Staunton Spectator.

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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.

Personals.

H. H. Riddleberger, of Shenandoah, passed through Staunton last Saturday.

Dr. Geo. B. McCorkle, of Covington, has been appointed Coroner for Alleghany county.

Rev. J. I. Miller, of this city, will preach at the Lutheran church in Harrisonburg next Sunday.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. A. Bickle who is at the Red Sulphur Springs, is very much improved in health.

Mrs. W. S. Plumer and daughter are spending the Summer in Staunton at Mrs. N. K. Trout's.

A call from Fairfield and Timberidge, in Rockbridge county, has been extended to Rev. Alfred Jones, late of Old-Street church, Petersburg, Va.

Dr. J. R. Bowman, Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Harrisonburg, has been granted by his congregation a month's leave of absence in which to rest and recuperate.

Prof. Charles E. Young, Principal of the flourishing Female Institute at Paris, Ky., who has been on a visit to his father, D. S. Young, Esq., has returned home, accompanied by his daughter and her friends from Paris.

The Baptist congregation of this city has granted their Pastor, Rev. J. M. Frost, a month's leave of absence, which he will spend on a tour through the North. He left yesterday for Richmond.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society on last Saturday, Hon. A. H. H. Stuart was elected President, and W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, was elected Second Vice-President.

We learn from the Rockingham *Register* that Mr. Graham H. Harris, son of Hon. J. T. Harris of Harrisonburg, has become associated with an extensive law firm in Chicago, and will take up his residence in that city this fall.

Miss Laura J. Strasburg, sister of Mr. D. E. Strasburg of this city, left on yesterday for Richmond, Indiana, on a visit to her brother, James M. Strasburg, Professor of Natural Sciences in the High School of that city.

We had the pleasure of a call on yesterday by Mr. G. Watson James, the talented Editor of the Richmond *Standard*, which, by the way, is the best literary paper published in the South, and should be in every family.

Mr. John Sitlington, of Deerfield, accompanied by his wife, is at "Lone Fountain." This retired resort in West Augusta is growing in favor with people of the neighborhood, and already there are a number of cottages on the grounds.

Alexander Hunter, widely known over the *nom de plume* of "Chasseur" as a most lively and interesting writer, was in the city last week, on his way from the White Sulphur to the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead at Culpeper on Thursday last.

Local Briefs.

They trains going west are daily crowded with visitors to the Springs.

Watermelons and Cantaloupes are numerous in our markets. They come from below Richmond.

Millions of grass-hoppers are devastating the farms in Rockingham in the vicinity of Dale Enterprise.

The wheat crop though short in quantity will almost make up for the deficient yield in excellent quality of the grain.

The heavy rain of Friday was accompanied by high wind in portions of the county, which completely prostrated the corn.

The darkness in Staunton, on Friday, during the storm, was only rivalled, we are told, by that on a Friday many years ago, which is still spoken of as the "Black Friday."

The rain of Friday was of great service in effectually cleaning up the gutters, alleys, and sewers of our city. It did more good in fifteen minutes than the city hands could possibly do, in fifteen weeks.

The excursion of the Fire Department on last Thursday to Harper's Ferry, was not so large as it would have been but for the rain which began to fall between five and six o'clock that morning. However those who went had a most delightful time as it had not rained at Harper's Ferry. They speak in the highest terms of Park Island as a place for enjoyment, and all returned well satisfied with their trip, except those disciples of Isaac Walton, who only brought back recollections of the fish they did not catch.

GRADUATION GRADATIONS.—Judging from the way in which the sweet girl graduates have been arraying themselves heretofore, we feel sure they have read the following probabilities as to the future effect of their commencement costumes, but we will publish it anyhow:—

An Ohio paper says that a young lady who graduated in a calico dress a few years ago is now married to a railroad superintendent who has an income of half a million a year. This may be taken as a basis for the regulation of a graduating dress hereafter. Had she worn alpaca she might have done even better, and caught the general manager of the road. On the other hand had she bloomed forth in a white swiss, she might have captured the President of the concern, with his untold millions, while, had she worn silk, with point lace and diamonds, she might have scooped in the conductor of a passenger train, and had onyx staircases and alabaster stairs to her house, and cut the wives of the officers of the road as society altogether too thin for her style. This thing ought to be a lesson to girl graduates and a sharp warning to patronize their tailors liberally.

Forty years' trial has proved "BLACK-DRAUGHT" the best liver medicine in the world.
For sale by Dr. N. WAYT & BRO., Staunton.

HEAVY LOSS OF LUMBER BY FIRE.—On Monday night last, 18th inst., between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, the dry kilns of Mr. James Keister, situated near New Erection, in the Western portion of Rockingham county, were totally destroyed by fire, and about 20,000 feet of lumber burned to ashes. Geo. W. Linaweaver, Esq., who lives very near the dry kilns, was the first to discover the fire, but it had so far advanced that it was utterly impossible to extinguish the flames. Mr. Keister's loss is estimated at not less than $400, and will fall very heavily upon him. Mr. Christian Brunk also had about 500 feet of lumber burned, it being stacked near by. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks blown into the grass and leaves around the kiln.—*Rockingham Register.*

RAPID GROWTH OF GERMAN CARP.—We have frequently called the attention to the German Carp as a fish specially adapted to the farmer for raising as a food fish in small streams or ponds. From the Winchester papers we learn that in April last, Mr. E. R. Thatcher received from the U. S. Fish Commissioner a lot of German Carp, the largest of which at the time he received them was not more than two inches long, and would not weigh more than two ounces. He placed them in the dam at his paper mill, and, when the water was drawn off recently for the purpose of cleaning the dam, the largest of the fish was found to be ten inches long, and weighed one pound, and not one fish in the lot under eight inches. This extraordinary increased was made in less than three months.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" makes chills and fever impossible.
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SCHOOL PICNIC.—A correspondent at Meadow school writes us, that although it has been regarded as a difficult matter to keep up a school there for five months, under the excellent conduct of Mr. Wm. A. Snead, the past session of five months was fully completed, to the great satisfaction of the patrons of the school, and they desire that he may have charge of the school the next term. The patrons showed their appreciation of the labors of their teacher, by giving the children of his school a picnic on the 13th inst., which was attended by over one hundred persons, and a pleasant time was greatly enjoyed by all. Addresses were made by Rev. —— Withrow, Rev. Wm. Treavy, and Rev. John N. Lockridge.

Publications Received.

The midsummer number of Scribner's Magazine, like the one of last year, is a most attractive number, filled from beginning to end with valuable and readable articles, many of which are elegantly illustrated. Among its contents are the Isle of Peace, Aquidneck upon which stands the town of Newport; The Daughter of Henry Sage Rittenhouse; By the Sea in Normandy; Ice Yacting on the Hudson; Poetry in America; A Little World—one of the "Five Islands" extending from the mouth of the Teche to Atchafalaya; Robert Fulton's Experiments; The People's Problem—a People's government; Peter the Great; Queen Titania; A Day with Uncle Remus; The Village Convict, and a full editorial department.

Harper's Magazine for August is a royal number and with a few exceptions the articles are of a high standard. The condensed monograph upon the Yorktown Surrender and the events preceding and leading up to it, is well and graphically written, and in itself is worth the price of the subscription. It is handsomely and profusely illustrated and among others of interest contains the following articles: A Day in Africa, The White Mountains, a Neglected Corner of Europe, Water Routes from the Great Northwest, Assassins and Nihilists, President Madison and the Baptist Preacher, and a full editorial department.

Blackwood's Magazine for July, from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay St., New York, is to hand. Its contents are: Besieged in the Transvaal, The Defence of Standerton; Reminiscences of Prison Life; The Land of Khemi; The Private Secretary; A French Lady and her Friends; King Bemba's Point, a West Africa Story; Recollections a la Fourchette; Tunis; The Late Andrew Wilson.

The 1st paper upon the Land of the Khemi in the last number was most delightful reading, and the 2nd paper in the present number holds out the promise of being equally interesting.—The Defence of the Transvaal throws much light upon the recent war with the Boers in South Africa.

Andrews' American Queen appears with a new heading, which is very artistic and striking. The journal—the recognized society newspaper of America—has pursued its steady march to high excellence ever since its initial number. As a striking picture of the fashionable life on this continent, its columns are marvelous in their exactitude. With correspondents at almost every watering-place, it keeps its readers posted on the galeties that take place all over the land. "Andrews' American Queen" has come to be an indispensable adjunct of American society, the ladies searching its columns as eagerly for society news as the most inveterate "bull" or "bear" does the reports of the Stock Exchange. Aside from its specialty, the literary features of "The Queen" and its illustrations are of the rarest merit.

If you want a nice buggy and horse, hack spring-wagon, or anything in the livery line go to Thornburg's. je22-tf

Recreation Record.

Capt. W. A. McCue is at Capon Springs.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt, pastor of the Augusta (Old Stone) Church, has been sent by his congregation to Rawley Springs for a two weeks' rest.

Among the Staunton visitors at the Rockbridge Alum Springs are Mrs. Robert Burke, Mrs. T. A. Bieksoe, Mrs. J. T. Byers, Mrs. Fanny Tams, Miss Fannie Tams, Miss Nettie Foster, Mrs. T. D. Ranson, Mrs. Straith and Miss Barry and niece.

Mrs. J. N. Ryan and family are at the Warm Springs.

Mr. P. H. Trout and family are at the Cold Sulphur.

The White Sulphur has over one thousand guests and increasing arrivals daily.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty is recuperating at the White and writing up his experiences, which are interesting and very readable. The water seems to exhilirate his humor as well as strengthen his physical system.

Ladies at the watering places are amusing themselves this summer by making bead embroidery on laces as trimmings for their autumn dressés. This is done by taking any desired leaf for a model and cutting one by it in lace and following the leaf tone of coloring in amber or illuminated beads, until, as a result, they have an autumn or bright-hued leaf in perfect beauty. From this leaf may be suspended pendants or strings of beads in the same hues, forming a most lovely fringe with an autumn leaf heading, producing a charming effect.

Death of William Crawford, Esq.

In the death of William Crawford, Esq., at his residence, near Augusta (Old Stone) Church on last Thursday night, the county of Augusta lost a most estimable citizen, the Augusta Church a valued and faithful office, and his children a loving and much loved father. For sometime past he had been failing from the effects of several strokes of apoplexy and about a week before his death he grew worse and became unconscious, in which condition he remained until he breathed his last about 12 o'clock on last Thursday night, aged fifty-nine years. He had been a ruling Elder in the Augusta Church for many years and was familiarly and affectionately known as "Elder Billy." He had also served the county for many years as a Magistrate and as a member of the Board of Supervisors, in which capacities he was always faithful to his trusts and diligent in the performance of his duties.

The funeral services were conducted from the Augusta Church on last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Alexander Sprunt assisted by Rev. J. R. Bowman, of Harrisonburg, and were attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

Bear in mind that Thornburg's is the place to get nice buggies and horses, hacks, &c. je22-tf

THE ILLUSTRATED SCIENTIFIC NEWS.—The July issue of the Illustrated Scientific News teems with interesting illustrated articles, a few of which are as follows: The Doblear Telephone; Glass Grinding Machine; Ancient Pottery from Cyprus; Mechanical Larynx; Pleasure Car of the Days of Louis XIV; Amateur Mechanics; The remarkable Palmyra Palm; Curious Fishes; Illustrations, explaining the bursting of Fly Wheels; A Velocipede Carriage. In addition to the numerous engravings, there is a large number of interesting, useful and practical papers, relating to various departments of popular science. This is one of the most elegantly printed and valuable periodicals.

Sold by all newsdealers. Published by Munn & Co., 37 Park Row, New York.

STILL ANOTHER COMET.—Prof., Swift, Director of the Warner Observatory, Rochester, N. Y., has just verified the discovery of another comet, in the Constellation of Auriga, made July 14th, by Prof. J. M. Schaeberle, of Ann Arber, Mich. This new comet is apparently coming directly toward the earth, and, for a telescopic comet, is very bright; indeed, it can readily be seen with a good opera glass. It is quite remarkable that it should be in just the spot where the present large comet was first seen by the naked eye in this latitude, and it shows that the two bodies must have crossed each other's paths. This makes the fourth comet discovered within ten weeks, a circumstance heretofore unkown in history. Prof. Schaeberle has duly filed his application for the Warner prize of $200, and as yet he is the only claimant.

R. W. G. M., T. J. Crowder, I. O. O. F., of Staunton; Past Grand Master E. B. Branch, of Petersburg, Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge; Dr. Wm. J. Points, Dist. Dep. G. M.; J. S. Lewis, N. G., of Valley Lodge; T. J. Rutherford and J. K. Smith, of this place, went to Bridgewater on Tuesday evening on a fraternal visit to Lodge No. 20. After the Lodge business was through several hours were spent in social intercourse and discussion of an excellent collation prepared for the occasion, and a most pleasant evening was spent.—*Rockingham Register.*

LEG BROKEN.—On Monday evening last, 18th inst., during a friendly tussle between two young men, one of them, Mr. Peter Byerly, of Pleasant Valley, fell and broke his right leg just above the ankle. A number of such accidents have occurred in this place within a few months past, and it is time persons were learning something by experience about this thing of sparring and tussling. Mr. Byerly's injury is severe and he will be confined sometime probably. He was promptly attended and provided for.—*Old Commonwealth.*

KILLED.—Thomas Sargent, a native of Fort Spring, West Va., and brakeman for Captain Grooms, of the way-freight, was killed Tuesday last in attempting to make a coupling at Tuckahoe station. One of the cars was loaded with lumber, the ends of which projected, coming in contact with the unfortunate young man mashing his head into a jelly and scattering his brains in every direction.—*Alleghany Tribune,*

Waynesboro' Items.

[Condensed from South River Advertiser.]

The engine house of the S. V. R. R., is being painted.

Mr. John Garner's eyes-sight is being rapidly restored.

Misses Emma Prufer and Mollie Jesser, of Staunton, are visiting their friend Miss Bettie Alexander.

The horse of Rev. C. Beard ran off recently and smashed his buggy to pieces.

It is rumored that an iron-furnace is to be built at Mountain Top at an early day by northern capitalists.

Messrs. Antrim & Co., have sold the dry goods department of their store to Mr. W. M. Chew.

The house of Mr. Jas. W. Weed, about 5 miles below Waynesboro', was burned Wednesday evening. The fire started from a spark falling on the roof and as there was nobody at home but the wife of Mr. Weed and her children, the fire gained such headway that it could not be extinguished when help arrived. The furniture was mostly saved.

The house is well known as having been the old homestead of the Porterfield family. Our oldest citizens do not remember when the house was built, but it is supposed to have stood for at least a century. Gen. Porterfield, the builder was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and is remembered by many of our old citizens.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a thunder cloud, charged with an unusual amount of electricity, passed over the farm of Mr. David D. Coyner, and poured a perfect volley of chain lightning into the place. The lightning flashed vividly and rapidly, striking first the dwelling house of Mr. Artemus Coyner, tearing up the floor of the kitchen and shocking Miss Jennie Faber. Mr. Coyner narrowly escaped; having stuck a hay-fork into the ground, he started for shelter, and when only a few paces away the fork was shivered to atoms. A team of horses became so frightened that they ran away, but without other damage than the slight wounding of a horse. The lightning struck in a number of places about the farm, but the angry cloud soon passed over, and without further damage.

No head-ache or back-ache for ladies who drink "WINE OF CARDUI."
For sale by Dr. N. WAYT & BRO., Staunton.

The Show as Solid as Vanderbilt.

Hereafter Sells Brothers' name will be as good on a show-bill as Vanderbilt's is on a bank check.
—BINGHAMPTON (N. Y.) DAILY REPUBLICAN.

Sell Brothers' Millionaire Confederation of Stupendous Railroad Shows, which is to unfold its vast treasure house of canopied wonders, at Staunton on Wednesday, August 3rd, has finally solved for us the much-discussed, so-called, "problem of life." That problem hereand now has resolved itself into the one great question, not of who is going to the big show, but who can possibly be left at home on the great day of its appearance. Having thoroughly convinced the public that it is an honestly advertised exhibition, and that its promises are as good as old Vanderbilt's, or any other man's, there is going to be many a domestic mutiny of "irrepressible conflict" dimensions, when it comes to deciding who are not to be permitted to feast amazement with wonder-rounded eyes, by gazing upon its huge pair of Hippopotami, strange Woolly Elephants, Gigantic Rainbow-hued Mandrill, Polar Bears, rare midget Dwarf Elephant, Arctic Amphibiæ, Performing Colorado Cattle, tremendous Tigers, roaring Sea Lions, gigantic Felines, monster Two-horned White Rhinoceros, fifty tons of performing animals, James Robinson, Geo. M. Kelly, King Sarbro, the champion Rifle-shots, Baughman and Butler; the all-illuminating Great Electric Light, and a thousand and one separate shows of equal interest; not to speak of the magnificent free street parade, with its enormous caravan of Asiatic and African Elephants, its Sultan-like army of Camels, its three bands, Leviathan Locomotive Steam Orchestra, and living avalanche of dazzling sensations, which the average boy would walk ten miles on his hands to see. For the sake of peace, and in the name of universal enjoyment, spare no effort to so arrange it that all may take in the best show of their life-times, and one whose memory will be a continual pleasure.

OUR CITY FINANCES.—Two years ago Staunton six per cent. bonds could be bought for seventy-five cents on the dollar. Now they are selling at 6 per cent. above par. This fact is significant and speaks well for the excellent manner in which the finances of the city have been managed. Never before in the history of the city has its financial condition been better than it is now. That our bonds should be selling above par is the strongest proof of the healthy prosperity and business activity of our city, and shows very plainly that the cry of poverty of the State and repudiation of her obligations does not affect other securities so deeply as many persons outside of the State seem to think.

IT may be observed that no attempt is made to hunt up out of the way or unknown places to find names to endorse Simmons' Liver Regulator:—
Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.
John W. Beckwith, Bishop of Georgia.
General John B. Gordon, U. S. Senator.
Hon. John Gill Shorter, ex-Governor of Ala.
Rev. David Wills, D. D., President Oglethorpe College.
Bishop Pierce (of Ga.)
Hon. James Jackson (firm Howell, Cobb & Jas. Jackson,) Attorneys at Law, Macon, Ga.
John B. Cobb.
R. L. Mott, Columbus, Ga.

ILL.—We were pained to learn on yesterday evening that the Rev. Wm. G. Campbell, who formely lived in and was so well known in this community, was very ill, and was quietly passing away from this mundane sphere.

We also learn that Capt. Geo. Shuey, who lives near Bethlehem United Brethren church in this county, is very ill, and will probably live but a few days.

Mr. Jacob Shaver, father of Mr. David Shaver, who lives about four miles northwest or Staunton, is also in a very critical condition, and may die at any moment.

GRAHAM MATERIAL MIXTURE.—Having purchased largely of material, I will offer this popular Fertilizer at same price as last year.
july19-2ts J. E. GRAHAM.

THE 2ND VA. REGIMENT.—We noticed briefly last week the recent meeting of the officers of the 2nd Virginia Regiment at Harrisonburg. From the Harrisonburg papers we learn further particulars of the meeting. The helmet adopted for rank and file was that of the U. S. regulation pattern. The uniform for the line officers is to be of the gray cloth now worn, and the coat will be a frock, cut according to U. S. regulation.

The regiment will probably go into camp for a week at Orkney Springs early in August.

NEARLY DROWNED.—Mr. John D. Sadler, of Low-Moor, in attempting one day last week to cross the river below Island Ford came very nearly being drowned on account of his horse falling and dismounting him. He is a good swimmer, but was impeded greatly by a gum coat, and with difficulty reached the shore. His saddle-pockets got away from him but were afterwards found. This is the third time Mr. Sadler has met with a similar misfortune at this place.—*Alleghany Tribune.*

CLERK OF BATH COUNTY.—The Alleghany *Tribune* informs us that Mr. A. G. Cleek, elected last May as Clerk of Bath county court, failed to qualify, and therefore the office is vacant. Mr. Cleek, however, will hold over until a new election is had. Meantime, commissioners were appointed at the last term of the court to make an examination as to the condition of the office, the commissioners being Wm. M. McAllister, C. R. McDannald, and John W. Stephenson.

SALE OF IRON LANDS.—Col. John W. Skiles, of Philadelphia, has purchased from Dr. Hughes and others the "Big Hill" iron lands, said to be one of the finest ore deposits in the State.—These lands are in upper Botetourt county, on the line of the Richmond and Alleghany railroad, and not far from the Alleghany line. We learn the price paid was $60,000, and that a furnace near the property will be erected shortly, to be built by Pennsylvania capital.—*Alleghany Tribune.*

The attractions at the various Springs are now so great that it is difficult to decide where to go. At Jeff., last week, a certain young man of our city found this to be the case, for he checked his baggage to Millboro', and a few minutes afterwards took the train for Orkney.

At the recent reception of the Washington Light Infantry at Warrenton on their way to the Fauquier White Sulphur Springs, the address of welcome, on behalf of the citizens and the Warrenton Rifles, was delivered by James V. Brooke, Jr., once a resident of this city and now Mayor of Warrenton.

Letter from Mt. Sidney.

[Regular Correspondence.]

MT. SIDNEY, July 25th, 1881.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—On last Tuesday evening, about 6 o'clock, the usually quiet neighborhood, about two miles west of here, was aroused by the cry of fire, which was occasioned by the burning of the residence of Mr. Samuel Hall, formerly the old Rednor property.

Chancing to pass the scene of conflagration shortly after the occurrence, we ascertained the particulars, and learned that the fire was caused by the heat from a stove-pipe. After the family had partaken of dinner, they left on a visit, closing the cooking-stove with the remains of the fire in it. The pipe connected with the chimney just above the fire place, which was closed by a wooden screen, and the heat having become intense from confinement, it is supposed that the pipe took fire, and thus ignited the screen on the hearth. The house being closed, the fire was not discovered until smoke was seen coming out of the cracks and crevices. The door was broken open by Mr. William Byers, who was plowing near the house, when it was found that the entire building was a mass of flames, and which only needed a current of air to complete its work. The only things saved were 2 beds, 1 bureau, a sewing machine, and a piece of carpet. The loss is estimated at $1,100; insured in the East Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company for $533. This is another evidence of sheer carelessness.

Land Sale.—A few days ago Mr. W. F. Weller sold to Dr. Wm. Bell a part of the "Plow and Harrow Tract," known as "Weller's Hill," supposed to contain 20 acres, for $550, equivalent to cash.

Personal.—One of New Hope's prettiest ladies, Miss Mollie A. Earle, recently spent several days in town. We learn that Miss Earle contemplates an extended visit to friends in the State of Iowa, and thence to Salt Lake City, Utah. She expects to leave some time in August.

Misses Jennie and Georgiana Davis, of Harrisonburg, are the guests of Miss Annie Ex Rickard of this place.

Capt. C. C. Newport, of the Valley Branch, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, will please accept our thanks for services rendered. Capt. Newport is the most courteous, attentive, and obliging conductor on that road, and we consider it an especial pleasure to ride on his train.

Mr. P. H. Snyder, wife, and daughter, of Bridgewater, were visiting friends here Saturday.

Dr. George S. Walker and wife, of Staunton, were in town yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Bowman, of Harrisonburg, preached at the Augusta church on yesterday morning.

Miss Sallie Furry, of Harrisonburg, is among the visitors here.

Briefs.—The Mt. Pisgah camp meeting, 2½ miles west of here, will commence Thursday, August 4th. A number of able divines are expected to be present.

A committee has been appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for a Sunday-school picnic, to be held in "Johnson's Woods," on next Saturday. This picnic promises to be a very enjoyable affair, as everything will be done for the comfort and pleasure of those who attend. P. A. R.

MODERN ATHENIANS.—In one thing, if in no other, the people of Staunton resemble the Athenians of olden times, and that is in their desire to be amused, and the least thing is sufficient to that end. One evening last week the Main street was filled with our citizens, young and old, male and female, gazing intently upwards towards the Eastern part of the heavens, and such exclamations as "Don't you see it?" "No, where is it?" "Oh! yes, I see it!" "What is it?" were heard on all sides in various tones of wonder, delight and astonishment. One would have thought that some wonderful celestial display was taking place, such as the comet's tail getting wrapped around the horn of the moon, or the dog-star's having a hydrophobic fit, and yet would you believe it, it was only a toy-balloon that had escaped from some child, whose dime was at the time jingling in the capacious pouch of an Italian vendor, whilst its lost plaything was affording unbounded delight to those old enough to be its father, grandfather, or even great-grand-father, also including the numerous sisters, cousins, and aunts. The moral to be deduced from this is that the Staunton people are happy and prosperous, at peace with themselves and all the world, for only people with happy hearts and peaceful consciences can be so easily and so innocently amused.

THE ATLANTIC AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Of this proposed road, the *Old Commonwealth* of Harrisonburg says:—We have refrained from giving rosy views of the early building of this road, not because of lack of faith in its success, but because we preferred to wait until such time as we could announce results. Of its building we do not wish to say anything today. The evidence before our eyes, however, bids us say that the purchasers of the Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad certainly mean business. At our depot there is at this moment a car-load of implements for their use, including an engine and drills for prospecting on the large tract of land recently purchased by them, extending from Brock's Gap north to North River Gap south, along the mountains west of this place. They have also paid the down payment upon the lands, which they bought through the real estate agency of J. D. Price. We still believe in Mr. Allemong's remark, "that Dora Coal will be placed in this market for use the coming Winter," brought to us over the Atlantic and Ohio Railroad, formerly known as the Narrow Gauge or Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad.

STORM AND DARKNESS.—The leaden-hued skies on last Friday morning betokened rain, and about 11 o'clock it began to rain gently. Then the clouds thickened, and by 1 o'clock it became so dark that it was necessary to light the gas in the SPECTATOR office, and about 20 minutes past 1 o'clock the heavens seemed to open, and the rain fell in torrents. We do not remember to have seen it rain harder than it did for about 20 minutes. The gutters soon became filled to overflowing, and in a very short time the streets presented the appearance of turbid torrents, being filled from curb to curb in the lower parts of the city. No great damage was done, we are glad to state, though a number of cellars were flooded. Fifteen minutes more of such a downfall of water would have caused considerable damage, notwithstanding the steep grades of most of our streets.

After the rain it cleared off beautifully, and the sun shone out as hot as is his wont here lately; but from time to time during the evening and night frequent showers fell, and a slight fire was not uncomfortable to ward off the chill dampness.

THE ATTRACTION during the past week for our citizens has been the handsome music and jewelry store of D. B. Hamaker, corner Main and New streets. The arrangement of his elegant stock of silver-ware, jewelry, and musical instruments is made with much taste and the store-room now presents a most elegant appearance. Since the opening on last Wednesday the room has been crowded day and night with eager sight-seers, and with those who enjoy the excellent performance of Mr. Max Brownold upon the piano and organ.

DELEGATES TO RICHMOND CONVENTION FROM ALLEGHANY COUNTY.—At a meeting of the Conservative Democrats of Alleghany county, on the 19th inst., the following delegates were elected to the 4th of August Convention: Dr. J. F. Hughes, R. L. Parrish and Jno. A. Carsen, delegates, and Jno. L. Irvine, James Bowler and Joseph P. Terry, alternates.

On motion the Chairman, W. Biggs, and Secretary of the meeting, J. J. Hobbs, were added to the delegation.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD.—Mr. Henry T. Smith, the live and energetic General Agent of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, was in Staunton last week in the interest of his road. Passengers going to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York can make fast time and close connections by this route. This road is rapidly growing in favor as a first-class route for all the principal Eastern cities. Mr. Smith is a live railroad man, and the Company is fortunate in securing his services.

We have received the first copy of the *Virginia Readjuster*, a paper just started at Front Royal with R. A. Finnell as Editor. Of the position of the paper, the Editor says:

"We have nailed no ticket to our masthead, and we shall not, until after the meeting of the Conservative Democratic Convention of August 4th. Our good old Democratic party has made mistakes, as well as other parties that have ruled the country, but we believe it to be a better Readjuster party than the Republican."

Y. M. C. A.—The prayer-meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on last Sunday evening was led by Mr. Charles Grattan. Remarks were made by Rev. Wm. E. Baker, Mr. Grattan, and President Newton. Prayers were offered by Messrs. Grattan, Landes, and Rock.

The meeting on next Sunday will be led by Mr. T. C. Morton, who will read the 91st Psalm.

Summer Treatment of Infants.

The mortality among infants during the hot weather has been large all over the country, and even here, in our mountain home, with its fresh and invigorating breezes, many a family mourns the loss of its latest and most cherished treasure. We give below the rules, published by the West End Free Dispensary, of Baltimore, which, to a great extent, have been approved by many physicians of this country, and as the Baltimore *Sun* says would, if observed, no doubt prevent the large increase of mortality among infants during the hot season:—

"When an infant refuses food let it alone for a time. Over feeding does more harm than anything else. Nurse an infant a month or two old every two or three hours. Nurse an infant of six months and over five times in twenty-four hours, and no more. The appetite of a child is a good gauge of its power of digestion. The rule should be, when food disagrees, "little and seldom," and not "little and often." In feeding infants put a teaspoonful of powdered barley (ground in a coffee-grinder,) in a gill of water, with a little salt, and boil for fifteen minutes, strain; then mix with half as much boiled milk and a teaspoonful of white sugar, and give it lukewarm from a nursing bottle.—Be sure to keep the bottle and mouth-piece, when not in use, in water with a little soda in it. Infants five or six months old should have half barley water and boiled milk, with salt and a lump of sugar. Other infants require more milk than barley water. For infants very costive give oatmeal instead of barley, which must be cooked and strained as before. When the mother only partially nurses her infant alternate breast milk and the prepared food. In hot weather, if blue litmus paper applied to the food turns red, the food is too acid, and you must make a fresh mess or add a small pinch of baking soda. After six months infants may have beef or mutton soup at least once a day, and when ten months old a crust of bread and a piece of rare beef to suck. All sweets should be carefully guarded against.—Summer complaint is produced from overfeeding and hot and foul air. Keep doors and windows open. Wash your well children with cold water twice a day, and oftener in the hot season. Never neglect looseness of the bowels in an infant. Consult a physician at once, and he will give you rules about what it should take and how it should be nursed. Keep your rooms as cool as possible, and as well ventilated. Do not allow any bad smell to come from sink, privies, garbage-boxes or gutters about the house where you live. Disinfectants are equally of use in warm as in cold weather, and the following will be a cheap one, and one that may be used for all purposes: Sulphate of zinc, eight ounces; carbolic acid, one ounce; water, three gallons."

ROCKINGHAM DELEGATES TO RICHMOND.—Of the meeting of the Democrats of Rockingham on Monday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention, on the 4th of August, the *Old Commonwealth* says:

"The meeting of the Democrats of Rockingham at the Court-house, on Monday last, was in all respects one of the best meetings of the sterling Democracy that has been held in this county since the war. It was large in numbers, and its personnel of that kind that vividly brought to mind the good old meetings of the solid and sturdy Democratic hosts which made a high renown for the unfaltering Democrats of this heart of the Tenth Legion before the war.

The old men were there, showing the zeal of former days for the principles for which they had made a life-long fight; the young men were there, and gave their time and enthusiasm to the cause. Decorum and harmony prevailed, and the meeting proceeded with its business in a way that indicated that those cooperating knew what they had assembled for and were determined to carry it through."

The delegates chosen were as follows:

Ashby District—Delegates: M. J. Meyerhoeffer, M. Lindon, B. M. Rice, H. W. Roller. Alternates: Charles Van Lear, Dr. D. W. Devier, L. C. Whitescarver.

Central District—Delegates: G. B. Keezell, Col. O. B. Roller, Dr. S. H. Moffett, Dr. J. S. Curry. Alternates: Major A. Taylor, Adolph Wise, Winfield Liggett, Jacob Funkhouser.

Stonewall District—Delegates: Dr. T. N. Sellers, Dr. S. P. H. Miller, C. M. Killian. Alternates: Dr. L. B. Yancey, C. W. S. Turner, J. W. Blackburn.

Linville District.—Delegates: Charles J. Brock and Robert J. Mason. Alternates: S. R. Allebaugh and James R. Price.

Plains District—Delegates: W. M. Sibert, C. G. Jennings, M. J. Martz. Alternates, D. M. Beam, J. W. Taylor, P. W. Pugh.

On motion, the County Executive Committee was added to the delegation. The County Executive Committee is composed of the following gentlemen: W. H. Ritenour, county chairman; W. R. McKeever, Linville District; Z. D. Gilmer, Stonewall; A. Shutters, Ashby; P. W. Pugh, Plains; C. T. O'Ferrall, Central.

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IS RIDDLEBERGER A CANDIDATE?—Forney's *Sunday Chronicle* publishes the following special dispatch from the White Sulphur Springs, Va.: "Mr. Riddleberger, who is now at his home at Woodstock, Shenandoah county, says there is not a scintilla of truth in the published reports from Harrisburg, Pa., of a conversation between Senator Don Cameron and himself in reference to his candidacy for Sergeant of Arms of the Senate, or to any of the subject mentioned as being spoken of in that interview. He has not spoken to any senator or any senator to him on these subjects, and he says, moreover, that the interview reported to have been held with himself and extensively published in the northern papers this week are pure and simple fabrications. The greatest political significance has been attached to these reports in Virginia, and hence the propriety of giving him a flat denial." In spite of Mr. Riddleberger's denial, the facts, as known by many politicians here, are against him. The gentleman has not only importuned senators personally and written them numerous letters, but he has his agents now in Washington, who are working for him like beavers, and who let no senator escape.

The officers of the Third Virginia Regiment have received their commissions, and Col. C. C. Wertenbaker, the commanding officer, has taken formal charge of the regiment. The companies have been assigned their positions, and are designated as follows: Danville Grays, Co. A.; Culpeper Minutemen, Co. B.; Warrenton Rifles, Co. C.; Monticello Guards, Co. D.; Home Guard, Co. E.; Alexandria Light Infantry, Co. F. The Warrenton Rifles is the color company.

"IF I SEED HIM EATIN' CHOP."—Col. Hansborough has spoken at Floyd C. H. to a small audience. He argued that General Mahone was as good a Democrat as any; that because he has been in the Republican house at Washington was no more proof that he was a Republican than a man's going into a stable was proof that he was a horse. A droll fellow in the crowd sung out, "I'd take him for a hoss if I seed him eatin' chop." [Immense applause at the Colonel's expense.]

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO EASTERN EXTENSION—DEED RECORDED.—A deed from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for $2,000,000 to secure the cost of construction of the eastern extension of the road has been admitted to record in the clerk's office of the Henrico County Court. The road is being rapidly pushed towards completion, and it