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Gov. Holliday's Last Annual Message.

The last message of the Governor, as is but natural, is taken up principally in a resume of the history of the legislation upon the State Debt. It is done in a most masterly style and we regret that we have only space for a synopsis.

The "Barbour Bill" passed at the session of 1877-78 he pronounces a force bill and therefore he had vetoed it.

During the same session the "Fowler-Bocock Bill" was passed and as it looked to a settlement with the consent of the creditors he had approved it, as he regarded that as the only proper mode in which a fair, honorable, and satisfactory settlement could be reached.

This bill the next session resulted in the passage of the 10-40 or

"McCULLOCH BILL"

with which it seemed he says "that our troubles were about to end, and the debt question to be finally taken from the field of politics, in which it had no business, and into which it ought never to have been dragged. It met with widespread approval, and was generally regarded within, and universally, as far as I know without our own borders, as a reasonable, honorable, and fair disposition of the troublesome issue.

Agitation, however, was at once begun by its enemies in the State, and at the next election they were successful at the polls. Notwithstanding the assaults made upon it, in a few months the sum of $8,781,981 81, nearly one third of the debt was funded under its provisions. Of course, the agitation and its result stopped any further proceedings.

Its defeat I regard as a very serious calamity. I showed, in my last annual message, how complete was, and would have been its success in restoring Virginia once more to quiet and prosperity. From the tables then given it was manifest that, had it not been interfered with, its working would have lifted us, under the present rate of taxation, entirely out of embarrassment, and, after paying all interest, the costs of the public schools and the expenses of government, would have left in the treasury more than three hundred thousand dollars."

The enemies of this bill however were successful next year at the polls and the bill therefore became ineffective, and a bill styled "A Bill to Re-establish the public credit" known as the

"RIDDLEBERGER BILL"

was passed.

"This bill," the message continues, "by a stroke of the pen, "eliminates," to use its own gentle phrase, more than one-third of the hitherto ascertained debt, admitted and reported by every fiscal officer of the Government and approved by every General Assembly that has convened since the debt was contracted; it "elimiates" one-half of the promised interest upon the residue—indeed, proposing and pledging its elf to pay no certain amount of interest, but only such sum as may be in the Treasury after future General Assemblies have disposed of what may seem to them proper—in its own language, "that may not be otherwise appropriated;" it then "eliminates" nearly, if not quite, all that may be left, by subjecting it to the State, city and county taxes.

WHY HE VETOED IT.

When I reflected that this treatment was inflicted upon a debt for every dollar of which consideration had been received; when I reflected that that consideration had been invested by our fathers, as pure and knightly men as ever lived, in elevating and making strong a Commonwealth which they loved to adoration, premising that they and their children would honor and pay it; when I reflected that it survives to us and makes Virginia what she is; when I reflected that she had, through her representatives, renewed the promises from year to year, through her organic law and legislative enactment, I was constrained by the obligation of my oath, and by every reason that could prompt intelligent and honorable action, to return the bill to the body in which it originated without my approval, "because I believed it to be in violation of the Constitution of the State, in violation of the Constitution of the United States, in violation of the spirit which has ever moved and inspired the traditions of the Commonwealth, and made her name so dear to her own citizens and so honored among men." I am not willing now to revoke or blot one word of that utterance.

The bill failed to become a law for the want of the requisite majority over the Governor's veto."

It was no grateful duty to exercise the veto power, but he had felt constrained to do so by his oath of office. It was time that the Legislature was the proper body to settle the debt question; in fact it was the only body that can, but it must be done within its constitutional limitatations, and those very limitations provide a way in which the veto may be overcome.

However, he remarks, the grounds on which the vetoes were based have not only been approved by our own Supreme Court, but more recently still by the unanimous decision (save one Justice dissenting) of the Suprme Court of the United States.

As to the

FINANCES OF THE STATE,

the Governor shows, from facts furnished him by the Auditor, that a balance of $276,964.43 will remain in the treasury, supposing the receipts and disbursements otherwise to continue the same as last year, after paying all the expenses for the support of government, for the support of the Public Free Schools, the interest on the tax-paying coupon debt, consol and 10-40, and on the bonds held by colleges, and the amounts ordered by law to be paid quarterly on arrearages due the Public Free Schools. To which should be added $25,000 net revenue from the Penitentiary as per report of the superintendent. This will make the aforesaid balance more than $300,000, which, added to the current revenues, will nearly, if not quite, pay the interest on the entire principal of the debt of the State—consol, peeler, and unfunded, at the rates of interest it now bears, in the hands of the holders, whatever may be its form—full interest to the colleges, all the expenses of Government, and the amount annually due the Public Free Schools,

There will be still outstanding the above items of the Miller School Loan, the arrearages due to the Public Free Schools, to the Literary Fund and to interest upon the debt.

The Governor, whilst advocating the payment of all that is due the Free Schools, at the same time shows that under the action of the Henkel Bill, they are now receiving all they are entitled to under the Constitution and laws, and as the arrearages are of doubtful and unsettled amount, he thinks their settlement can very well be postponed till the resources of the State justify it, which he thinks will be soon, from the present outlook and the rapid advent of capital to her midst.

NO INCREASE OF TAXATION.

As to the accumulated interest on the public debt, there are various modes in which it could be provided for without any increase in the rate of taxation, which I do not think it necessary to urge. Not that I would not urge to meet the State's obligations. I certainly would. Taxes are not agreeable, but they are the cost of good government, and every thing that term implies.

But this increase is not necessary. The State has several millions of dollars of assets which can be sold and applied.—All the bonds which bear 5 and 6 per cent. interest are now redeemable at the option of government: this fact alone so changes the situation since the 1st day of July last as to enable us to view it with more confidence. Hitherto, consent of the holder was implied. Now, with a resolute determination and announcement to meet its obligations, the Commonwealth can issue its bonds at a much lower rate of interest, and have them readily taken. We know that many of the creditors will gladly do so; which, if done, will, as I have shown, speedily lift us out of trouble, and preserve our credit untarnished.

NO EXCUSE FOR REPUDIATION.

Thus, there is no justification or excuse for Virginia to repudiate or "eliminate" by force all or any portion of her debt, in the futile effort, by such means, "to re-establish her credit" under modes presented in the bill of the last session. By a statement of the Second Auditor, furnished at my request, and now before me, Virginia paid as interest upon her debt, from the 1st July, 1867, to 1st October, 1881, the large sum of $14,272,-657 40, and she is now paying annually more than $1,000,000, with a surplus of at least $300,000, as shown by the Auditor's report—in spite of the assertions of the ignorant or malicious that she has been and is paying nothing. The bill to which I have just referred reduces, by "elimination," the interest the State will have to pay, if it pays any, to the sum of about $600,000—for that portion of the debt and the arrearages of interest to which the foregoing balance would be applicable, would lay that bill be "eliminated." What will be done with the $700,000 thus "eliminated" annually from the just creditors? The Commonwealth is left by the "eliminators" to answer for that as best she can at the bar of public opinion.

In strong and vigorous terms he then recites the many facts in Virginia's history of which we should all feel proud, and urges their preservation in the future as a birthright, that "cannot and must not be sold or bartered away."

OF THE MATERIAL PROSPERITY OF THE STATE,

he says: Considering that she was a battle field for four years, and lost so many valuable lives and so much property, has any State surpassed her in energy and material development. The improvement has been steady; and in the last few years, since the revival of business, more than four hundred and fifty miles of railroads have been constructed, and a larger number are in progress, penetrating and opening up vast regions of untold mineral and agricultural resources. Foreign capital is seeking investment within her borders, and courage and virtue will soon make Virginia as remarkable for material power as she has been for political influence.

He refers to the charge of Federal interference in the recent elections in Virginia and to the use of the patronage, power, and money of the ruling party to hurry the State along the "rugged and disreputable path of repudiation, and sounds a timely note of warning as to the disruption of the Republic and the approach of an Empire. In this connection he concludes as follow:—

"Whatever other people, parties, or States may say or do, let us trust that those who now or may hereafter have the custody of Virginia's affairs will stand fast to the work and traditions of the fathers. As they were the founders of this grand system of government, that has brought to us and the world such countless blessings, so, should it elsewhere drift or be driven from its moorings in the hands of faithless, ignorant and forgetful men, may their descendants here hold firmly to its principles, till the storm be overpast, and keep them to the day when sober second thought shall demand their restoration!"

The message closes with a reference to the State reports, some few official acts, and to the completion of the Richmond & Alleghany R. R. to Williamsons and its branch line to Lexington, opening up a rich agricultural and mineral region, and giving promise of immense increase to the revenues of the State.

THE WHITE HOUSE OPEN.—Last Thursday night, says the Washington correspondent of the *State*, for the first time since the death of Garfield the White House was open, President Arthur having at last taken up his residence there. It is understood that the social honors at the White House will be done by Mrs. Davis, wife of Mr. John Davis, who is a nephew of Judge Bancroft Davis. Mrs. John Davis is a daughter of ex-Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, prospective Secretary of State *vice* Blaine. Her husband is mentioned as likely to be appointed private secretary to the President, and Judge Davis, his uncle, is said to be booked for Assistant Secretary of State *vice* Hill.

Mahone maintains that the Republicans are estopped from objection to the election of Riddleberger as U. S. Senator, in view of the fact that he was endorsed by the Republicans of the Senate when they nominated him as their candidate for Sergeant-at-arms of that body. Riddleberger would vote with the Republicans when it would suit Mahone for him to do so, but the Republicans want to make assurance doubly secure by having a Senator who would vote with them whether Mahone desired it or not.

GOV. HOLLIDAY'S MESSAGE.—We regret that our want of space prevented the publication in full of the excellent message of Gov. Holliday, for, as the Lynchburg *Virginian* says "it is not only a triumphant vindication of the Governor and those who have supported his policy; but it is a bold and manly arraignment of the men who, while knowing better, have misled the ignorant and the vicious, to inflict a severe injury upon the honor and good name of the oldest State in this Union."

The Trial of Guiteau.

We believe, as we have heretofore stated, that Charles J. Guiteau is an insane man, and that to execute him would be judicial murder. Our opinion of his insanity is not founded upon his conduct since he killed the President, but upon his life before that sad event. Many contend that he should be hung whether he be insane or not. If he be insane, he should not be hung; but if he be sane, he should be. An insane man should not be held responsible for his acts, but should be confined securely in an insane asylum. The danger which now threatens the country is, that, through prejudice, and sympathy for an assassinated President, it may demand the execution of an insane man who is not responsible for his acts. We do not believe that Guiteau will be hanged, but that the jury, in the trial of his case, will be a hung jury—some believing him to be insane and irresponsible, and others not. We think it would be better to decide that he was insane, and to confine him in an insane asylum, than merely to fail to agree, and impose the necessity of another trial.

HUMAN BRUTE.—On Thursday night a week, near Johnston, Licking county, Ohio, a human brute, named William Bishop, was hauling a very heavy load of slate from Granville, and when near home one of his horses, a strong and intelligent animal, gave out. Enraged at the animal's inability to proceed further, he tied a rope to the horse's tongue, and deliberately pulled it out by the roots. The tongue was found lying in the road next morning, but the entire affair did not become known in the village until Bishop drove the animal to town the following Saturday.

When the facts were known the excitement became intense, and a large party was organized and started to tar and feather him that night. By the utmost exertions of 'Squire Hanover, and his promises to attend to it legally, they were quieted.

This monster of cruelty deserves hanging much more than the cranked Guiteau. The man who will perpetrate cruelty upon a dumb brute should be punished with the utmost rigor of the law. To punish cruelty an animal that cannot complain is fiendish. It is a sin for which devils might blush.

ELECTION OF U. S. SENATOR.—The election of U. S. Senator will take place in the Legislature next Tuesday, when, we suppose, Harry Rindlebeger will be elected, however distasteful it may be to Lewis and his friends, who understood that Lewis was to be elected to that position, if the Republicans would support and elect the Mahone—repudiation ticket, as they did. Mahone and Riddleberger will "eliminate" that understanding, and "repudiate" Lewis. Should Lewis, a Republican, be elected the Republican party would be independent of Mahone, and his influence would be lost, hence he favors the election of Riddleberger though it violates the implied if not expressed, understanding that Lewis was to be elected. The Republicans will consider it, as they have already avowed, a flagrant breach of faith on the part of the Mahone party. They must grin and bear while the Mahoneites laugh, for they who win may laugh.

PAUL AND FULKERSON.—The votes of Paul and Fulkerson for the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives meets the approbation, as a matter of course, of all Republicans; but as they were elected as Democratic Readjusters, the question is, "How do the Democratic Readjusters, who voted for them as Democrats, like it?" Have they been deceived? Will they not feel that they have been betrayed! Would Democratic Readjusters have voted for Paul and Fulkerson if they had announced before their election that it was their purpose to act with the Republican party? They did not do so, but, on the contrary, proclaimed themselve Democrats, from which it was inferred that it was their purpose, if elected, to act with the Democratic party. If they did not intend to do so, and the result shows that they did not, it was their duty to the voters to have so informed them, that they might vote understandingly.

PAUL AND FULKERSON.—It will be remembered that Paul and Fulkerson were elected to Congress as *Democratic* Readjusters, but they are voting, like their leader, Mahone, with the Republicans. In the organization of the House, Paul and Fulkerson voted the straight Republican ticket without flinching, and their status in the House is considered as precisely the same as that of Gen. Mahone in the Senate.

Is this what was expected by the Democratic Readjusters who voted for these gentlemen? They proposed to be Democrats and were voted for as such by thousands of Democratic Readjusters, who now feel that they have been deceived.

DEATH OF GEN. KILPATRICK.—A dispatch received at the State Department at Washington Tuesday last, from Santiago, Chili, announces that Gen. Kilpatrick, United States minister to Chili, died in that city on Sunday week. Judson Kilpatrick was born in Sussex county, N. J., on January 14, 1836. Last year he ran for Congress in the fourth New Jersey district, but was defeated. He was appointed to the Chilian mission by President Garfield, and his course there in regard to the Chili-Peru complication is well known. The cause of his death is understood to have been Bright's disease.

THEFTS IN PULASKI COUNTY.—The Wytheville *Enterprise* says that rogues seem to rule the day—or rather the night—in Pulaski. The *Va. People* of Thursday publishes accounts of four burglaries committed in that county week before last. Major J. Hoge Tyler's pockets were rifled of $160; the house of Mr. J B Caddall was robbed; Mr. Giles O. Bosang's boot and shoe establishment was filched of $50 worth of tools and material, and the residence of Mr. Simeon L. Johnson was burglariously entered.

DEATH OF COL. JOHN W. FORNEY.—Col. John W. Forney, the able and distinguished Editor, died at his residence in Philadelphia last Friday morning. For many years, he has been an influential factor in the politics of this country. It will be some time before we will look upon his like again. Peace to his ashes.

THE HAMPTON NORMAL SCHOOL.—There are over 300 colored students in attendance at the Hampton Normal School, 116 of whom are from Virginia, and the balance from other Southern States. In addition to these there are some 75 or 80 young Indians from the Western agencies also under instruction. This feature was introduced some three years ago as an experiment, the subjects having been selected from a number of prisoners for two years confined at St Augustine. Their three years of instruction has had a most beneficent effect, and the first thirty graduates have gone back to their agencies fully prepared for the difficult work of educating and civilizing the younger members of their race. During the past summer the academic hall was completed, and two other brick structures, one for dormitories for the Indian girls and the other for a girls' industrial room, have been under way, and are now about completed, which will give ample facilities for about 600 students. The two races seem to harmonize very nicely, and no trouble on the "color line" has been experienced by the faculty. An able corps of teachers from the North, principally young ladies, conduct the exercises in much the same manner as obtains at Vassar and other colleges.

LEWIS FOR SENATOR.—It is now understood that Lewis is now working hard for the Senatorship—that he has the cordial endorsement of President Arthur, and that, if he fails to get it, he will expose the "treachery and deceit practiced upon him." Next Tuesday will determine whether Mahone or Lewis is the "Boss" of the coalition party. It is well understood that the Republicans constitute three fourths of that party, and the question is, "Whether the tail will wag the dog, or whether the dog will wag the tail?"

ANKLE BROKEN.—We learn from the Page *Courier* that, on Saturday week, a train on the branch of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad to the Ore Bank, near Shenandoah Iron Works, was thrown from the track by the breaking of a brake, making a complete wreck of one of the cars. Mr. Peter Foy, clerk of Mr. Morgan, track Supervisor, was on the car at the time and had his leg badly broken near the ankle joint. He was taken to Luray where Drs. Hudson and Keller performed the necessary surgical operation.

DIVISION RAILROAD SUPERINTENDENTS.—Changes in the Division Superintendents of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway have recently been made. Capt. Joe Mallory has resigned the position of Superintendent of the Western division, and been succeeded by Mr. W. P. Harris. The new Superintendent is said to be an experienced railroad man.

Capt. John D. Yarrington has been made Superintendent of the Lexington division, with headquarters at Lexington, Ky.

The New York *Mail* (Republican) is not pleased with the late Republican expedient for taking Virginia out of the hands of the white Debt-Payers—the men who were willing to be taxed to pay the bonded debt of their State—and thinks that the Administration and the Republicans in Congress who enlisted in this bad cause will be held responsible by the better class of the Republicans of the North for their disreputable act.

HIS FIRST DEER.—One day last week, Josie, thirteen years old, a son of Mr A. A. McAllister of Covington, Alleghany county, killed near that place a five-point buck, the deer falling as soon as struck, the load taking effect in the brain. Josie became so excited when the deer fell, that forgetting he had another barrel loaded, rushed upon it and broke his gun into fragments pounding it over the head—so says the Alleghany *Tribune*.

MURDER IN FAUQUIER.—W. A. Davis, merchant, at Orleans, Fauquier county, shot Leonidas Triplett, merchant, at the same place, at eight o'clock Sunday morning, through the head. Triplett lived one hour. The difficulty originated in a lawsuit and a quarrel Saturday about turkeys. Both men were unmarried. Davis is under arrest, awaiting the coroner's investigation.

A MURDER IN WYTHE COUNTY.—We learn from the Wytheville *Enterprise* that on last Wednesday week near Cross Roads in Wythe county, an old man named Eldridge Hager was so severely injured for refusal to furnish his assailants with ardent spirits that he died. His assailants, Pickett and Moffett have been committed to jail.

GIPSIES IN PAGE.—There are a number of gypsies in Page county who seem to be doing considerable business in horse-trading and fortune-telling. In both they cheat those who confide in them. Those who have their fortunes told deserve to be cheated. Their superstitious credulity should be taxed.

A SPLENDID GIFT.—The New Orleans *Picayune* has information to the effect that a former townsman, Mr. Paul Tulane, purposes to give property worth a million of dollars to promote education in the city of New Orleans.

Samuel W. Lyle, one of the oldest citizens of Rockbridge county, died Sunday morning of last week at his residence, about seven miles from Lexington. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Madame Jenny Lind Goldsmidt is only sixty and does not look fifty, her hair being but slightly touched with gray, her eyes still bright and happy, and her figure still graceful.

Since last January, 169 car loads of cattle have been shippped from Lowell Station, Summers county, W. Va., on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

Col. John R. Popham has been made Superintendent of the folding-room of the House of Representatives, worth about $2,000 per annum.

Robert Garrett has been elected President of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad Company.

Senator Hampton's daughter, Miss Daisy Hampton, will make her debut in Washington this winter.

The hotel at Kanawha Falls has been rented to Messrs. Kipps and Stearns, of Christiansburg, Va.

Senator Wade Hampton's daughter is said to be preparing for the stage.

STATE LOCAL OPTION CONVENTION.—A State Local Option Convention will be held in Charlottesville on the 20th inst.

At the annual session of the State Council of Virginia, Friends of Temperance, held at Montreal, Nelson county, November 22-24, a preamble and resolution approving of the local-option movement were adopted, and the following delegates were appointed to attend the Local Option Convention in Charlottesvile: Judge J. L. Cochran, Dr R. W. Nelson, Rev. T. D. Bell, D. D., Rev. J. T. Whitley, Dr. J. Lewis Leitch, W. J. Kidd, J. E. Walter, and W. E. Skelton.

The Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, on Nov. 21st, adopted, with great unanimity, resolutions endorsing, in the most decided manner, the local-option movement in Virginia, and pledging hearty co-operation.

From the address of the State Local-Option Committee, we make the following extract in reference to delegates:

"In the present status of this movement, we can only make a general appeal for the attendance of good men, from all sections of the State, upon the Convention. In many of the counties there are no organized societies. From such localities the delegations must be voluntary. If the cause is burning upon any heart, let him come and take part in the organization of the alliance. Where societies favorable to this measure exist, we invite them to name a representative delegation. We would like to have five from each county. We have reason to expect a strong and successful meeting, guided by sagacious and prudent men, who, loving their God, their country, and their kind, will wisely organize and steadfastly prosecute this movement for the good of our people."

UNITED STATES SENATOR.—It seems that the President and other Republicans may yet compel Mahone to give up the election of Riddleberger. They are bringing the pressure to bear upon him. The Washington correspondent of the *State* says:

"The Republicans are fretted by reports from Richmond that Readjusters are using the name of President Arthur to advance their ambitious designs upon the senatorship. Two Republican senators from northern States and six other politicians called on President Arthur Wednesday to ascertain whether he desired the election of a Readjuster to the Senate instead of a Republican, and whether he had authorized any one to say that officeholders in Virginia would be decapitated if they opposed Capt. Riddleberger's nomination.

The conference was long and entirely satisfactory to the President's visitors, both on account of his frankness and the earnestness with which he said the Republicans were entitled to the senatorship and ought to insist upon it. It was intimated that Senator Mahone was supporting one of the Readjuster candidates, but the President replied that he was confident that the Senator would recommend the election of a Republican.

Paul and Fulkerson were present during a part of the interview with the President. It is understood that they are opposed to the nomination of Riddleberger, but I have had no information directly from them on this or any subject relating to Virginia politics."

Will Mahone succumb? That is the question now. Will he give up his friend to gratify the Republicans? We shall soon see. If he shall do so, his *prestige* will be destroyed, and his influence as a leader and dictator of his party will be greatly impaired.

DIVISION OF THE SPOILS.—It now seems that the programme is to elect Harry Riddleberger U. S. Senator; L. L. Lewis, half brother of John F. Lewis, a member of the Court of Appeals, and John S. Wise, U. S. District Attorney, the office now filled by L. L. Lewis, and D. Sheffey Lewis, son of John F. Lewis, Marshal of the Western District, the office now held by his father. This arrangement, it is supposed, will reconcile John F. Lewis to the loss of the U. S. Senatorship, and so far as that office is concerned, the Mahone-read-juster tail will wag the Republican dog. This is a beautiful spectacle! The *Lynchburg Advance* says that the Republicans will have to be satisfied with the scraps.

MURDER IN WYTHE COUNTY.—On the 29th ult., Mr. E. H. Hager of Wythe county was killed. He refused to furnish whiskey to R. A. Moffett and Wm. Pickett, whereupon he was struck on the head with a stone by R. A. Moffett and killed. Moffett and Pickett are imprisoned. The verdict of the jury of inquest is "that he came to his death from a wound received by a stone which was thrown by R. A. Moffett, which struck him above the right eye breaking the skull, and that William Pickett was accessory to his death."

STARVING HERSELF TO DEATH.—Miss Chloe Ann Violett of Alexandria, Va., is starving herself to death under the hallucination that it is in obedience to a command of God and that she will thereby win her way to realms of glory. She has been fasting about 40 days and cannot be prevailed upon to eat. She spends her time in prayer, meditation, and reading the scriptures. She is as crazy as Guiteau.

DISASTER AT VIENNA.—The number of lives lost by the burning of the Ring Theatre, at Vienna Austria, is now put at 917. The work of burying the unrecognized bodies began Sunday. There were funeral services at the cemetery yesterday, but the authorities forbade a public procession.

THE LEGISLATURE.—Nothing of importance has been done in the Legislature as yet, and we suppose, there will not be till after the inauguration of Gov. Cameron on the 2nd of January. After that, the proceedings may be of some interest, of which we will keep our readers advised.

The Republicans should not allow the action of Mahone in reference to the election of Riddleberger as Senator "worry them," if there be truth in the couple of Hudibras which says:—

"Sure the pleasure is as great,
Of being cheated, as to cheat."

FATAL ACCIDENT.—At Warrenton, on Sunday; a little boy from Richmond, in the employ of Maj. Thomas Smith, had his neck broken Saturday evening by being thrown from his horse whilst returning from the postoffice.

Paul and Fulkerson contradict the statement that they had announced their opposition to the election of Riddleberger as Senator.

GREAT DISASTER.—The Ring Theatre at Vienna, Austria, was burned last Thursday night, and about seven hundred persons lost their lives.

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ALLEGED FORGERY AND ROBBERY.—A Lynchburg correspondent of the Rich. *Dispatch* under date of the 10th inst., says that "young Robertson, who it is alleged robbed the depot office of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company at Gilmore's mill recently, and was arrested in Lynchburg several days since, has been indicted by the grand jury of Rockbridge on five counts for forgery besides on a separate count for robbery."

EAGLES KILLED.—Week before last, two eagles were killed in this State. Mr. D. B. Wade, on Back Creek, Highland county, killed a gray eagle which measures 7 feet, 2 inches from tip to tip of the wings. In Wythe county, Mr. Chas. Corvin killed a black eagle that measured 7 feet 6½ inches from tip to tip of the wings.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* is doing good service in exposing the Democratic demagogues who are pandering to protection. Protection is monopoly, and true Democracy must of necessity be opposed to any system that "makes the rich richer and the poor poorer."—*Rich. State.*

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STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 8th, 1881.

SAMUEL PAUL, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—Please apportion $5,421 of County funds as follows:—

1.	Beverly Manor	$ 937.56
2.	Pastures	813.30
3.	Riverheads	785.72
4.	South River	1,050.92
5.	North River	881.40
6.	Middle River	951.60

CHARLES GRATTAN,
dec13-1t c p c Supt. Schools Augusta Co., Va.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VALUACITY AND COUNTY PROPERTY.—By virtue of a decree entered in the Hustings Court for the City of Staunton, in the suit of Hilb vs. Hirsh et als., on the 15th day of September, 1881, the undersigned, appointed special Commissions of said Court therefor, will offer at public auction, in front of the Courthouse, in said city, on—

Saturday, the 14th day of January, 1882,

the following valuable property in possession of Gabriel Hirsh, to wit: The BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and LOT on which the said Hirsh now resides, on the north side of East Beverly street, adjoining J. M. Hardy, and having the use of an eleven foot alley in the rear. Also at the same time and place, the BRICK STORE HOUSE now occupied by said Hirsh, fronting 21 ft. 5 in. on the south side of East Beverly street, running back 39 ft. 7 in. to an alley in rear. Also the Lot of Land lying in the county of Augusta, containing about ½ acre, about one mile west of the City of Staunton, and upon the Parkersburg road.

This property will be sold separately,—each purchaser paying a pro rate share of costs of suit and sale in hand, and executing bonds with approved security at one, two, and three years, bearing interest from date, for the residue of the purchase money,—the deed to be retained as ultimate security.

CHARLES GRATTAN,
W. E. CRAIG,
JAMES BUMGARDNER, Jr.,
dec13-1ds Commissioners.

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Repectfully,
dec13-1t ROBERT HILL, Manager.

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dec13-3m E. ALEXANDER & CO.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.—The Stockholders of the Augusta National Bank of Staunton will convene in annual meeting at their Banking House in Staunton, Va., on—

Tuesday, January 10th, 1882.

dec13-3t W. P. TAMS, Cashier.

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WESTERN LUNATIC ASYLUM,
Staunton, Va., Dec. 12th, 1881.

Sealed bids to supply Asylum with the articles below will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock, M., January 1st, 1882. The articles to be delivered during the month of January:—

10,000 lbs. well fatted, corn-fed, dressed Pork.
20 head fat, corn-fed Steers or Heifers, to be delivered at the rate of five a week.
1,000 bush. White Corn—for bread.
1,000 " Yellow Corn.

Bidders must state clearly the quality, &c., of the articles they offer. They may offer them in quantities smaller than those specified above—the Asylum to accept so many of the lowest bids as may be necessary to make up the needed quantities of the articles. ☞ Payment due February 5th, 1882.

dec13-1t c p c S. A. HOSHOUR, Steward.

Free D. M. FERRY & CO'S ILLUSTRATED DESCRIPTIVE AND PRICED SEED ANNUAL FOR 1882 To All.

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