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Local Department.

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WOOD! WOOD!!—We want a few loads of good seasoned cord wood. Patrons wishing to pay their subscription in wood will please deliver it at once.

HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE.—This weekly periodical issued for boys and girls is full of merit. Every line of its 16 pages, every engraving that embellishes its columns sparkles and glistens, and in it all members of the household will find entertainment. As the season approaches when the public schools are to be closed, parents will find their cares lessened by placing in the hands of the little ones a copy, weekly, of this, the most meritorious and valuable publication issued in the interests of youth. As a safe guide and instructor it is of inestimable value. "The Cruise of the Ghost," relating the cruise of four boys in a small yacht—in a dense fog they drift to sea and meet with many adventures. Two new serials are begun in the issue of May 10th, "Susie Kingman's Decision," and a story of a May Party, written for girls. It is fresh and breezy. The Magazine and Young People will be sent one year for $5, or the latter alone for $1.50. A sample copy of the Young People will be sent on application to the publishers.

Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate, on draught, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S. may16-4t

DEDICATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH AT BRIDGEWATER.—The new and handsome Lutheran Church at Bridgewater, Rockingham co., will be dedicated on the 22nd instant. We learn from the Bridgewater *Journal* that "the Lutheran denomination will commence their services in the church on Saturday, the 21st day of May, 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The services of this first day of the meeting will be preparatory to the holy communion.

On Sunday morning, the 22nd of May, at 10 o'clock, the dedication sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, D. D., after which it is expected that several dedicatory addresses will be delivered; then a recess until 3 o'clock Sunday evening when services will be resumed by the delivery of a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Snyder, after which the communion will take place."

SNAKE STORIES.—The Greenbrier *Independent* which has a great *penchant* for publishing snake stories and which cannot resist the temptation to do so, even after exhausting its own credibility, has adopted the device of crediting its snake stories to the Staunton SPECTATOR, that its readers may have some confidence in their truth. It is only the notes of good banks that are counterfeited and the use made of the credit of the SPECTATOR by the *Independent* is a compliment to it, however it may reflect upon the *Independent*. Now give us a real good snake story, as we know you can, and would like to do in this snake reason, and don't be too modest to acknowledge the bantling of your own fertile brain, and we will take pleasure in publishing it. The *Independent* is the champion snake story teller and should try to retain the belt.

Nectar, Tonic, and Catawba Syrups, on draught, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S. may17-4t

OLD COIN.—Mr. M. M. Morrison, of Williamsville, Bath county, Va., called in last week and after paying his subscription a year in advance, he showed us a very ancient Spanish coin which he supposes is the "pistareen" of the value of 17 or 18 cents. It has a number of unique designs on it, and has inscribed on it—"Hispanianum Rex, Phillipus, V. D. G. R. S. II. J.—1722,"—making its age 159 years. It is about the size of the old English twenty-five cent piece probably not quite so thick,—and was found in the stair step of an old building more than 100 years old, the property of Mr. Mathew Wallace, of Bath county.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—On last Saturday during the storm that prevailed pretty generally over the county, the barn of Mr. Tisdale, about a mile from Folly Mills, was struck by lightning and destroyed. We have not learned the extent of the loss.

During the same storm in the same neighborhood, seven sheep belonging to James C. Cochran, Esq., were killed by lightning.

On the same evening and during the same storm the barn of Mr. David Gilkerson, near Parnassus, was struck and the hay in the mow ignited. It was, however, extinguished by Miss Rebecca Whitmore, and her brothers William and Daniel, whose presence of mind on the occasion deserves much credit.

MEMORIAL DAY.—Thursday, June 9th, has been fixed upon for the observance of Memorial Day, and Mr. A. C. Gordon selected to deliver the oration. The observances of the day, sacred to every Southern heart, will be similar to those of last year, and it is hoped that the ladies of the city and county will bear the day in mind and save their flowers.

Capt. C. Benton Koiner will act as Chief Marshal, with Col. Asher W. Harman, Capt. J. H. Waters, Capt. G. W. Swoope and Capt. Jas. N. McFarland as Assistant Marshals.

A REASONABLE REQUEST.—In view of the fact that an unusually large number of strangers will be in our city, in attendance on the General Assembly, and as the chapel of the Augusta Female Seminary is not large enough to accommodate both citizens and the strangers, Miss Baldwin makes the reasonable request that our citizens shall give way to the strangers during the commencement exercises on the 23rd and 24th inst.

Deep Rock and **Kissengen Waters**, on draught, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S. may17-4t

RELIABLE.—It is useless to deny the great curative effects of Simmons' Liver Regulator. It virtues are tested by thousands who have used the medicine, and it is now largely in demand. It commends itself to the public by its compound parts being entirely vegetable, no injurious effects from its use, being pleasant to the taste, and its operation on the Liver being perfect, at the same time so imperceptible that it interferes with neither business nor pleasure.

THE DOG TAX FUND.—We have been informed that the dog tax fund for the past year will fall short of the amount necessary to pay for all the sheep killed during the year, and that all farmers having claims against this fund must file them with the Clerk of the County Court on or before the 31st inst., if they wish to get their *pro rata* share of the fund. After that time no claims for sheep killed by dogs during the past year will be allowed.

IVY OR LAUREL ROOTS.—We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. H. W. Morrow, formerly a publisher in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Morrow has taken up his residence here in order to get Ivy roots for the factory in which he now holds a partnership. Being highly recommended we wish him all success.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures dyspepsia, indigestion and heartburn.
For sale by Dr. N. WAYT & BRO., Staunton.

DEATH OF A PHILADELPHIA MERCHANT.—Mr. Richard C. Rawlings, a prominent grain broker, died suddenly at his residence, No. 88½ Franklin St., Philadelphia, on the 7th inst.—He was in apparently perfect health the day before his death. It is supposed he died from congestion of the lungs. He was 35 years of age, and a prominent member of the corn and flour exchange, and a cousin of Mr. Wm. F. Wood, grocery merchant, of this city.

DEATH OF A CITIZEN OF BATH.—The Alleghany *Tribune* says that "Mr. Rusk Kincaid, a well known citizen of Bath county, Va., died at his home near Cloverdale Saturday morning, April 30th, 1881, in the 70th year of his age. He left a wife and five children. He was an earnest follower of the Lord and a member of the Presbyterian church. We extend much sympathy to the bereaved wife and children."

DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.—The Fincastle *Herald* says that Mr. Lewis Shuey died at his home, near Fincastle, Wednesday morning, (the 11th,) after a brief sickness, aged about 60 years. He had been troubled for some time with erysipelas, but his death was quite a shock to his friends. Mr. Shuey was a good man, and his death will be lamented by all who knew him.

WOODSON & ALLEN, the celebrated minstrels, formerly with Cancross and Dixie, will give an entertainment at the Opera House on next Friday night. This troupe has been here before and gave general satisfaction, and they now have with them Mr. Chas. Morris, the clog dancer, formerly with Haverley's minstrels.

The General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, which will commence on Thursday next, 19th inst., will probably be largely attended. All of the Synods but five have been heard from. The following is a list of the delegates, ministerial and lay:—

PRESBYTERIES.
Abingdon, Va.—Rev J N Noff, Dr R C Craig.
Arkansas.—Rev S W Davies, D D, Mr V H Henderson.
Athens, Ga.—Rev Jno B Morton, Mr R C Latimer.
Atlanta, Ga.—Rev J N Bradshaw, Mr T D Frierson.
Augusta, Ga.—Rev O P Fitzsimmons, Mr Robert Adams.
Bethel, S. C.—Rev H B Pratt, Rev W A Trenholm, Messrs. J N Withers and W H Withrow.
Brazos, Texas.—
Central Miss.—Rev J H Alexander, Mr D L Young.
Central, Texas.—Rev R M Tuttle, Mr Thos C Smith.
Charleston, S. C.—Rev Jno R Dow, Dr F M Robertson.
Cherokee, Ga.—Rev S E Axson, Mr J T Owen.
Chickasaw, Miss.—Rev W T Savage, Dr E A Cox.
Cheapeake, Va.—Rev L B Turnbull, Mr Geo Wise.
Columbia, Tenn.—Rev D L Wilson, Dr J M Towles.
Concord, N. C.—Rev E F Rockwell, Mr H C Hamilton.
Dallas, Texas.—Rev L B Chaney, Prof C M Lyon.
East Alabama.—Rev G W Maxson, Maj J M Buford.
Ebenezer, Ky.—Rev F M Lewis, Mr A C Armstrong.
East Hanover, Va.—Rev Theodorick Pryor, D D, Rev George D Armstrong, D D, Mr Thos Flournoy, Mr G P Haw.
East Texas.—Rev S M Luckett, Mr J W K Bryant.
Enorie, S. C.—Rev Z L Holmes, Dr J J Boozer.
Fayetteville, S. C.—Rev D D McBride, Mr J S McQueen.
Florida.—Rev B L Baker, Col J B Brown.
Greenbrier, W. Va.—Rev D S Sydenstricker, Mr S Clark.
Harmony, S. C.—Rev J Leighton Wilson, D D, Rev Jno G Law, Messrs J J James, Jerome P Chase.
Holston, Tenn.—Rev A W Wilson, Mr J W Rogan.
Indian Ter.—
Knoxville, Tenn.—Rev D Munroe, Mr J R Gaines.
Lafayette, Mo.—Rev J A Quarles, Rev J Scott, Dr Marsh, and Mr G M Francisco.
Lexington, Va.—Rev. P Fletcher, Rev F P Mullally, D D, Maj Wm M Tate, Col D S Bell.
Louisville, Ky.—Rev Stuart Robinson, D D, Rev F B Converse, Messrs W C Bullock, Wm Hamilton.
Louisiana.—Rev M B Shaw, Mr S P Greves.
Macon, Ga.—Rev H F Hoyt, Mr T W Flemming.
Maryland.—Rev J A Lafevre, D D, Mr G F Anderson.
Mecklenburg, N. C.—Rev S Taylor Martin, Rev E H Harding, D D, Messrs J C McLaughlin, W H Fitzgerald.
Memphis, Tenn.—Rev J B Carne, Mr T H Rice.
Mississippi.—Rev W B Bingham, Mr L Patterson.
Missouri.—Rev W W Trimble, Mr. C A Jennings.
Montgomery, Va.—Rev D W Shanks, Dr J J Moorman.
Muhlenburg, Ky.—Rev J L Caldwell, Mr Thos Green.
Nashville, Tenn.—Rev T A Hoyt, D D, Rev W Bryce Thompson, Messrs James N Wilkes, and C T Blair.
New Orleans, La.—Rev B M Palmer, D D, Mr W R Lyman.
North, Ala.—Rev A Penland, Mr R T Simpson.
North, Miss.—Rev Robt W Mecklin, Mr B H Palue.
Orange, N. C.—Rev Jno S Watkins, Rev P R Law, Messrs J A Alston, Sam'l Smith.
Ouachita, Ark.—Rev H M Munroe, Mr P A Pattilo.
Paducah, Ky.—Rev D O Davies, Mr W J Marshall.
Palmyra, Mo.—Rev Wm McCarty, Mr S A Lynn.
Paris, Tex.—Rev H B Boude, Mr J D Anderson.
Potosi, Mo.—Rev W M Stratton, Dr Munson Carr.
Red River, La.—Rev J T Davidson, Mr A H Davidson.
Roanoke, Va.—Rev R C Anderson, Mr Wm B Morton.
Savannah, Ga.—Rev J W Montgomery, Judge A H Hansell.
South Alabama.—
South Carolina.—Rev J B Adger, D D, Judge S P Dendy.
St. Johns, Fla.—Rev W H Dodge, Mr Calvin Gillis.
St. Louis, Mo.—Rev R P Farris, D D, Mr J J Johns.
Transylvania, Ky.—Rev Miles Saunders, Mr W H Beauchman.
Tombeckbee, Miss.—Rev J W Mosely, Mr T H Woods.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Rev D D Sanderson, D D, Dr J F Searcy.
Western District, Tenn.—Rev S C Caldwell, Mr M M Neil.
West Hanover, Va.—Rev H H Hawes, Mr P P Barbour.
West Lexington, Ky.—Rev E Forman, Dr J M Poyntz.
Western Texas.—
Wilmington, N. C.—Rev B F Marable, Mr M H Wooten.
Winchester, Va.—Rev A C Hopkins, Rev J A Scott, Messrs Joseph Van Meter, Giles Cook.

The officers of the Assembly are: Rev. Wm Brown, D D., Permanent Clerk; Rev. Joseph R Wilson, D D., Stated Clerk; Rev James K Hazen, Secretary; Rev R McIlwaine, D D., Secretary; Rev E M Richardson, Secretary.

Ice Cold Soda and Mineral Waters, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S. may17-4t

THE COUNTY LEVY.—As we anticipated last week, the Board of Supervisors made no change in the levy for county purposes, (although the assessment is lower by $750,000,) putting it at 10 cents on the $100, the same as last year, and 10 cents additional for county school purposes.

The District levies for school purposes were made as follows: Beverly Manor, 7 cents on the $100; Riverheads, 7 cents; Pastures, 10 cents; and North River, 10 cents.

As the Supervisors of Middle River and South River Districts were not present, no District School levies were made for those Districts.

The fish-ladder law has been generally complied with.

PROPOSED BUILDING FOR THE Y. M. C. A.—At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A., the following committee was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of erecting a building for the use of the Association, viz., H. D. Peck, chairman, J. H. Skinner, Wm. Rock, J. E. Graham, D. W. Landes, and A. F. Robertson. The committee will make their report to-night, (Tuesday,) at which time will be held the general annual meeting of the Association, when the officers for next year will be elected, and also two delegates to the International Convention, which will meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 25th inst.

J. E. GRAHAM.—Good **Roast Coffee** at 20c. per pound. Try it. may17-2t

A HANDSOME DISPLAY OF GOODS.—We neglected last week to call attention to the handsome display of goods at the notion store of Messrs George & Shumate on Main Street.—Besides their usual full stock of all kinds of notions, lingerie, &c., they added a full assortment of beautiful summer and spring dry goods, that will be sure to please the taste of the most fastidious. Their display of rich and handsome laces is one of the largest to be seen in the city and attracts the admiring attention of every feminine eye. Read their advertisement and give them a call.

Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate Syrups, on draught, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S. may17-4t

JUNE OFFERING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—In consequence of the meeting of the General Assembly here, the June offering in the First Presbyterian Church was made last Sunday, in advance of the usual time, and amounted to the sum of $1,300, which reduces the church debt, which was $5,000 on the 1st of April, to $3,700, which, in a few years more, will be wholly paid off. Homes have been provided for all who are expected to attend the meetings of the General Assembly.

Personals.

The nomination of Dr. Geo. K. Gilmer for Postmaster of the City of Richmond, was confirmed by the Senate on Friday.

The Shenandoah *Valley* says that J. C. Murphy, the efficient Depot Agent, at Mt. Jackson, Va., was tendered the position of Depot Agent at Staunton, Va., by the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., but declined the position, preferring to remain in his old position with his friends.

"WINE OF CARDUI" makes rosy cheeks and clear complexions.
For sale by Dr. N. WAYT & BRO., Staunton.

A BRUTAL ACT.—A negro man named Ham Stuart, hired upon the farm of Dr. Chapman in Rockingham county, was recently guilty of the brutality of knocking in the head a fine mare that he was driving in a wagon. It turns out that he struck the animal on the head with some heavy stick or other weapon breaking her skull, and then reported to Dr. Chapman that she had died with the botts. Such brutality should be severely punished.

REMOVAL.—The well-known firm of W. H. & M Page have removed their place of business from Augusta street to more commodious quarters on Main street, next door to Gabe Hirsh's, where they are now better prepared than ever, to furnish their customers with fine tobaccos, snuff, and cigars. County dealers in their line of trade will do well to remember that the Messrs. Page are now at No. 5 Eas Main Street.

LAND SALE.—Mr. T. S. Hogshead, ex'or., sold the Byers Dudley farm one day last week, to Mr. A. A. Crawford, at $33.00 per acre, equivalent to cash. The farm contained 150 acres.

Letter from Mt. Sidney.

[Regular Correspondence.]

MT. SIDNEY, May 14th, 1881.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The hardest thunderstorm of the season has been raging for the last hour, accompanied by wind and hail, but which was not sufficiently severe to injure the growing crops. The flashes of lightning were very vivid, and it rained as if all the stoppers had been pulled out, which was eagerly drunk up by the thirsty earth. The cool, refreshing breeze is very exhilarating.

Personal.—Miss D. Katie Weller, now at Mt. Jackson, daughter of our efficient Pastor, passed through town yesterday on a visit home to see her mother, who, we regret to learn, is in a precarious condition.

We clip the following personal from the last issue of the Shenandoah *Valley*, of New Market, Va., in reference to one of our rising and popular young men. We trust Mr. R. will prove acceptable to that congregation, and that his efforts in this his first field of labor may be crowned by the conversion of many precious souls:

"PERSONAL.—Rev. Geo. W. Rubush, Mt. Sidney, Va., arrived here Tuesday to take charge of the M. E. church as its pastor. He preached his first sermon Wednesday evening. He is unmarried, and will board at Mrs. J. H. Burke's. This is his first regular charge; no doubt he will prove a very acceptable pastor."

Mrs. Mary E. Rheard, of Harrisonburg, is visiting her step-daughter, Mrs. B. F. Rickard, of this place.

Deaths.—Again do we record the result of death's visits in the death of Mrs. Margaret J. Bowls, wife of Josephus Bowls, and daughter of D. M. Grooms of this place, which occurred yesterday evening, after a few days prostration, with scarlet fever. Her death is as sad as it was sudden.

She was in the 26th year of her age, and leaves two children, one of whom is about a week old. Her bereaved husband and friends have the sympathy of the entire community in this their heart-rending affliction. Her remains were interred this evening at 4 o'clock; services conducted by the Dunkard Brethren, of which church she was a consistent member for several years.

Also the death of Mr. Ellis Myers, of general debility, at his residence near Salem church, four miles west of this place, on Friday, May 13th, aged about 83 years.

Dots.—More rain is needed.
Fried chicken—new potatoes.
Peas, radishes, and doctor-visits.
Next to oil—butter.
Ugly caterpillars—beautiful butterflies.
Our town is as quiet as a salt fish.

P. A. R.

Meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

This national body of Mining Engineers of the United States will hold its annual meeting in Staunton, beginning on the 30th inst. It is composed of men of world-wide reputation, and their meeting in our midst is one of the most important incidents that has taken place in Virginia since the war. The Institute is composed of practical men, with an eye open to the many advantages that our country is bound to show to men of practical information, interested in and acquainted with the mineral formations so abundantly found in our immediate vicinity. This meeting will be an important one to Staunton, and she should put her best foot foremost to entertain, in a proper manner, these gentlemen, who will hereafter spread to the world the rich resources and valuable minerals, ores, &c., to be found in this portion of Virginia.

We are glad to see that our citizens are moving in the right direction, and are putting forth what efforts they can to welcome to our city the strangers who will be with us on the 30th inst.

In this connection, it gives us pleasure to publish the action taken by our citizens on last Thursday night, which, as reported to us by the Secretary, Mr. C. L. Cooke, was as follows:

A called meeting of the committee on entertaining the delegates to the "American Institute of Mining Engineers" was held at the Y. M. C. A. room, Mayor Baths in the chair.

On motion, C. L. Cooke was appointed Secretary.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bledsoe and adopted:

"That a committee be appointed by the chairman to appear before the City Council, and ask for an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses attending the entertainment of the delegates to the "American Institute of Mining Engineers," and that the same committee be charged with the duty of raising by subscription from the citizens of the city any sums, in addition to what may be appropriated by the City Council, necessary for the proper reception and entertainment of the expected visitors to our city."

The chair appointed the following gentlemen: Maj. H. M. Bell, T. C. Morton, C. L. Cooke, Dr. C. Berkeley, W. L. Lushbaugh, T. D. Ranson, W. L. Bumgardner, J. Witz, Maj. S. M. Yost.

On motion of C. L. Cooke, the chair appointed the following committee to make the necessary arrangements for entertaining the delegates, and to act in concert with the committee appointed by the Institute: W. L. Bumgardner, G. R. Frith, T. S. Doyle, A. N. Breckinridge, H. F. Lyle, J. H. Wayt, G. W. May.

Orange, Lemon, Raspberry, Strawberry, and Pine Apple Syrups, made from pure fruit juices, on draught, at DR. N. WAYT & BRO.'S.

DEATHS OF PETER WHITESELL AND HIS WIFE.—We learn from the Salem *Register* of the deaths of Peter Whitesell and his wife in Salem, Roanoke county within four days of each other. For the past six months Mr. Whitesell had been confined to his bed with a cancer in his face at his residence in Salem. His wife watched over and cared for him night and day, until about four weeks ago, when she, too, was taken down with disease and exhaustion. On Sunday morning, the 1st instant, she passed away, and was buried on Tuesday. And on Wednesday night her husband breathed his last.

Mrs. Whitesell, whose maiden name was Wright, was born in Rockbridge county in 1819. She died as she had lived, a pure, Christian woman, having been a member of the M. E. Church for over forty years.

Mr. Peter Whitesell, the husband, was born in Augusta county in the year 1812. He moved to Roanoke county in 1860, and has lived there ever since. He, too, was a Christian, having joined the Methodist church nearly fifty years ago. About two years ago a small sore was discovered on his left cheek, and in a short while it was pronounced a cancer. Every remedy was tried to stop its course, but all in vain.—About six months ago he was taken down with this dreadful disease, and suffered intense pain until death relieved him.

J. E. GRAHAM has another lot of LAKE HERRING—last of the season. may17-1t

SKILLFUL WORK.—We were shown last week a specimen of the work which Mr. J. Herbert Stiff is doing as agent for the Davis Sewing Machine Company in Tennessee. They were a doll's bonnet and hat, made of small strips of linen and sewed by Mr. Stiff on a Davis Sewing Machine without any basting. They are beautiful specimens of what can be done on a good machine by a skillful hand. The Davis Company have a right to gratulate themselves in having secured such an efficient and skillful agent as they have in our townsman, Mr. J. Herbert Stiff.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.—This attractive operetta will be given, under the direction of Prof. E. L. Ide, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of June, for the benefit of the Augusta Memorial Association for the Confederate Dead.

The ladies and gentlemen who have kindly consented to give it for this object are among our very best musicians, and a great treat is, no doubt, in store for our public, who will, we are sure, afford liberal encouragement, and make this laudable undertaking brilliantly successful.

"WINE OF CARDUI" cures irregular, painful, or difficult menstruation.
For sale by Dr. N. WAYT & BRO., Staunton.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On last Thursday evening, in getting off the cars at Edgehill, below Charlottesville, Mr. J. A. Proffit, a partner of Judge Cochran, of Charlottesville, in a sawmill and merchandizing at Bethel, about eight miles below Charlottesville, caught his foot under the wheels and had it very badly bruised, from the effects of which he died on last Sunday night at the residence of his sister-in-law in Charlottesville, to which place he had been taken after the accident.

A CORRECTION.—The *Vindicator* of last week published a notice that the Valley Mutual Life Association had, upon a revision of the count, decided that the premium which was given to Mr. E. L. Edmondson by mistake should have been awarded to Mr. P. W Strayer, of Harrisonburg. We learn from the Secretary of the Association that this was not so. Mr. Edmondson secured $2,000 more insurance than Mr. Strayer, and, therefore, was rightfully entitled to the first prize in the male department. *

THE WESLEYAN FEMALE COMMENCEMENT will begin on Sunday the 12th of June, with a sermon before the Christian Association of the Institute, and the literary and other exercises will be held on the three succeeding nights.

Bear in mind that Thornburg's is the place to get nice buggies and horses, hacks, &c. 1e22-tf

Important to Teachers.

To the White Teachers of Northern Virginia:—Most fortunately, I have been enabled to secure the services of Professor Edward Brooks, the distinguished Principal of the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa., who will conduct a normal institute of four weeks at Front Royal, Va., beginning on Tuesday, August 2d, at 4 o'clock, p. m. Dr. Brooks has been personally engaged in the work of training teachers for public schools for not less than 20 years. His Institution is one of the largest and best in the United States. He is a clear, lively, and practical lecturer. And what is also greatly to the advantage of the school, he will bring with him his own assistants; so that the course of instruction at Front Royal, will be harmonious, practical, and complete.

Dr. Brooks is also well known as the author of a fine series of Arithmetics, and of a valuable work on Normal Teaching.

Thus we have offered to the teachers of Virginia, and especially of Northern Virginia, an opportunity such as has never been surpassed for learning the principles of their profession, and also the best methods of teaching the different branches, and of organizing and managing a school.

It is probable that the Normal Institute will be somewhat graded, so that the teachers who may attend will have the opportunity of receiving special instruction in the branches which they respectively teach in the higher as the lower grades of our public schools. On this point, however, detailed information will be given hereafter. Inasmuch as the school at Front Royal will not be able to accommodate much over two hundred persons, whilst thousands will be invited to attend, there will, in case of an excessive number of applications, be an equitable division of the privilege among the counties. It will be well, therefore, for persons wishing to attend, whether from public or private schools, to send in their names promptly, not to this office, but to their respective County and City Superintendent of schools, who will forward the lists to this office on the 1st day of June. We want the names of only such as will be present from the first day of the school to the last. Accepted applicants will soon thereafter receive a circular, giving such detailed information as they may need to have in advance of leaving home.

Boarding can be had in Front Royal at the maximum price of $12 for the four weeks. It is hoped that in the neighborhood at least, it can be afforded for still less. In respect to boarding, communications should be addressed to Supt. G. E. Roy, Front Royal, Warren county.

The Institute will be conducted on the general plan of that at the University last summer; namely, expository lectures, followed by class-room practice. This school, however, will be more exclusively professional in its character. There is no teacher who cannot afford to attend this Institute, because the amount of pecuniary sacrifice required is the merest trifle, in comparison with the benefit to be derived. W. H. RUFFNER,
Supt. Public Instruction.

N. B.—Applications will be received only through County Superintendents.

We publish the above as a matter of interest to all teachers, and would say in this connection that Charles Grattan, County Superintendent, who has sent the above circular to all whose post office address he has been able to obtain, requests us to say that it is important that he should have the names of all who desire to attend by the 1st of June, as the names of applicants must be forwarded at that date.

Adam Kurtz, a brother of John R. Kurtz, of this city, died in Nelson county on April 14th, 1881, aged 70 years and 10 months. He was long a citizen of this place, and had been living near Sherando until recently.

The Staunton Female Seminary Commencement will be held June 7th at 10, A. M. The patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend. The Commencement Sermon will be preached on Sunday night previous.

Rev. J. I. Miller attended the examination of the theological students at Salem, Va., last week. Three young men having completed the course, and sustained a satisfactory examination, were graduated.

If you want a nice buggy and horse, hack, spring-wagon, or anything in the livery line go to Thornburg's. 1e22-tf

FIRE.—The farm buildings of Captain Frizell, of Brookhill, near Charlottesville, were destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon last at 2 o'clock. Some loose fodder was observed to be on fire, and before it could be reached, had spread to a very large new building containing fodder, shucks and straw and a threshing machine, and implements. In a few minutes the flames were beyond control, and spread to other buildings, destroying a new five-stalled stable, a ten-stalled stable and hay loft above, a corn-house containing fifty barrels of corn, another corn house containing over one hundred barrels of corn of the finest description, besides tools and implements and numerous effects. Everything was totally destroyed, and Captain Frizell was uninsured. The force of the flames was so great at one time that the barn of Mr. Beasley, on the adjoining farm, several hundred yards distant, caught fire, but was fortunately extinguished in time to save it, and several other buildings at long distances, were only kept from destruction by water and careful observation.—*Char. Chronicle, 13th.*

LIQUOR LICENSE.—In vacation, on Thursday, 28th April, 1881, Judge Blair, as Judge of the circuit court of Botetourt county, reversed the decisions of the Judge of the county court of that county, denying licenses to W. B Haythe and J. W. McCormick. These reversals were on appeals allowed the disappointed applicants under sec. 2, chapter 155, Acts of Assembly, 1879 '80. That section says that if the county court, after hearing all the testimony for and against the applicant, be fully satisfied that the place of business of the applicant is suitable and convenient, and himself a fit person to be entrusted with the privilege to keep an ordinary, a bar-room, &c., then the county court *shall* grant the license; and on refusal the appeal is allowed. It is a notable fact that prior to 1872 the language of the law was, "*the county court may grant the license.*"—*Salem Register.*

DATES AND DEPTHS OF SNOWS.—The Rockingham *Register* has been furnished by Emanuel Royer, Esq., of Harrisonburg, with the following dates and depths of the snows which fell in that place during the winter just passed:

1880—November 13, 1 inch; November 20, ½ inch; November 25, 1 inch; November 26, 2 inches; December 20, 24 inches; December 25, 4 inches; December 28, 2 inches.

1881—January 2, 4 inches; January 4, 1 inch; January 9, 2 inches; January 11, 3 inches; January 21, 1 inch; January 31, 1 inch; February 1, 1 inch; March 2, 4 inches; March 9, 1 inch; March 25, 5½ inches; March 20, ½ inch.
Total, 58½ inches.

THE COALITION CONSUMMATED IN BOTETOURT.—From the proceedings of the public meeting held here last Monday of the Republicans and the Readjusters, which we publish this week, it will be observed that the disguise has been thrown off and that the Republicans and Assistant Republicans have joined forces and united to fight under the same banner. The two parties publish to the world what we have frequently charged and what they have frequently denied: that the interests and designs of the two were identical; and now that they have thus arrayed themselves against their common enemy, the Democratic party, our citizens may beyond cavil make sure of their status.—*Fincastle Herald.*

CATTLE KILLED.—On Friday night last, seven head of cattle, three cows and four heifers, belonging to Mr Ballard, of the Greenwood neighborhood, were killed by an eastern bound train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad.—The cattle had strayed from home and were on the track near Blair Park. One of them, we understand, was carried on the pilot nearly to Crozet. Mr. Ballard had no other cattle, and the loss will be severe on him.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

The Springfield *Republican* says:—"Gorham has become a rotten stench in the nostrils of the people;" to which the Memphis *Appeal* responds:

"Well, what must Mahone be? Gorham managed the corrupt bargain, and Mahone acknowledged the responsibility for Gorham's nomination. The stench is pretty general, reaching from the Virginia Readjuster to John Sherman & Co."

Gorham is as much Mahone's candidate as Riddleberger is, and if the Republicans drop him, they will be likely to incur the wrath of the Boss. It must be confessed, too, that appearances now indicate the defeat of both Gorham and Riddleberger. So mote it be!—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ELECTION DAY—THURSDAY, MAY 26TH.

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TO THE VOTERS OF MIDDLE RIVER DISTRICT.—In reply to the published call upon me to submit the use of my name for the post of Supervisor, I have only to say that if you should elect me to that position, I shall try to serve you faithfully.
may 17-1t WM. H. MOORMAN.

We are authorized to announce Jos. N. BYAN as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta county.
apr26 tde

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:—
I respectfully announce myself a Candidate for re-election to the Office of Clerk of the County Court of Augusta.
ap26-tde WILLIAM A. BURNETT.

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The debt question is not now the "primary" question with the Readjusters, says the Boss. Remember that, Readjuster Democrats! The great object now is to overwhelm the Democratic party and break the Solid South. Is that the sort of Readjustment for which you have been contending?—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

A Losing Joke.

A prominent physician of Pittsburgh said jokingly to a lady patient who was complaining of her continued ill health, and of his inability to cure her, "try Hop Bitters!" The lady took it in earnest and used the Bitters, from which she obtained permanent health. She now laughs at the doctor for his joke, but he is not so well pleased with it, as it cost him a good patient.—*Harrisburg Patriot.*

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!
Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it.—There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.
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MARRIAGES.

LODTMANN—CLINEDINST.—In Baltimore, on the 6th inst., by Rev. A. Krause, William Lodtmann, of New York, to Lillie K. Clinedinst, of Staunton, Va.

MILLER—STRICKLER.—On the 5th of May, by Rev. J. E. Seneker, Mr. Michael Miller to Miss Mary J. Strickler, all of Shenandoah co.

DAY—GRIM.—On May 5th, at J. F. Hutchinson's by Rev. G. T. D. Collins, Mr. Henry Day to Miss Elizabeth Grim, both of Shenandoah.

ROGERS—WADE.—On the 3rd inst., at the residence of Mr. Morgan Wade, on Anthony's Creek, by Rev. M. May, Mr. George M. Rogers, of Pocahontas county, and Miss Hulda F. Wade, of Greenbrier county, W. Va.

MCCUTCHEN—TRIMBLE.—On April 13th, at the residence of the bride's father, in Monroe co., Mo., by Rev. J. M. Travis, W. T. McCutchen, late of Rockbridge county, Va., and Miss Manie Y., only daughter of James W. Trimble, formerly of Augusta county, Va.

WISE—SAUFLEY.—On the 12th inst., by the Rev. Lawrence Hensell, Mr. A. U. Wise to Miss Elizabeth Saufley, all of Rockingham co.

DEATHS.

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

VARNER.—In Hardy county, W. Va., at the residence of her son, Mr. H. G. Miller, of paralysis, Mrs. Mary Varner, in the 85th year of her age, mother of Mrs. M. J. Scheffer, of this city. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a devoted mother and affectionate wife, and died a triumphant and glorious death, in peace with her Savior.

CAMPBELL.—On the 1st instant, on Sinking Creek, in Greenbrier county, W. Va., Mrs. Margaret Campbell, wife of Dr. Wm. Campbell, and daughter of Mr. John Irvine, aged about 30 years.

FOSTER.—Suddenly, at the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Alleghany county, Va., on Sunday, the 8th of May, Mrs. Dorothy Foster, in the 78th year of her age.

CHAMBERS.—At his home, near Peterstown, Monroe co., W. Va., on Thursday, the 5th inst., of Measles in aggravated form, Mr. Rufus Chambers, aged about 60 years.

JACKSON.—At Ottobine, Rockingham county, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Mrs Mariah Jackson, wife of Col. Thos. A. Jackson, in the 71st year of her age. Her remains were buried at Bridgewater, on Thursday, the funeral sermon being delivered by Rev. J. F. Kemper of the Baptist church.

GIBBONEY.—At his residence in Wytheville, on Tuesday last, May 10th, Capt. John H. Gibboney, aged 43 years.

THE MARKETS.

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" Fults	1 10@1 13
Corn—White	46@ 48
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Buckwheat—per lb	2@ 2
Butter	20@ 23
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