Staunton Spectator.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1881.

State Conservative-Democratic Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR:—
JOHN W. DANIEL,
OF LYNCHBURG.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—
JAMES BARBOUR,
OF CULPEPER.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—
PHILIP W. McKINNEY,
OF PRINCE EDWARD.

LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

FOR THE SENATE:—
ABSALOM KOINER.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:—
MARSHALL HANGER,
JAMES H. SKINNER.

Labor Without Ceasing.

The election which is to determine the fate of this State will take place on next Tuesday. There is but only one more week in which to work for the salvation of the State. Every true Virginian should devote it to earnest labor in behalf of the election of the Democratic State ticket and of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature. If the people properly appreciated the situation, there would be no doubt that they would do all within their power to elect both the State and county tickets. The only fear is, that they do not realize the transcendent importance of this election. Work this week and till the going down of the sun on next Tuesday, the day of the election. See that every Democratic voter—by which we mean every one opposed to the Republican party—be gotten to the polls. Remember that it is important that every Democratic vote be cast. We must, if possible, increase the majorities heretofore given. A few votes may determine the result. Let none be lost that can be obtained by proper exertions. As the Alexandria *Gazete* says:—"The superintendents of the cities and wards, counties and districts in Virginia that have heretofore given Democratic majorities must not be content with the mere fact of securing that same result at the approaching election, but must rest not until sundown on the 8th day of November from their labors to increase those majorities as much as possible, so as to offset the work of the Mahoneites in other portions of the State. They have to contend, not only against money, but against all the low arts of the demagogue, against the race prejudice of the negro and the class prejudice of the white man which have been incited, fomented and stimulated by their desperate opponents, and they must leave unemployed no legitimate means to obtain success. Their work is tiresome and laborious, but will be accomplished easily if prosecuted properly and diligently, and as they have been entrusted with it they should execute their trust with fidelity."

Augusta Must Look to her Laurels.

We have entertained the hope that this good old patriotic county would be the banner county in this canvass, but if she would win this distinguished honor she must put forth her utmost exertions, for we see it stated that the venerable Ex-Governor William Smith, of Fauquier, expresses the belief that his county will give for the Democratic ticket a majority of *fifteen hundred!* For Augusta to equal or excel this, she must get *every* Democrat to the polls. Do not let Augusta lose the honor of being the banner county. That honor she can win if she will do her whole duty. Which precinct will be the banner precinct of the county? There will be a close contest for that honor. Let each do its whole duty and *deserve* success if it does not win it. Angels can do no more.

Let each one do his duty.

No true Virginian who appreciates the dark fate which now impends over his native State, can feel indifferent as to the result of the election of next Tuesday. He cannot do otherwise than feel the greatest anxiety, and do what he can to save her from a direful fate and "woes unnumbered." Now is the time to be up and doing. But one short week for work remains. Devote that earnestly and energetically to labor in behalf of both the State and County Democratic tickets. A solemn and patriotic duty now devolves upon every son of Virginia. Let none neglect to perform it. Let none have reason in the future to repent of their negligence to do so.

BE SURE TO VOTE.

Respond to your Mother's Call.

Remember, that but one week remains in which to do your duty towards saving your mother State from the great peril which now threatens her. Your mother calls upon you to save her from ruin and disgrace. Fly with speed to her rescue. She asks you to cast your vote for that ticket which maintains her honor and interests. Don't fail to respond to her call. Be sure that you vote for Daniel, Barbour, and McKinney; and for Koiner, Hanger, and Skinner.

Every man who has the welfare of the State at heart must not only vote himself at this election, but do all he can to induce others to do likewise. In order to vote, all delinquents must pay their taxes for the year 1880. If you have a friend who is neglecting his duty in this matter speak to him at once before it is too late. Also see that the young men of your acquaintance, who will become of age by the day of election, register on the 29th, when the books are opened.—Every vote is needed. Do not be negligent, these matters cannot be put off, so attend to them as soon as possible.

The Senate adjourned on Saturday, and the Democrats prevented the confirmation of the nomination of Clifford Statham to supplant Wilson, the Postmaster at Lynchburg, who is a maimed Federal soldier and has been a good Postmaster for a number of years.

Two comets are now approaching the sun, Encke's, which is no stranger, as it revisits us once in every three and a half years, and the new one discovered in the northeast on the night that President Garfield died.

Colored men! When a man with a white skin comes to you and says that your rights have been infringed upon by men of his color, just look him squarely in the face and ask what office he wants.

"SHARP PRACTICES."

Under the above heading the *Valley Virginian* of last week attempts to array the county people against the town by asserting that the recent Democratic Convention was manipulated by that bugbear of the *Virginian's*, "the Court-house ring." The whole article is conceived in such a spirit of futile perversion and is really so absurd and ludicrous that we would not even notice it but for its utter disregard and misrepresentation of the facts.

In the first place the adoption of the two-thirds rule was made on the motion of a county delegate without consultation with any one, as he himself says.

2nd. The motion to elect only one delegate at a time was offered by a county delegate.

3rd. The adoption of the two-thirds rule practically gagged the town delegation for they had only 8 delegates and the county had 34, and the town delegation was divided.

4th. Every candidate that was elected was put in nomination by county delegates.

5th. The *Virginian* says the design of these rules was to prevent the election of the district candidates, and that "when everybody had become tired and disgusted with successive ballotings, the reserved town candidates would be sprung on the Convention." On the contrary, Absalom Koiner, for the Senate, was elected by acclamation, and Marshall Hanger was elected on the second ballot, and his election made unanimous.

6th. After this, the rule adopted by the convention allowed no new names to be introduced until after the sixth ballot, and the balloting narrowed down between Echols of the City and Rush of the County, and it was discovered that neither of them could be elected. New names were introduced with still no election, when the name of George M. Cochran was presented amidst the wildest applause, and he would have been lected by acclamation but for his earnest protest that he would not accept Col. Skinner was then put in nomination by a county delegate and his election made unanimous.

7th. The *Virginian* further says—"everyone who is at all acquainted with the methods of political wire-workers saw at a glance what the two-thirds rule and voting for only one candidate at a time meant, and that was the nomination of the gentlemen whom the manipulators held in reserve." So it seems that the *Valley Virginian* was the only person sufficiently "acquainted with the method of political wire-workers" to see at a glance what these rules meant; for of all the intelligent gentlemen who composed the convention, and the many others present, we have yet to hear the first intimation that the convention was manipulated.

Importance of a Single Vote.

The result of the election in this State, upon which so much depends, may be determined, not only by the vote of a single County, but by the vote of a single individual, and, therefore, it is the duty of each Democrat to labor as though the result depended upon his single vote. We hope that no Democrat will be recreant to his duty or indifferent in this, the time of the State's imminent peril, but that each one will act as though the result depended upon his individual exertions. Remember that, in the language of Gen. R. E. Lee, "*duty* is the noblest word in the English language," and that it is your duty in this canvass to vote for the ticket headed by that "noblest Roman of them all"—Maj. John W. Daniel—for whom, if alive, Gens. R. E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson would surely vote. About this, there can be no doubt. Work and vote for the Daniel ticket.

THE DUTY OF TUESDAY NEXT.

Now that the voters of Virginia have an opportunity to elect such a man as Major John W. Daniel, who is *sans peur et sans reproche*, and the knightliest of the most knightly, who would reflect honor upon the State and all who should vote for him, it would be a shame and disgrace not to elect him. Do not fail to vote for him, and do your duty to your State to that extent at least. It is a vote of which you have cause to feel proud, and you will remember it with pleasure, let the election result as it may. Do not fail to vote for Daniel, Barbour, and McKinney, and for Koiner, Hanger, and Skinner, however inconvenient it may be, however far from the polls, and however unfavorable the weather. This is *the duty* you should perform on next Tuesday—and don't you fail to do it.

The *Valley Virginian* says "we are not of those who believe the Riddleberger bill will pass the ordeal of the courts * * * and should it not do so then it will settle the debt controversy *and make bare to the people their duty to submit to additional taxation.*" Yes, that is it, vote for the Riddleberger bill and you vote for accumulated interest and an increase of taxtion.

The Washington *Republican* says:—"Some of the departments have commenced to raise funds for the coalitionists in Virginia. Many of the fiercest radicals are interested in carrying the Old Dominion for the Readjuster ticket."

AT THE HOME OF DANIEL.—The Lynchburg *Virginian*, published at the home of Daniel, says:—"The largest Democratic vote ever polled in this city will be given to Daniel on the 8th of November."

The Roanoke *News* says: They talk about funding bills, Fowler bills and and Riddleberger bills, but Bill Mahone is the only Bill that the "Virginia Creeper" cares anything about.

Though you have until the evening of the 7th to pay your poll-tax, yet the sooner you do it the better, as the work will accumulate upon the clerk during the closing days.

If you wish to have the consciousness of having performed your duty, labor and vote for Daniel, Barbour and McKinney, and for Koiner, Hanger and Skinner.

Whatever may be the result of the election, do your duty as a patriot and good citizin by casting your vote for both the State and county Democratic tickets.

Now is the time for every true son of Virginia to come to her rescue by working and voting for the State and county Democratic tickets.

The Time of Action has Arrived.

The time for argument has passed, and the time for action, energetic and effective, has arrived. This is the last issue of this journal which can reach many of our country friends before the time for casting their votes will have arrived.

We have endeavored, in our feeble way, to do our duty, by presenting what we believed to be the true issue in this canvass, and by urging every true Virginian to come to the rescue of his native State in this, the hour of her peril, by casting his vote for the ticket headed by that noble son of Virginia—Maj. John W. Daniel.

We would, in all the earnestness and sincerity of our nature, invoke every son of Virginia to rally with enthusiasm to the support of that ticket, for upon its success, depends the preservation of the honor and interests of the State that gave him birth. The fate, for weale or woe, of Virginia, now depends upon the result of this election. Can any true son of Virginia hesitate to cast his vote in the scale of her honor and highest interests by voting for her peerless son—Maj. John W. Daniel?

We have done what we have conceived to be our duty, and hope that no voter will fail to do his.

Let the election result as it will, we have the conciousness of knowing that we have done our duty as we understood it, and hope that every Democrat will so act on the day of election as to have the same consolation.

Let nothing prevent any Democrat, or opponent of Republican and negro rule, from going to the polls on the day of election, and casting his vote solid for the Democratic State and county tickets.

This is no time for persons to cast their votes for candidates from considerations of personal friendship.

However respectable the candidate, and however good a neighbor, you should vote against him, if he be a candidate of the coalition party that would, if successful, consign your State to Republican and negro rule.

This is no time for citizens to compliment personal friends and neighbors by casting their votes for them when they do not represent the principles of the party to which they belong. Vote for the candidates of the party to which you belong and which you believe will best promote the honor and interests of the State. This is your duty, and we invoke you to perform it. Your personal friend and neighbor, is entitled to your friendship, but not to your vote, unless he will faithfully represent your political principles.

Be true to yourself and vote for that ticket which most nearly represents your views. Your neighbor will honor you for it, though he would have been pleased to have had your vote. He will respect you for being true to your principles.

Highland and Bath Counties.

Though it is late in the canvass, and but few days for work remain, we cannot allow the canvass to close without the expression of the hope that these two small, but patriotic, mountain counties will come to the rescue of Virginia in this, the hour of her danger. If the readjustment of the debt were the real issue in this canvass, we would expect these noble little counties to vote for the readjuster ticket, for they, as we conceive, have, unfortunately, adopted the perverted and erroneous principles of that party, but as that is not the real issue, but that it is, whether this State shall be ruled by Republicans or Democrats, we cannot but hope that the vote of these Democratic counties will be cast for the Democratic ticket, headed by that noble Virginian—Maj. John. W. Daniel—who is *sans peur et sans reproche*. We hope that our friends in these counties will labor to divide the vote about equally, at least, if they cannot carry it in favor of the Democratic ticket. The slogan of these highlanders should be—"The rescue of Virginia from Republican and negro domination"—and they should rally to a man in defense of Virginia, and in support, earnest and enthusiastic, if the Democratic ticket, headed by that noble Virginian, Maj. John W. Daniel. We can scarcely believe that the patriotic, Democratic citizens of Highland and Bath counties, have become the aiders and abettors of the Republican party, and that they will vote for a coalition ticket, headed by the acrobatic Cameron, who has been on all sides of all questions, and is now dependent for his election upon the negro vote, in preference to voting for Major John W. Daniel, the orator, patriot, soldier, and statesman, whose election would confer not only safety, but honor and renown upon the State. Partial as we are to these little mountain counties, in whose Democracy and patriotism we have the greatest confidence, we cannot believe that they will cast their vote for negro and Republican domination in preference to the rule of the majority of the white people of the State, who possess the major part of the character, intelligence, and property of the State.

NO MIDDLE GROUND NOW.—Under the above caption the *Conservative-Democrat* says that "there are some honest and very respectable "Readjusters" in the State, but any of them who follow Mahone any longer virtually abandon their party, their principles and their race and go over to the negroes and Republicans! There is no denying this fact or evading its consequences. Such persons can no longer plead "readjustment" as the just cause or excuse for their action, for it is no longer concealed or denied that the whole purpose and tendency of Mahone and his faction now is to carry Virginia over to the Republican camp without any decent pretences as to "readjustment."

SECURE EVERY VOTE POSSIBLE.—Every Virginian at all interested in the welfare of his State will not only vote himself, but do all he can to induce others to vote at the coming election. Be sure to get to the polls every one who will vote for the Democratic ticket. As we have before said, we now repeat, that, in this crisis, votes are more precious than rubies. Let none be lost.—See that all are cast. Give, at least, one day to earnest work for the salvation of the State from Republican and negro rule.

Gen. Wickham was in Washington week before last, and gave it as his opinion that Major Daniel would be elected by 25,000 majority. So says the Alexandria *Gazette's* Washington correspondent.

REPUBLICAN U. S. SENATOR.

As stated in another article, the Mahone party is under pledge, if they succeed in carrying a majority of the Legislature, to elect a Republican U. S. Senator. This is confirmed by the fact that Judge Alex. Rives, as long ago as September the 28th, in a letter to President Arthur, wrote to him as follows:—

"*His Excellency President Arthur*:

My Dear Sir,—I am confident you are properly informed of the exigencies of our canvass in this State, to which I and other Republicans look with much confidence for the overthrow of Bourbonism and the gain of a Republican in the United States Senate. This result will be ensured if the movement shall receive the countenance and aid of your administration."

Since then President Arthur has thrown the whole influence of his administration in behalf of the Mahone ticket. How can any Democratic Readjuster under these circumstances any longer act with the Mahone party? It is to all intents and purposes now a Republican party, the object of which is to turn Virginia over to the rule of that party. This is why the candidates for the Legislature of the Mahone party, not only in this, but in Rockingham and other counties, refuse to answer whether or not they will vote for a Republican for U. S. Senator.

"Handy" telegraphs to the *State* under date of Oct. 28th as follows:—

"Rives's letter is construed by the Democratic Senators to mean that there is an understanding between the Republicans and Readjusters that a Republican United States Senator shall be elected if the Administration gives unqualified support to the coalition."

Of course it means that, and that is why the Republican Administration is using all its influence to secure the success of the the Mahone party. That is why every Federal office-holder is made to support that party or lose his office, and why they have been assessed to raise money to pay the poll-tax of the negroes.

The Worst Party Ever Organized.

The present coalition party in Virginia is the worst that has ever been organized in this country, and is led by the most unscrupulous and most unprincipled leaders that ever disgraced a party. We wonder that any intelligent and patriotic citizens should support it. We know a number who do, among whom are some of our best friends and near relatives,—much to our surprise and regret—but we cannot understand how they can do so, in view of the character of that party, unless it be because they have suffered their minds to become so prejudiced that they are unable to see the character of that party and the selfish purposes of its leaders.

Should that party succeed in its purposes, the honest supporters of it will have cause in future, to regret the support they gave it. We hope they will consider the consequences before they give that party their support, and that they will determine to withhold it from that party, and to give it to the party that represents three-fourths of the white people of the State and the major part of the character, intelligence, patriotism, and property of the State.

The government of the State should be in the hands of the party that represents the majority of the white people of the State. The white people constitute a majority of the citizens of the State, and the party that contains the most white people in it should rule the State. Will the majority of the white people keep the government of the State in their possession, or will they allow a minority of the whites aided by the negroes to take control of it and hand it over to the Republican party.

Read and Ponder.

READJUSTERS UNDER PLEDGE TO ELECT A REPUBLICAN U. S. SENATOR.

A Washington correspondent of the Balt. *Sun* says that," it is openly said by prominent republican politicians that in case of readjuster success in Virginia a United States Senator is to be elected who will vote at all times with the republicans, assurances to that effect having been given."

So it seems that assurances have been given the Republicans, by the Mahone party, that, in the event of their success, they will elect a U. S. Senator who will "vote all the time with the Republicans."

Our readers will now see the pertinency and propriety of the question which we have asked the candidates of that party for the Legislature to answer, and which they have not answered, and will not. In each issue of our paper since the nomination of the coalition candidates for the Legislature in this County, we have called upon them to say whether or not they would vote for a Republican for U. S. Senator, and they have not answered.

The unavoidable inference is, that they would vote for a Republican. Not one on that ticket would vote for the Democratic nominee for United States Senator. How can they ask or expect any other than Republicans to vote for them?

Mahone's Proscription.

Capt. Wilson, who was appointed Postmaster at Lynchburg soon after the war, and who was a Federal soldier, who lost an eye at Vicksburg, and who, says the Lynchburg *Virginian*, has "made such an excellent officer, that the business men of that city recently, for the third time, endorsed his application for reappointment," has been turned out of office, through the influence of Mahone, because he is a debt-paying Republican and will not support Mahone repudiation, to be supplanted by "an inexperienced young man, who has always been a Democrat—the son of a Democrat, who was one of the fiercest of secessionists in 1861, and is now a Mahoneite"; and yet the Republicans will support the Mahone ticket, falsely claiming to be in favor of a "free ballot and a fair count." Mahone never has and never will tolerate freedom of opinion, if exercised in opposition to him. He is essentially a tyrant, and he is gratified to see the Republicans meekly bearing his yoke as slaves.

The *Lynchburg Virginian* says that General Mahone's advocacy of "free speech" is as absurd as his professed support of a "free vote and a fair count," for his own personal organ says that at a recent meeting of the Mahoneites in Powhatan county they made such demonstrations against a man who had spoken against him, that he became alarmed and fled to the woods for safety. That is the spirit of Mahoneism, well illustrated.

Maj. John W. Daniel.

The *Conservative-Democrat*, of Richmond, in its issue of Oct. 22nd, prints a striking likeness of Maj. John W. Daniel, the Democratic candidate for Governor, and accompanies it with the following notice of this noble gentleman, heroic soldier, able statesman, and eloquent orator, who commands the respect, esteem, and admiration of all who value true worth, and who deserves the cordial support of all true Virginians:—

"The printing of the above very accurate likeness of our candidate offers the occasion for a word of just appreciation of his public life. From early youth that life has been passed in the very face of his people. Without one morose or unsocial drop of blood in his veins, penetrated with that profound love for, and interest in, his fellow-beings, which is the crowning mark of generous souls, John Daniel's career has ever been singularly open to a criticism, which he modestly, but proudly challenges. Soldier, citizen, author, advocate, legislator, candidate, he has in all so borne himself—with such knightly gallantry, such fidelity, such intelligence, such faith in the right, such love of his State, such loyalty to his friends, such courtesy to his foes, such clear-eyed and religious devotion to high principle, that his beloved State, his time, his way and walk of life are better that John Daniel has lived. For twenty years—years of as fierce contention and troublous seas as this world has known—his name has been linked, in connection, more or less prominent, with the foremost work of his day and country. And the long warfare ends with a canvass of bitterness unparalleled, whose fiercest shafts were leveled, and foulest blows dealt against his name and fame, without finding one flaw in the bright round of his polished armor.

To the ordinary and expected smitings of party hate have been added the assassin thrust of a hate beyond party, and the stroke of fair combat has been supplemented by the murderous stab in the dark—but all alike in vain. Forth from open foe and secret assailant he comes with form unscathed and front erect. What marvel that a brave and generous people—the true people of Virginia—are making our gallant leader's fight their own? What marvel that wherever he goes, the plaudits of those, whose praise is fame, accompany him—that men bear him aloft on their shoulders, and throng his coming and departing steps?

He embodies what is best and highest and most hopeful in our public life, and is waging war on what is lowest, vilest, and most ignoble.

The man befits the cause. Symbol of honesty, he bears honor's banner in this combat. The product of our best civilization, he fights for the supremacy of the intelligence and character which makes that civilization. A Virginian to the last fibre, he uplifts his sword with the virile force of one who feels that he has a root in Virginia's past and a hope in Virginia's future.

Stand by him, Virginians! though all the hands of a debauched administration join with all the hands of a dishonest faction, and the blind brutishness of that Africa which Cameron carries into the war, to drag him down.

Remember, Virginians! the question is not can Daniel spare your vote, but can you afford the undying shame of withholding it?

He wins your battle! Step to his side!"

REPUBLICAN AND MAHONE PARTIES.—The Washington Correspondent of the Balt. *Sun* says that Ex-Postmaster-General Jewell, of Connecticut, chairman of the national republican committee, was in Washington Wednesday and was in consultation with Gen. Mohone and other prominent Virginia readjusters. Mr. Jewell expressed himself as in hearty sympathy with the readjuster party, but said there was no necessity for the national committee to take any formal action, as the President had assured him this morning that the administration would do everything in its power to aid the readjusters. The President had ordered the removal of one of the foremen at the Norfolk navy-yard, a well-known republican, because he was charged to have been instrumental in breaking up a readjuster meeting."

In view of the above, how can any Democrat vote for the candidates of the Mahone party? Every such vote is a vote for the Republican party.

The mask has fallen off, and the true character of that party is now plainly revealed.

BE SURE TO VOTE.—Remember that your first and highest duty next Tuesday is to vote and to see that your neighbors vote for the Democratic ticket. Let nothing prevent you from performing these duties. Whatever may be the character of the weather, or however inconvenient, and however far you may live from the polls, if you are well enough to go or to be conveyed in a vehicle, do not neglect to go to the polls and to cast your vote for the salvation of your native State.

This is a time when Virginia expects every man to do his duty.

Let none of the citizens of this county prove recreant. We hope that all may have the consciousness of having done their duty by voting for the Democratic ticket. Let nothing prevent you from performing this patriotic duty next Tuesday.

SEVERAL LIES NAILED.—The Mahoneites are so hard pressed for recruits that like Falstaff's men in Kendal green they have to be invented. Last week it was circulated in Bridgewater that Robt. W. Burke of this city had gone over to Mahone, and one foolish Mahoneite lost twenty dollars by believing it.

Again it has been boasted and crowed over that Hon. Wm. Milnes, jr., of the Shenandoah Iron Works had gone over to Mahone. Only yesterday a gentleman of this city who saw him a few days since, told us that Mr. Milnes said there was not a word of truth in it.

Bring in another horse.

Gov. Henry A. Wise killed the Know-Nothing party in Virginia to save the Democratic party, and now his degenerate son, John S. Wise, is endeavoring to kill the party his father saved. What would the father say of the conduct of the son if he could now come to life and behold his attempts to stab to the death the party he labored so hard to save? The father reaped honor—the son dishonor.

"TRUE, O KING."—The Richmond *Conservative-Democrat* says truly that if the Democrats be "beaten at all in this fight, it will be done exclusively by a coalition of the great masses of the colored vote with a small sprinkling of unscrupulous, corrupt white demagogues, aided and abetted by the money and patronage of the Republicans at Washington"

Jno. F. Lewis is reported in the Rockingham *Register*, as saying in a speech in Rockingham county: "As regards the intermarriage of whites and blacks, so far as he was concerned, he had no objection to any white man marrying a negro woman."

The Danger of Over-Confidence.

The great danger which threatens the success of the Democratic party in this canvass is over-confidence. They rely upon the merits of their cause and of their candidates, and have too much neglected efficient organization. We have Democratic votes enough to elect our ticket if we get them to the polls, but votes are of no value unless they be cast on the day of election. See that every Democratic vote be cast. In a recent interview, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is reported to have said:

"We are in the decided majority without doubt. My only fear is from the fact of defective organization on the part of the true people of Virginia. We have no leader to organize us as the Readjusters have in the person of Mahone. Daniel is the first man in the State and has been for years. He is decidedly the best speaker in either party. But of course he can't do the organizing of the masses which is necessary. And the very fact of his excellence as a speaker, and the general superiority of the Funder speakers, is, I fear, a source of danger. Besides our newspapers all say we are in the majority, as we undoubtedly are, and our very confidence renders the result doubtful. I know that there are many men in the State who fought for four years under circumstances of hardship unknown to any European troops of modern times, who now, that the State is threatened by as great a danger as ever threatened in war, are either so indifferent to, or so condent of the result that they will not go to the polls.

"The Readjusters, on the contrary, are thoroughly organized. One man tells them what to do, and they do it like slaves. What with promises and favors already extended Mahone owns nearly every white Readjuster in the State, and of the submissiveness of the negro as a voter it is unnecessary to speak. But in Virginia the whites are more submissive in this campaign than the blacks."

"You consider a Readjuster victory a very severe blow at the welfare of Virginia, I suppose?"

"It will be almost fatal. Why that party has already terribly degraded the State. The executive power is greatly circumscribed in Virginia and the legislative patronage is correspondingly great. Taking advantage of this the Readjuster Legislature has appointed some of the lowest men in the State to office. The most glaring instances of this infamy are to be found in the Readjuster appointments to the county judgeships, which office has jurisdiction of crimes punishable with as long a period of imprisonment as fifteen years. There were deliberate bargains and sales in these offices, in many cases to men of even scandalous character. But they all became the obedient servants of the Readjuster dictator, Mahone, and he has them in perfect discipline."

"You fear the result then?"

"There is no need of fear if our people will organize themselves and go to the polls."

The Richmond *State* says.

"We have said that if the entire Conservative-Democratic vote of the State is polled we have no fear of the defeat of the general ticket, though Mahone mass the strength of his whole black and white column against us and cast every ballot he can muster; nor with a full vote of this kind would we have any apprehension of losing the Legislature; but there is the difficulty. In our strongest counties and districts we fear apathy on the part of the people from over-confidence in their local strength, and that for this reason they may not vote, or may neglect the means necessary to bring out a full vote; while in the counties where Mahone's strength principally lies, they may on the other hand fail to vote or bring out our full vote because they look upon it as hopeless.

This must be avoided in both cases, for we must not lose the Legislature through our inaction or want of foresight and organization, and thereby lose everything."

AN APPEAL TO CONSERVATIVES TO WORK!

To the Conservative Democracy of Augusta and Staunton.

As you did me the honor, through the unanimous voice of your Convention, to make me one of your candidates for the Legislature, I trust you will not consider me presumptious in urging upon you the duty and the necessity of untiring exertion, if you would win a victory such as will redound to your honor, and meet the expectations of our Party throughout the State. All eyes look to Augusta to lead the victorious column for Daniel, Barbour, and McKinney.

I have, during this canvass, visited Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Frederick, and have been gladdened by the enthusiasm which animates the Conservative Democracy in each of these counties. They are all thoroughly aroused, their forces are fully marshaled, their watch-fires are lighted on every hill, there are no sluggards in their camps, they are intent on winning, and on winning gloriously, in this most momentous political struggle in which Virginians have ever been engaged. Staunton is wide awake; how is it with Augusta? You have it in your power to roll up a majority of from fifteen hundred to two thousand, if you will only be unsparing in your exertions during the next week. Your faithful and energetic superintendent, Capt. James Bumgardner, jr., has done all that any man could do to perfect the organization of the party. Very many on whom he has called have done the work assigned them, but if all have not, let these bestir themselves at once, and do their whole duty. Let every able-bodied Conservative Democrat in the County feel that it rests on him to see that all his neighbors, of his faith, are at the polls on the day of election, November 8th. Let him stir up the negligent and careless to a sense of the importance of the issues involved, and so arrange that every Conservative vote in his neighborhood shall be cast on election day.

It is something far higher than mere party success for which we are contending. The government of the State in all its departments, Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary, is at stake. Shall supreme control over all your interests be surrendered to incongruous and pernicious Coalition which is now struggling for the mastery over you, or shall the Conservative Party, which triumphed in 1869, and in every gubernatorial election since, and which has saved you from all the dreadful evils which befell the rest of the South, be continued in power as the guardian and protector of your interests? If this latter is your wish, go to work, and bring out the full vote of the party. Work alone will do this, therefore I exhort you to work!

Your Convention kindly released me from the labors of canvassing, but I am, notwithstanding, doing all I can in this direction. It is not, however, in speeches mainly to secure success, but in unremitting labors to bring our vote to the polls. This is your part, and by the great stake you have in a pure, honest, and economical government, I conjure you not to neglect it!

Very Respectfully, your fellow citizen.
JAMES H. SKINNER.

Staunton Oct., 31st 1881.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* says that "Government officials have been bled freely to raise money for the cause of Mahone, and it will be poured out like water in the last few days preceding the election, to corrupt the voters and to secure a victory that that desperate party will purchase at any price. Will not our people, the men who want honest government, be alert and active? Victory is within our grasp; and such a victory as will make an end of Mahoneism in Virginia. Shall we lose it through supineness."

HOMICIDE IN BOTETOURT.—On Sunday of last week, Richard Jackson, who lives in the small settlement of Brookville, about four miles west of Fincastle, shot and fatally wounded John Henry Thompson—both being colored men.—Jackson gave himself up, to Magistrate Bigler, and was lodged in jail on Monday. Thompson died on Monday evening.

Thompson was paying too much attention to Jackson's sister-in-law, and had been forbidden by Jackson to visit his premises.

How are we to get our creditors to take 3 per cent bonds? Restore the credit of the State, and money can be borrowed in the markets and the now due six per cent consol bonds bought up, or else new three per cent bonds issued in their stead.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE.
ONE NIGHT ONLY,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.
CALLENDER'S
Famous Georgia Minstrels.
25 Genuine Colored Artists. 25
6 END MEN.
ENTIRELY NEW, FRESH, AND NOVEL PROGRAMME.
LOOK OUT FOR THE
GRAND BAND PARADE.
Prices 75 and 50 c.; Gallery, 35 c. Seats at Olivier's without extra charge. novl-1t

NEW FIRM!

New Store and New Goods!

Bowling & Eakle Brothers,
STAUNTON, VA.

October 20th, 1881.

B. Frank Eakle, late of the firm of Byers & Eakle, who is so well known to the trade in this and adjoining counties, for his liberal and straightforward dealings, will be the managing member of the new firm, and the entire business will be conducted by him. We most respectfully invite his friends and customers to the new firm, feeling assured that he is as well prepared as ever to accommodate them. He has also just returned from Baltimore, where he has laid in a large and well-selected

Stock of Groceries,

which was bought at a low figure, and enables us to sell goods as low, if not lower, than any other house in the city. We will occupy the handsome store-room in the brick building just completed by Prof. Hamer, on

Augusta Street between Main and Frederick.

We would be pleased to have you call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, as we feel confident that we can make it to your interest to do it. We intend to carry a LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF GOODS, such as is usually kept in a first-class grocery and supply store, such as

Sugars, Coffees, Teas, Tobaccos, Soaps, Cotton Yarns, Wooden- and Willow-Ware, Beacon's and other brands of Salt, Coal Oil, &c., &c.

We will make a specialty of FLOUR warranted to be equal to any make in the Valley of Virginia. Our Mr. Bowling being a manufacturer of flour, and turning out 50 barrels daily, enables us to furnish the same grade at all times.

☞ We also pay the highest price for Flour, Grain and Country Produce.

We would be pleased to have you call on us when you visit our city. You will find polite salesmen, who will be pleased to show you goods, whether you desire to buy or not.

Orders by mail solicited, which will always be filled at the lowest prices, and great care used in selecting good goods.

Messrs. J. W. Spitler of this county, and W. S. Brown of Rockbridge, are with us and will be pleased to see their friends.

☞ All Goods delivered FREE OF CHARGE, at either of the Railroad Depots.

Very Respectfully,
BOWLING & EAKLE BROTHERS,
novl-2t No. 20, North Augusta Street, Staunton, Va.

J. W. HARSHBERGER. J. W. CARPENTER.

HARSHBERGER & CARPENTER,
GROCERS
AND
PRODUCE DEALERS,
No. 26 N. Augusta Street,
STAUNTON, VA.
Having opened a large and fresh stock of
GROCERIES
at the above named stand, we respectfully ask a share of the public patronage.
OUR STOCK IS FRESH THROUGHOUT AND HAS BEEN
Selected with great care.
We have all kinds of
SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, SALTS,
CANNED GOODS of every description,
BACON, LARD,
and, in fact, everything kept in a first-class GROCERY.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

We make a specialty of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and always keep a fresh supply of
BUTTER, EGGS, DRIED FRUIT, &c.

FLOUR.

Having secured the agency of some of the best Mills in the Valley, we are prepared to furnish the VERY BEST FLOUR now in the market. ☞ Every barrel is *warranted* and can be returned if not as represented.

All we ask is a trial, as we are convinced that we will be able to please both in the quality of our Goods and Prices.

We especially invite the trade of Highland and the adjoining counties.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE,
No, 26, North Augusta St.,
novl-6m Bowling & Eakle's old stand.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VERY VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF STAUNTON,

In pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta, rendered at the June term, 1881, in the cause of Jefferson Kinney's Adm'r vs. McCheaney et als, the undersigned Commissioners, or one of them, will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the Court-house, in Staunton, on—

Saturday, the 29th day of October, 1881,

that very valuable House and Lot on the West side of Augusta street in the city of Staunton, now occupied by Dr. W. S. McCheaney as a residence.

This property is situated in the business portion of the city, adjoing the Augusta National Bank, is but a few doors from the intersection of Main and Augusta streets, and is a short distance above Court-house square, on the opposite side of the street from it.

The lot has a frontage on Augusta street sufficient for three large stores, and runs back the depth of an entire square. The surface is level and admirably adapted for the location of business houses.

There is now on the lot, a short distance from the street, a substantial and commodious two-story brick dwelling, with basement, and suitable out-houses, including stables.

TERMS:—Ten per cent of the purchase money in cash; fifteen per cent at four months from the day of sale; and the residue in three equal instalments at one, two, and three years from the day of sale. For the payment of the fifteen per centum, the purchaser will be required to execute a negotiable note at four months, with interest added, payable at one of the Staunton banks and satisfactorily endorsed. For the deferred annual instalments bonds bearing interest from date, with approved personal security will be required, and the title will be withheld until all the purchase money is paid.

THOS. C. ELDER,
ROBT. CRAIG,
sep27-tds Commissioners.

Postponement.—The above sale is postponed until *Saturday, November 5th, 1881.*

THOS. C. ELDER,
ROBT. CRAIG,
novl-1t Commissioners.

A CARD.

TO MY OLD FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

Having been BURNED OUT Friday morning, at my OLD STAND, I have taken the room

Under the Virginia Hotel,

formerly occupied by E. BROWNOLD,

where I will be ready for business in a few days, and will be glad to meet my old customers and friends. And I take this opportunity to thank my many friends for the kindness shown me in exerting themselves to save my stock.

JNO. W. ALBY.

☞ Call opposite my old stand to find me. novl

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHRISTMAS GOODS,
WEDDING PRESENTS,
AND
FANCY LAMPS,
AT
BERKELEY & CO.'S.

Call and see their fine and varied assortment of all kinds of

FANCY ARTICLES,
TOILET ORNAMENTS,
VASES, PERFUMERY,
BEAUTIFUL FANCY LAMPS
OF THE NEWEST AND
MOST UNIQUE PATTERNS.

These goods are all new and just received. It is a pleasure, merely to look at the many beautiful things they have on exhibition.

Give them a call if you want to purchase something handsome and at the same time useful as a present for a friend.

☞ SOLE AGENTS FOR FULMONA.
novl-2m BERKELEY & CO.

Peter Rusebush's Executor vs. Rusebush's Legatees.—In pursuance of decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, rendered June 9th, 1881, in this cause, I shall proceed at my office, in Staunton, on *Saturday, November 26th, 1881,* to settle the accounts of John J. Larew, Executor of Peter Rusebush, dec'd.

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

LAND SALES.

PUBLIC SALE OF A FINE FARM IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

As Ex'or of the late R. G. Crank, and pursuant to decree of Albemarle Circuit Court, rendered at Oct. Term, 1881, in the chancery cause of Crank's Ex'or vs. Crank's Heirs, I will sell at auction, on the premises, on

Saturday, the 26th day of November, 1881,

if fair, if not, the next fair day, the tract of land on which Col. Crank resided at the time of his death, containing 423 acres, more or less. The larger portion of the farm is cleared and that portion is amply supplied with wood and timber. The improvements are of a moderate quality, consisting of a Framed Dwelling House, kitchen, smoke-house, stable, corn-house, three tobacco houses, and five or six cabins, one of which contains three rooms and is comparatively new. The land is strong and well adapted to the growth of corn, tobacco, &c. This farm is on the Rivanna River, about 5 miles from Charlottesville, and some three miles from Earlysville. It is now rented, but the lease will expire on the 15th of December, 1881.

TERMS:—Cash as to 5 per cent. of the purchase money; for the residue a credit of 1, 2, and