriage. The mule that Mr. Cardoza was driving became frightened and unmanageable, and ran off, turning the carriage over and dangerously injuring the two ladies in the carriage. One of the ladies—his aunt, Miss Judy Cardoza, an old lady of eighty years—had her collar bone broken and was otherwise injured.—Miss Betty Garrett, the sister-in-law of Mr. Cardoza, was also badly injured. Mr. Cardoza also received several cuts and bruises about the head and neck.

FRIENDS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.—"The administration *has a friend in the Senate from Virginia and four Representatives in the lower House. These are Senator Mahone and Representatives Dezendorf, Jorgensen Paul and Fulkerson. The President will doubtless consult them all as to Virginia affairs.*"—*National Republican.*

And so, says the Lynchburg *Virginian*, we are gravely informed by the Mahone organ, that the Administration will have five friends in Congress, and classes Mahone and his lieutenants, Paul and Fulkerson, with Dezendorf and Jorgensen. They are all friends of an Administration that is laboring to destroy the Conservative party of Virginia and the South! What do the Conservatives of this State think of that?

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—Hon. M. P. O'Connor, Representative in Congress from the second South Carolina district, died at his home in Charleston Tuesday morning. He was a member of the Forty-sixth Congress, and was re-elected to the Forty-seventh Congress, although his seat is contested by E W. M. Mackey, the republican candidate. Mr. O'Connor delivered the oration at the centennial anniversary of the birth of Thos. Moore, held in the Academy of Music, in this city, May 28, 1879. He was of Irish descent, but was born in South Carolina. He was about fifty years of age.

DEMOCRATIC READJUSTERS.—Mr Browning one of the editors of the Luray *Advance* says that even Page county will probably vote for the regular Democratic ticket next fall. It is very evident that Democratic Readjusters will not follow Mahone into the Republican party. The Democratic Readjusters are beginning to see that the Readjuster party so called is now to be used by Mahone and his leaders to aid the Republican party to get control of the State and not to readjust the State debt, and they will no longer act with it.

DWELLING BURNED IN POCAHONTAS CO., W. VA.—We learn from the *Greenbrier Independent* that the dwelling-house of Mr. Moffett Beard, of Little Levels, Pocahontas county, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night last He saved about half his bedding and a little furniture. The fire originated in the kitchen—supposed from the cook stove. Loss, about $500.

19,029 sheep were reported to the Legislature of West Virginia as having been killed by dogs in that State during 1879.

The Valley Virginian's Distrust of the Mahoneites.

Mahone and his followers, though exhibiting a great deal of "new zeal" for the "principles and policy" of the Republican party, are distrusted by the *Valley Virginian*, that characterizes their professions as "mere clamor and blather," and gives them to understand that, before they can be received into the confidence of the Republican party, and receive its rewards in preference to those "Bourbon Republicans,"—as they are offensively styled by their new allies,—who have borne the heat and burden of the day, they will be required to give more "substantial evidence" of their sincerity than "mere clamor and blather." It says:—

"They will have to furnish some more substantial evidence that they are more sincerely liberal in their new zeal than those who have endured all kinds of proscription and ostracism because of their support of Republican principles, than mere clamor and blather to convince the country that "Bourbon Republicans" are not better Republicans than they are, and infinitely more to be trusted in carrying out Republican policy. "Republicans," whether classed as "Bourbons" or not, have higher claims upon their party than Democrats, whether ranging under the colors of Funders or Readjusters. As to the charge of holding office, the Bourbons plead guilty, and yet feel no humiliation, in the light of an honorable and creditable record, and faithful performance of duty."

Having in an evil hour left the home of their fathers—the Democratic party—to find the doors of the Republican party barred against them, unless they furnish "substantial evidence" that they are full fledged Republicans, they will be "left out in the cold," unless they act the part of wise men and speedily return to their only true home where they will be kindly received and hospitably entertained and feasted on the fatted calf.

Mahone's Future Course Defined by a Prominent Republican.

Capt. J. H. Rives, a prominent Republican and office-holder, being Collector of Internal Revenue for the Lynchburg District, in a letter of April 27th addressed to another Republican, Geo. V. Case, of Liberty, Bedford county, and published by authority of the author in the *Lynchburg News* of May 1st, says:—

"He [Mahone] has given us public assurances as to his future course, which ought to be satisfactory to every Republican. Previous to this we were left to doubtful rumors to judge of his future course, and were justified if we did not feel inclined to trust him with the interests of our party."

It should be borne in mind that Rives is not only a Republican but a debt-payer. Yet he is satisfied to support Mahone who claims to be a Democrat and a Readjuster, for he "has given assurances as to his *future* course which ought to be satisfactory to *every* Republican," however much the Republican may be opposed to readjustment? Those who will support the Mahone party in the next election will be voting in the aid of the Republican party, and in future elections will be known as Republicans.

SUMMARY OF LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.—In the fanatical riots in Khersan, Russia, one Jew was killed and a hundred houses belonging to Jews were pillaged.

French troops have repulsed another attack from the Kroumirs. The French have surrounded the Kroumir district. A plot to proclaim a holy war in Tunis has been discovered.

Albania is tranquil, except in spots.

Peace has been concluded between the cape government and the Basutos in South Africa.

A Galway bailiff was roasted over a fire until he swore he would resign.

The Earl of Shrewsbury, who ran away with another man's wife, was overtaken and flogged by the lady's relatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS WEEK.—The Washington correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch* says that "the Republican Senatorial Caucus Committee was in session Saturday, and it was agreed that there shall be an executive session on Tuesday [to-day] No contested nominations are to be considered, however, and the Chinese treaty will be taken up at once. Democrats say this is a back-down, and predict that the end of the dead lock is near at hand. Republicans say that while they will act upon nominations, they mean to contend, as before, for the resolution reorganizing the Senate. The Democrats are about right."

BOARDING HOUSE BURNED.—A special to the *State* from the University of Virginia says that the property known as Social Hall, owned by Miss Pauline Patton, and occupied as a boarding-house by Thomas H. Camp, was totally destroyed Saturday morning, with nearly all the furniture and clothing. The fire originated in the kitchen. No insurance. Mr. Royalty, a boarder from Lynchburg, fell with a broken ladder and was severely, but not dangerously injured.

HELPING MAHONE.—The Virginia Republican Association of Washington city Wednesday night adopted resolutions endorsing Senator Mahone, and declaring that it was not expedient for the republicans of the State to make a straight-out nomination this fall, and advocating union with the readjusters as the best way to defeat the democrats The association is composed principally of employes of the government.

Rev. Mr. Coates has been convicted in the Circuit Court of Campbell county, on the charge of having committed an outrage on his sister-in-law, who was less than 13 years old. He was refused a new trial and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

A colored woman has been arrested in Lynchburg, charged with having administered poison to the Rev. Dr. Bates and family through food which she had prepared. All the family were ill, but have recovered.

Mr. John C. Baldwin, a leading readjuster of Halifax county, has repudiated the Mahone republican alliance.

General Mahone's Washington organ terms the recent bloody shirt speech of Mr. Frye "the key note of the administration of Southern affairs" What do democratic Mahoneites think of that?—*Alex. Gazette.*

The Danger by which we are Threatened.

From an editorial of the Richmond *State* of the 27th ult., under the above caption, we quote the following:

"The whole object of the Mahone party, disguise it as they may attempt to, clearly is to obtain control of the State offices, as it is believed they have already secured the Federal patronage, by using the negro vote, in payment for which they will be compelled to give that race all the lesser places in the State, or the largest share of them, from the Lieutenant Governorship, or a Judge of the Court of Appeals, if not a Senator of the United States, down, in payment of their services. It was a fashion here in Virginia to commiserate the sad fate of our brethren in the extreme southern States where numerical negro majorities had to be overcome, and to admit that they were justified in using almost any means to maintain the purity of their society by keeping the political power in the hands of those who represented the wealth, intelligence, and moral and social worth and purity of the State, little dreaming that we ourselves should very soon be threatened with a similar peril. But, their ordeal passed, we could afford to be generous in our acts and kind in our expressions, for no longer danger threatened Virginia. We felt and so held that the southern white people after the withdrawal of the Federal troops were able to take care of their own State governments and keep them in the hands of the best people, and that therefore the solid South and its methods of necessity could be dispensed with; but we did not contemplate any such condition of things as has now happened We had no idea that any portion of our white people could prove recreant in their duty to their race and join with the men whose power we had broken, the negroes and Radicals of the State, to confound all our councils and destroy all our hopes of the future. But so it has happened, and we again find ourselves confronted by the same danger that menaced us in 1869, and from which we were only saved by a combination of all the best people of the State. And to this same means again are we compelled to look for safety,—to this same white race are we forced to appeal to save the Commonwealth now, nor shall we appeal in vain."

NO LONGER A PRIMARY ISSUE.—A remarkable declaration has fallen from the lips of Gen. Mahone, which we are surprised to see coming from that source, not, however, that we did not all along believe it to be the truth. Yet we credited Mahone with too much sense, as a politician, to make it. In an interview with the Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald*, Mahone said that "the debt question is no longer the primary one with his party, but a free and priceless ballot;" how do you like that language, Readjusters of Rockingham? "The debt question is no longer the primary one" with the Mahoneites; Mahone says so. Will you allow yourself to be transferred by this wily demagogue to the ranks of the Republican party? Will you be free and so act, or bow in humble submission to the dictations of Wm. Mahone? Last year we told you, warned you, where your leader was leading you, if you persisted in following him. Again we repeat the warning and now add that Mahone cares not the value of a fig as to the readjustment of the State debt, and has only used the party to advance his personal schemes for power and place. Will Democratic readjusters follow this bold, bad man into the Republican camp? Perish the thought; we will not, cannot believe it.

As we have before said, so we now repeat, that the debt question will be settled by either the Democrats or Republicans. Which? We believe by the Democrats. If settled by the Republicans, then you may begin to prepare yourself to pay *all of the debt in full, with interest at six per cent.* There is where Mahoneism is leading. Do you intend to follow? In our humble judgment the alarm will soon be taken by the great bulk of those who honestly composed the readjuster party, because they believed the leaders were as honest as the voters in reference to readjustment. Time has shown that they were not; that they were intent on securing office and political power, and now are ready to barter with the Republicans, or the devil if more propritious, to advance their aims and schemes.—*Old Commonwealth.*

It seems very strange to people North and decidedly disgusting to Democrats of Virginia, to see a State that is good for forty thousand Democratic majority represented in the U S Senate by "What-is-it" like Billy Mahone. But it is said that every dog has his day and Billy is having his.—*Dansville (N. Y) Express.*

According to a *Herald* interviewer Gen. Mahone says that the debt question is no longer the primary one with his party, but a "free and priceless ballot." That's easily accounted for. The "free and priceless" dodge is the one to scoop in the negro vote, without which Mahone would be without a party.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

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Schools, Churches, Societies, or Associations, contemplating making Excursions are advised to apply early so as to secure the days they require.

Special trains will be supplied when the numbers are large enough to require or justify them.

For dates and rates apply to the General Passenger Agent.

JOS. H. SANDS, Superintendent, Hagerstown, Md.

CHAS P. HATCH, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Hagerstown, Md. may3-2m

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Staunton, Va., May 2nd, 1881.

TO ALL THE CREDITORS OF JOHN B. BROWNLEE.

TAKE NOTICE—That in pursuance of a deed of trust, executed on the 25th day of April, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Augusta County Court, by John B. Brownlee to William A. Hudson, Trustee, I, as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, have been requested by said Trustee, to notify ALL CREDITORS of said John B. Brownlee, to appear before me, at my office in Staunton, on or before the—

1st day of July next,

and present and prove their debts.

By the terms of the said deed, any creditor failing to so present and prove his debt, within the time specified, will be deprived of all right to participate in the fund arising from the sales of the property conveyed in said deed Given under my hand this 2nd day of May, 1881.

JOHN M. KINNEY, Commissioner in Chancery.

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PROPOSALS.—As Commissioner appointed for the purpose, by the County Court of Augusta, at its last Term, I will, at my office in Staunton, on **Tuesday, May 31st, 1881,** being the 8th day of the May Term of said Court, receive proposals in writing, for making the road recently established between Staunton and a point on the New Hope road, about 300 yards N. E. of Mrs. Beech's. Said road commences at the intersection of Beverly street and the road leading to the old Fair Ground, thence over said road to the North bank of Lewis Creek; thence through the lands of the Valley R. R. Co., (old Fair Grounds,) A. W. Taylor, W.... H Weller, Mrs. John A Harman, and the McGuffin farm, to the point of intersection with the New Hope road above mentioned. ☞ Plans and specifications will be exhibited to bidders, at any time, upon application to me. JOHN G. STOVER, may3-4t Commissioner.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—We have over 4000 patent-stopper beer bottles out, charged to persons in Staunton, and Augusta County. *They belong to us*, no matter who has them, and must be returned or paid for, 10cts each. We need the bottles greatly, and hope persons who have any, and who are disposed to do the right thing, will send them in at once. may3-2t WM. L. BUMGARDNER & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPRING AND SUMMER

MILLINERY!

Permit us to call the attention of the public to our choice stock of SPRING and SUMMER

MILLINERY GOODS,

which are now ready for inspection, consisting of a full line of Trimmed and Untrimmed

Hats and Bonnets.

FRENCH FLOWERS, OSTRICH PLUMES and TIPS,

Satin Merveillens,

Broceded Silks, Gauzes, Ribbons, in all the new shadings. Everything in the line of TRIMMING.

Also a full and beautiful assortment of

NECKWEAR, &c.

Our stock in all the different lines is complete, and new shades and styles will be added as the season advances. We are prepared to sell our goods at the LOWEST PRICES.

☞ Orders will receive prompt attention.

Thanking the public for former patronage, we respectfully solicit a call from all.

MRS. D. A. SHEPHERD & FAGAN, No. 7 New St., Staunton, Va.

N. B.—GRAND OPENING of Pattern Bonnets and Hats, on **Friday and Saturday, May 6th and 7th.** may3 2m

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.—By virtue of a decree rendered by the circuit court of Augusta county, in the case of Loving vs. Loving, I will proceed, in Craigsville, on—

Friday, the 27th day of May, 1881,

to sell that valuable tract of land, containing **2050 acres,** known as the "Hunter's Tract," situated about one-half of a mile West of Craigsville.

This land is specially valuable on account of the timber and the convenience to the Railroad This tract is uncleared, and about one-half is heavily timbered—the heavy timber has been culled from the other half. The tract contains an immense quantity of the best timber, and thousands of cords of wood. The tract also contains a large quantity of pine saw timber, and a large portion of the tract is good land for agricultural purposes.

TERMS:—Cash in hand to pay costs of suit and sale, and the remainder upon a credit of one, two, and three years from the day of sale the day of sale—the purchaser giving bond with approved personal security, and the title retained as ultimate security. JAMES BUMGARDNER, JR., may3-tds Commissioner.

ICE! ICE! ICE!

Our Ice Wagon will commence delivering ICE in a few days, and for the convenience of customers and the public generally, we will have ice deposited at the following places:—

Mr. Valentine's, opposite Bumgardner & Co.'s, J. L. Timberlake's, in Gallowstown, and Daniel Crimmens', in Newtown, where every person can be accommodated when the wagon is not in town.

may3-3t A. D. WREN & SON.

TO THE PUBLIC.

TAKE NOTICE—That by certificate No. 16, there was issued to me on the 8th day of July, 1869, **Five Shares** of Common Stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio Rail Road Company. I have lost said stock and will apply to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company for a new certificate of said stock.

may3-2m GEORGE A. HANGER.

BIRTHDAY CARDS!

The most beautiful assortment ever brought to this city, can be found at

apr26 OLIVIER'S.

Wonderlick's Executor vs. Wonderlick's Heirs.—I shall proceed at my office, in Staunton, on *Wednesday, June 1st,* 1881, to take the accounts required by decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, entered in this cause March 16th, 1881. ☞ Creditors of the estate are notified to pre ent their respective claims to me, on or before the day herein first named. JOS. A. WADDELL, may3-4t Commissioner.

Orebaugh's Legatees vs. Orebaugh's Executors.—I shall proceed at my office, in Staunton, on *Tuesday, May 31st,* 1881, to settle further the accounts of Martin Orebaugh's Executors, &c., &c., as required by decree of the circuit court for Augusta county, entered November 26th, 1880, in this cause.

may3-4t JOS. A. WADDELL, Com'r.

WANTED—A SITUATION, by a middle-aged white man as GARDENER or any work around a gentleman's place, and his wife as Cook or Laundress. Address—

JAMES DEEGAN, Care P. E. Wilson, Staunton, Va.

may3-2t*

FOR RENT.—A good DWELLING HOUSE, containing 6 rooms, on St. Clair Street, Staunton, Va. Address or apply to—

may3-tf WM. L. LUSHBAUGH.

HAMMOCKS.

A fine assortment for Infants, Youths and Grown persons. VERY LOW, at

OLIVER'S BOOK STORE.

UMBRELLA.—The person who left an umbrella at the Hustings Court clerk's office can get it by paying fifty cents for this notice to the Clerk. may 3-1t*

LAND SALES.

SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS.—By virtue of a decree entered in the chancery cause of J. C. Riley's creditors vs. J. C. Riley's Adm'r and als., by the circuit court of Augusta county, we, the undersigned, will sell, on

Saturday, the 7th day of May, 1881,

at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court house in Staunton Va., the following property: A tract of land containing **8 acres and 27 poles,** on which there is a comfortable Dwelling House and all other out-houses, a blacksmith shop, good orchard, and garden. This property is situated two miles West of Staunton, at the forks of the Hebron Church and Parkersburg roads, and was formerly owned by James C. Riley.

The other tract of land consists of **1 acre and 3 roods,** adjoining the above property on which there is a good young orchard and good cistern, and is enclosed by a good fence. Wm. R. Bright is now in possession of this property.

TERMS—Enough cash in hand to pay costs of suit and sale, and the residue on a credit of six, eighteen, and thirty months, in equal instalments,—the purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security, bearing interest from the day of sale, and the legal title retained as ultimate security.

P. A. BAYLOR, W. E. CRAIG, apr12-tds Commissioners.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, rendered at the March term, 1881 in the suit of Agnes R. McClung's Ex'or vs. McClung's Legatees, &c., I will sell, at public auction, in front of the Court-house, in Staunton, on—

Saturday, the 28th day of May, 1881,

the following parcels of valuable real estate in the City of Staunton, viz:—

1. he HOUSE and LOT on the Southwest corner of Market and Frederick streets, and now occupied by Mrs. Walter as a residence.

2 The HOUSE and LOT on the Northeast corner of New and Prospect Streets, and occupied by Professor Hintze as a residence.

TERMS OF SALE.—Enough in cash to pay the costs of sales, and the residue in three equal annual payments bearing interest from the day of sale,—the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

G. M. COCHRAN, JR., apr26 tds Commissioner.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN AUGUSTA COUNTY.—As Administrator *c. t. a.* of Richard Summerson, and as Commissioner of Circuit Court of Augusta county, in the cause of Summerson's Adm'r vs. Summerson's widow and heirs, &c., the undersigned will sell, at public auction, in front of the Court house, in Staunton, on

Saturday, the 21st day of May, 1881,

the undivided half interest in that valuable farm near Swoope's Depot, known as Summerson's Swoope farm, on which Wm F. Summerson now resides, containing **260 acres,** with good buildings of every description.

TERMS OF SALE.—Enough cash to pay costs of sale, and the residue in four equal annual payments, bearing interest from day of sale; the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security, and the title retained as ultimate security. Personal security may be dispensed with if the purchaser pays in cash one fourth of the purchase price. Mr. Wm. F Summerson will show the property to any one desiring to see it before the day of sale.

WM. T. RUSH, apr19-5t Administrator and Commissioner.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE.—In purs