Meeting of Lexington Presbytery at Mossy Creek.

PROCEEDINGS SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE SPECTATOR.

PLEASANT AND HARMONIOUS SESSIONS.

Lexington Presbytery met at Mossy Creek church on last Wednesday. This Presbytery consists of 31 ministers, 55 churches, 218 Ruling Elders, 175 Deacons, and 5,351 members, of whom 345 were added during the past year. We give the proceedings as clearly, though briefly, reported for this paper by an intelligent minister of that body, as follows:—

MOSSY CREEK, VA., May 11th, 1883.

Presbytery met under very favorable auspices, at Mossy Creek, Wednesday morning, May 9th.

The sessions have been harmonious and much business transacted.

The opening sermon, of marked power, was preached by Rev. J. E. Booker, from Heb. 12: 1-2.

Rev. J. A. Preston was chosen Moderator.

Ruling Elders, Wm. M. McAllister, Esq., and Dr. Wm. H. Davis, were appointed temporary Clerks.

Rev. A. F. Laird received a call from Mt. Horeb church.

Rev. A. R. Cocke, accepted a call to Millboro' church, half of his time.

Rev. F. G. Rally, accepted the call to Mossy Creek church.

Mr. George Buckle, a native of England, was received as a candidate for the ministry from the Presbytery of St. Louis, Mo., and after due examination was licensed to preach the gospel. He gives much promise for usefulness, and will spend a few months in Highland county.

Quite a number of young gentlemen of decided promise were received under care of Presbytery, as candidates for the ministry, as follows:—Mr. James M. Vandeverter of Maryland; Mr. Robt. F. Campbell, Lexington, Va.; Mr. Wm. H. Miley, New Providence; Mr. J. E. Bear, of Loch Willow; and S. M. Paul, of Tinkling Spring.

Leave was granted Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of Central Presbytery of Texas, to supply Union church, until next meeting of Presbytery.

The greatly loved and venerated Rev. Samuel Brown was not present, and we never know or feel so much his worth until he is absent.

Rev. Dr. McIlwaine, of Baltimore, was invited to a seat as corresponding member.

There were present twenty-six Ministers and twenty-seven Elders.

It was deemed wisest not to place the call of Stony Run church in the hands of Rev. G. L. Brown, but recommend that he be allowed to remain in his present charge, and Stony Run seek a relation with Beulah and Mountain Grove.

Rev. R. C. Walker submitted a very satisfactory report detailing the operations of Missionaries and Evangelists under the direction of the Presbyterial Committee of Home Evangilization. The outlook is in every way encouraging, and much is hoped for from the efforts put forth.

A most interesting address was delivered by Rev. Dr. McIlwaine, Secretary of Home Missions, which was well received, and a deep impression made upon the large audience present.

Col. Preston read an interesting paper on ministerial education as a report of committee of Ruling Elders, in response to inquiries of General Assembly. The port disapproves of any lowering of the standard of ministerial qualification.

Revs. James Murray and F. H. Gaines were chosen Commissioners to General Assembly, at Lexington, Kentucky, with Ruling Elders, Hon. J. J. Davis and Samuel Forrer, Esq.

Preaching service every day at the church; in the evening, similar services were held at Bridgewater, Mt. Solon, Sangersville, Moscow, and Centreville.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be at Fairfield, Rockbridge county, September 6th, 1883.

The hospitality of the people was elegant, open-hearted, to the highest degree.

The young Pastor Ralley and his accomplished lady, endeared themselves very much to the Presbytery by their thoughtful consideration, for the personal comfort of the brethren and friends.

The new church and its appointments were generally admired by the members of Presbytery.

So many have been the changes, that it seems almost like a new body, as to its personnel. Yours, as ever,

S. C. RIBBLER.

ADDITIONAL AND FULLER REPORT.

Through the kindness of a friend and popular minister, we are enabled to furnish a fuller report than the above of the proceedings of the last two days of the session as follows:—

MOSSY CREEK, May 11th, 1883.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

Presbytery met this morning at 9 o'clock,—opened with prayer by Rev. P. Fletcher.

The discussion on the Concord overture, begun yesterday, was resumed this morning. A word of explanation as to what this overture is, may be desirable. The Presbytery of Concord, Synod of N. C., sent up an overture to the General Assembly some time ago, asking the Assembly to eliminate from the Confession of Faith, the following words: "The man may not marry any of his wife's kindred, nearer in blood than his own; nor the woman other husband's kindred nearer in blood than her own." (Conf. of Faith, chap. 24, sec. 4.) In answer to this overture, the General Assembly sent down to the Presbyteries, the question as to whether the whole sentence should or should not be eliminated? The answer of this Presbytery is as follows: "Resolved, that the Presbytery concur with the Presbytery of Concord in regard to the desirableness of expunging this clause from the Confession of Faith; and would overture the Assembly to meet in Lexington, Ky., in May, 1883, to take the steps necessary for eliminating this clause from our book."

Rev. C. W. Stinespring of the United Brethren Conference, was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. R. McIlwaine, D. D., Secretary of Home Missions in the Southern Presbyterian Church, was present, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The report of the Committee of Domestic Missions was presented by the chairman. This report covers the year ending April 1st, and gives a summary of the state of the work in the large missionary field in the bounds of this Presbytery. From this report, it appears that there are seven ministers laboring in missionary fields under the care of this Presbytery.—Four of these are laboring in West Va.—the counties of Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Harrison, and Pendleton; two are laboring in Rockingham county, and one in Bath county, Va. The labors of these ministers have been blessed to an encouraging degree.

After the reading of the report, the Presbytery had great pleasure in listening to an address from Rev. Dr. McIlwaine, on the subject of Home Missions.

Messrs. S. H. Paul, of Tinkling Spring church, and J. E. Bear, of Loch Willow church, were received under care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

The following action touching the retiring of Dr. McIlwaine from the Secretaryship of Home Missions, was taken:—

"Whereas, this Presbytery has learned with profound regret, that Rev. Dr. McIlwaine has decided to accept the Presidency of Hampden Sidney College; and whereas we recognize his decided fitness, and rare qualifications for his present position, and the great satisfaction he has given to the church at large; therefore, be it resolved—

1. That the Presbytery of Lexington urgently requests Dr. McIlwaine to reconsider his decision and to continue in his present position.

2. That this Presbytery overture the General Assemby to meet at Lexington, Ky., to use all the means in their power to retain him as Secretary of Home Missions."

The vote was unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Principals—Rev. James Murray and Rev. F. H. Gaines; Elders—Hon. J. J. Davis and Samuel Forrer.

Alternates—Rev. Alex. Sprunt and Rev. D. C. Irvin; Elders—Jos. A. Waddell and P. L. Yarborough.

A call from Millboro' church for the pastoral services of Rev. A. R. Cocke was presented.

PLACE OF MEETING,

Fairfield church, of Rockbridge county. Time, Sept. 5th, 11 A. M.

FOURTH AND LAST DAY—SATURDAY.

Presbytery met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

Revising Directory of Presbytery—Rev. F. H. Gaines, Rev. R. C. Walker, and Mr. Joseph A. Waddell, were appointed a committee on this subject, to report at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Publication.—Rev. Frank McCutchan reported on this subject, and resigned his position as chairman of the committee.

Rev. Frank McCutchan was added to the Committee of Domestic Relations, in place of Dr. Strickler removed from our bounds.

Presbyterian Aggressiveness—A report on the standard of education for the ministry was presented by Col. J. T. L. Preston, and was approved.

Presbytery adjourned finally at 4, P. M.

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Death of Mr. John Paris.

We are grieved to announce to our readers the death of one of our most esteemed fellow-citizens, Mr. John Paris. He died at his residence, about two miles southwest of Staunton, on the morning of Saturday, the 12th inst., after a long illness, which he endured with Christian fortitude. His health had been frail for more than twenty years, and, besides other ailments, he was the victim of cancer in the face. But his death was caused by an attack of dysentery, and he was carried off after an illness of a few days only, during which he suffered comparatively little. We are not accurately informed as to his age, but believe he had attained his sixty-fourth year.

Mr. Paris was a native of Augusta county, and had spent almost his entire life within her borders. He was descended from one of the oldest and most respectable families of our county. His father was a man of intelligence and high character, who enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. Properly appreciating the advantages of a good education, he spared no pains to bestow them on his only son. At an early age he attended the school of Rev. Dr. Hendren, and was a pupil at the Staunton Academy, where he was the associate of the best youths of the day. Subsequently, he was sent to what was then known as Washington College, (now expanded into Washington and Lee University,) where he completed his course of instruction.

After leaving College, he lived, for a short time, in Mississippi, which then presented so many attractions to the enterprising young men of Virginia. But, in consequence of the death of his father he returned to Augusta county to take charge of the patrimonial property. Soon afterwards he intermarried with Miss Henderson, a daughter of one of his father's old neighbors, and settled down as an industrious and painstaking farmer, an occupation which he continued to follow until his death. His proximity to Staunton, however, enabled him, from time to time, to engage in other occupations, which varied the monotomy of his employment and added to his revenue. For many years he was the assistant of Mr. Nicholas C. Kinney and his successors in the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta. When by law it was provided that an annual session of the Court of Appeals should be held at Staunton, Mr. Paris was elected by the Judges the first Clerk of that Court, and for six years he performed the duties of the office diligently and faithfully to the entire satisfaction of the Judges and of the public. Failing health compelled him to relinquish the position, and to resort to more active pursuits.

But the people of Beverly Manor District, knowing his sound judgment, high integrity, and capacity for business, were not content that he should be entirely withdrawn from their service; and by general consent he was elected Supervisor for that District, and he continued to serve in that office as long as his health would allow him to perform its duties, and was President of the Board for about ten years.

For many years before his death Mr. Paris was afflicted with a cancerous affection, which he knew to be incurable. But notwithstanding his knowledge that he was dying by inches, he preserved great equanimity of temper and spirits, and bore his burthen as became a true Christian. Many years ago he became a member of the Presbyterian church, and was afterwards chosen one of its Elders—first in the Hebron church, and afterwards in the First Presbyterian church of Staunton. His whole life was a beautiful illustration of his Christian profession.

Mr. Paris was a man that could be depended upon; judicious, laborious, and steadfast to truth and duty; of clear perceptions, of unquestioned integrity, and of fine business capacity. He was universally respected and confided in, singularly modest and unobtrusive in his manners and deportment. He manifested no ambitious for the honors or wealth of this world. He never thrust himself on the public as a candidate for office. He was content to live in retirement, although, on various occasions, it was the wish of his friends to elect him to the General Assembly. His tastes were for domestic life, and his whole life was spent in the fulfillment of his family and social duties. He was a true friend, a kind neighbor, and an honest man.

In the death of John Paris, Augusta county has lost one of her most valued citizens. It was but a few days ago that we heard one of our patriarchs, who had known Mr. Paris as a man and boy for more than half a century, remark, in view of Mr. Paris's extreme illness, that he doubted if, when Mr. Paris died, he would leave a more estimable and upright citizen behind him. This is high praise, but it was justly bestowed.

On Sunday his remains were interred in Hebron church-yard beside the dust of his only child, who died many years ago. His wife survives him.

The funeral sermon was preached at his late residence by Rev. W. E. Baker, of the First Presbyterian church of this city, from the 3rd chapter of John, 30th verse: "He must increase, but we must decrease."

The services at the house and at the grave were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The pall-bearers were Wm. T. Rush, W. A. Burnett, Hugh F. Lyle, Thos. C. Elder, Wm. J. Nelson, Jos. A. Waddell, Dr. N. Wayt, and Thos. A. Bledsoe.

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For the SPECTATOR.

Why is it?

Why is it that Augusta street, the most important thoroughfare of our city, should continue to be blocked up for six months or more, by scaffolding and building material intended for the erection of a spacious building, on which for a month past all operations have been suspended? How long is this nuisance to continue? Whose duty is it to see that it is abated? or have the public no interests in the public thoroughfares which individuals are bound to respect? What have the Mayor and Police-officers and Common Council to say on the subject?

Every reasonable indulgence should be extended to persons improving property on the lines of the public streets; but this indulgence may be extended too far. The rights of neighboring property-holders are entitled to consideration; nor should the interests of the general public be lost sight of. Persons building, should be required to make their arrangements in advance, so as to prosecute the work with reasonable dispatch. No one should be allowed to obstruct the public streets and side-walks for more than *two months* at farthest. With ordinary prudence in providing material, and making proper arrangements in advance, *thirty days* ought to be long enough for the erection of a building and such advance towards its completion as to justify the removal of the scaffolding and surplus material and rubbish.

It is to be hoped that the necessary steps will be taken by the proper authorities to have this grievance removed, PROGRESS.

Call at the Tobacco store of Messrs. W. H. & M. Page for "Page's No. 1" cigar, specially manufactured for this market. may8-2ts.

Commissioner of Sales bonds ready-printed at SPECTATOR office.

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LARGE EJECTMENT SUIT.—There has been instituted, in the Circuit Court of Augusta county, a suit in ejectment by Emily Hollingsworth, of Philadelphia, against one hundred and eighty-seven parties defendant, for the recovery of lands under the "Hollingsworth Survey," in the counties of Augusta and Rockingham, Virginia, and in Pendleton county, West Va., lying on the waters of the Shenandoah River and on the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River.

Don't fail to examine the fine and fresh line of Groceries now being opened by C. C. Wheat at his store on Main street. It

TO THE CHILDREN.—The Ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union wish you to go to the Sunday-school Room of the 1st Presbyterian Church, at 5 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening, to join a Band of Hope. No pledge will be required. They will have a nice library of which you can have the use by paying 10 cents a year. Go, all of you, and hear about it.

ICE, ICE.—Messrs. Catt & Kerr are prepared to furnish first-class ice at reasonable prices. may1-3t.

Y. M. C. A.—The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in their Hall this evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Reports for the last year will be read and new officers elected for the ensuing year. The friends of the Association are invited to attend. Let all come and we will have a good meeting.

We have tickets ready printed for the election on the 24th inst. Send in your orders.

Blank check-books can be had ready-printed at the SPECTATOR office.

Seriously Injured on the Valley Railroad.

Yesterday (Monday) morning, as the material train on the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was shifting the engine from the north to the south end of the train at Weyer's Cave Depot, Mr. John Broydrick, of Harrisonburg, an employee of said Road, in attempting to jump from the engine to the nearest car of the train, after it had been detached from the cars, (the cars being still in motion, and the engine leaving the train,) missed his distance and fell down between the rails on the Road, and one or two of the cars ran over him; and the wheels passing over his left leg, crushed it fearfully from the foot to within about four or five inches of the knee-joint; and also inflicted a very severe wound through the whole thickness of the upper portion of the thigh—the wound being entirely through the thigh, as if an iron bolt or something of that sort had perforated it—and barely missing the large artery and vein in that region. He had, besides these injuries, a number of slight bruises about his body and head.

The railroad men immediately sent an engine and a passenger car to Staunton for a Surgeon, and in the meantime summoned two of the neighborhood physicians—Drs. Christian and Crawford.

Upon examination, it was found necessary to amputate his left leg just below the knee-joint.

The operation was performed by Dr. A. M. Henkel, assisted by Drs. Christian and Crawford. The patient endured the operation quite well, and was doing as well as could be expected when the train returned at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Broydrick is a young man about 26 years old. He is single, and lives in Harrisonburg, whither he was taken after the operation.

School District blanks ready-printed at the SPECTATOR office.

DEATH OF L. Z. CROSBY.—A telegram, received here last Sunday, announced the death of Mr. L. Z. Crosby, at his home in Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. Crosby was for several years a resident of our city as the representative of his father in the sale of the Grader Wheat Fan, and had formed many friendships whilst here. His death was not unexpected, for he had been gradually failing under the attack of that fatal and insidious disease, consumption, and he himself was fully aware, when he left here a few months ago, that his lease of life was slowly but surely drawing to a close. He was a young man of gentle manners, kind-hearted, devoted to his friends, and greatly beloved by all who knew him well. His young life has gone out, but kind recollections of him will long remain fresh in the hearts of his many friends in this city.

A fresh stock of Groceries is now being opened by C. C. Wheat, on Main street, next door to Berkeley & Allen's drug store. it.

PREACHING BY STRANGE MINISTERS SUNDAY.—In the 1st Presbyterian Church, the sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. D. C. Irvin, of Lexington church, and that in the evening by Rev. Mr. Penick, of New Monmouth church, Rockbridge county.

In the 2nd Presbyterian church, Rev. George Buckle preached in the morning. There were no services in the evening. Mr. Buckle is an Englishman by birth, who has been received into Lexington Presbytery from the Presnytery of St. Louis, Missouri, and will for the next six months occupy the field in Highland county that was formerly occupied by Rev. C. S. M. See.

In the M. E. Church South, the sermons, morning and evening, were preached by Rev. H. W. Kinzer, of Waynesboro' Station.

Election Tickets ready printed at the SPECTATOR Office.

"POCAHONTAS TIMES."—This is the title of a paper published at Huntersville, Pacahontas county, W. Va., by Messrs. Canfield & Marshall, the first number of which was issued last Thursday, the 10th. It is an eight-page paper with a patent inside. It requires men of enterprise to enter upon such a venture, and they should receive the encouragement and material support of the citizens of that county. It requires money to publish a paper, and the citizens generally should subscribe to it and advertise in it, otherwise it must perish, and the county will be a loser by it. Support your home paper.

ELECTION TICKETS.—Election Tickets to be had at the SPECTATOR Office on short notice and at reasonable rates.

LETTER FROM BOSTON.—We have received for publication an interesting and well-written letter from Boston. It was received too late for this issue, but will appear in the next. The letters from this correspondent are always welcome, and we would be pleased to receive them more frequently. We would advise him to make them shorter and more numerous, as they cannot be abridged without loss, and can be published more promptly.

Election Tickets printed at this office on good paper at reasonable rates. Send in your orders early.

NEW GROCERY.—Mr. C. C. Wheat is just opening a new grocery store on Main St., next door to Berkeley & Allen's drug store. Mr. Wheat is an experienced merchant, well known to our citizens, and in every way worthy and deserving of their liberal support. He is receiving a full, varied, and fresh stock of all kinds of goods in his line, which he will sell cheap for cash. Don't fail to give "Charlie" a call.

Get your Election Tickets at the SPECTATOR Office.

INSALLATION OF MINISTERS.—Rev. F. G. Ralley will be installed as Pastor of the Mossy Creek Church on the 2nd Sabbath in June under the direction of Rev. Messrs. Bowman, Sprunt, and Gaines; and Rev. A. R. Cocke as Pastor of Millboro' Church on the 28th of July, under the direction of Rev. Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Penick, and Walker. Rev. Mr. Cocke will give half his time to Millboro' Church.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE W. C. T. U. COFFEE HOUSE.—The Highland *Recorder* gives a long notice of the W. C. T. U. Coffee House of this city, and commends it highly, and expresses the hope that the good people of Highland and elsewhere, when visiting Staunton, will encourage the commendable enterprise by patronizing it. There they can find quiet and rest and hearty good cheer."

MCGAHEYSVILLE GRADED SCHOOL.—The closing exercises of the Graded School at McGaheysville, Rockingham county, of which Mr. A. C. Kilmer is Principal, will take place as follows:—

Primary Department, Friday afternoon, May 18th; Intermediate, Monday, the 21st; and Grammar School, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 22nd and 23rd.

PARALYZED.—We are pained to announce that Mr. John S. Churchman, a worthy citizen of the neighborhood of Mint Spring, was attacked with paralysis on last Saturday. He was unconscious for several hours, but we learn that he has improved, and is now able to talk. His condition at first was regarded as very serious, but it is now thought that he will recover.

*Druggists say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy for female complaints they ever heard of.

TRIED FOR PERJURY.—Jim McGuffin, (col.) was tried in the City Court last week for false swearing at the last November election. The jury, consisting of seven white and five colored men, failed to agree. They stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. The juror for acquittal was Frank Ware, a prominent colored politician.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Last week, in the City Court, Joshua Stover was indicted for stealing a shawl from Wehn's wagon-yard, belonging to a negro, Wm. Carter, of Mt. Meridian. He plead guilty and was setenced to the penitentiary for one year. This makes the fifth time he has been convicted of petit larceny.

At Charlie Wheat's store, on Main street, is the place to get the very freshest of Groceries. Call and examine his stock. it

ARM DISLOCATED.—On last Tuesday morning, Dr. James M. Warren, of New Hope, fell from a ladder in his stable and dislocated his left arm at the shoulder.

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Briefs.

Send in your orders for Election Tickets and have them quickly and cheaply printed.

The Highland *Recorder* says that "the Staunton mail route is getting to be a bigger nuisance than ever."

All kinds of Magistrates' and Constables' blanks, for county and city, to be had ready-printed at the SPECTATOR office.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the the Annual Ball to be given by the pupils of the Augusta Male Academy at Ft. Defiance on next Wednesday night.

The Trustees of Thornrose Cemetery desire us to call the attention of lot-owners to the necessity of cutting the grass on their lots, as it has now grown very high.

Manganese has been discovered in large quantities on the land of Mr. Waggoner, near Sherando, in this county. The work of developing the deposit is being pushed with energy.

The wheat and grass throughout this great Valley are looking well. We hope our farmers will be blessed with a good crop of wheat, and that the present indications will not prove deceptive.

Joseph Nimmo, Jr., Chief of the Treasury Bereau of Statistics, is preparing for the June number of the *North American Review*, an article on the Manufacturing Interests of the United States.

The New York *Tribune* prints about two full pages of crop news from all parts of the wheat-growing country. The general tenor of its reports promises a yield, which, if not equal to that of last year, will be at least up to the average of crops for several.

A party of Baltimore capitalists arrived in Staunton last Wednesday evening by the Valley railroad. Their two special coaches were transferred to the C. & O. road, and, having spent several hours in Staunton, they went West on the night express.

The Harrisonburg Guards have initiated a movement to get up a grand 4th of July celebration in that burg. A committee appointed for canvassing the town for subscriptions succeeded in raising four hundred and forty-seven and a-half dollars. A pretty good beginning, as they only ask for $700 to carry out their plans in grand style. Success to you, boys, and a glorious Fourth.

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Letter from Afton.

AFTON, VA., May 12, 1883.

EDITOR SPECTATOR:—The cold spell, which continued to the 1st of May, with the frosts, have still left us at least a *half crop* of peaches, apples, cherries, &c. The wheat crop is looking tolerably well. Clover and other grasses are flourishing. Farm work is backward; but now that warm weather has come, farmers are busy planting corn, &c.

Aspirants for county officers are busy electioneering in a mild and pleasant way. The result of their labors will not be known until after May 24th.

Our County Judge has refused to issue any bar-room license for this end of the county; so we have all concluded to be temperate and drink bitters with ice-cream. We understand that an ice-cream saloon will soon be opened here, in place of the late bar; so mote it be.

From appearances it would seem that about one-eighth of the snack-venders of Gordonsville had removed to Afton and opened business. Snack business lively.

The Afton Hotel and Mountain Top are busy preparing for summer boarders. They expect full houses this season.

The free schools in this end of Nelson county, for the last season, have been a failure. Only one or two school-houses where there ought to be four. No competent or experienced teachers, with bad management on the part of officers. Our free schools should be readjusted.

Merchants in this section have purchased large stocks of goods, anticipating a good business season. More anon. H.

For the SPECTATOR

An Appeal to the Conservatives of North River Township.

I met on last evening, the 11th, an intelligent citizen of Long Glade in Staunton. He informed me that such is the apathy of the Democratic party and activity of the opposite side he fears the result will be defeat in that district. He gives the best and strongest reasons for his fears.

Now, let me appeal to James Clinedinst, — Trout, the sons of Jack Bell, dec'd, of Alex. R. Bell, of Maj. J. H. Ervine's son John, to Mr. Logan, to And. Crist and son, to Ro. Byers, and others, not to give slumber to their eyes until every man is seen and urged to come to the polls. The Currys, the Easts, the Lowmans, and the new-fledged registrars are active, sly, cunning, adroit, and will throw dust in your eyes if they can. Listen not to their plausible tales. Do your duty as freemen, who deserve to be free. Whilst I particularize North River, the hint is applicable as well to the county. Bear in mind you lose 150 votes in the excursion to Niagara, and there will be apathy with the defeated aspirants and their relatives and friends. Make all this up by your increased activity. CONSERVATIVE.

Messrs. Catt & Kerr will furnish their customers with ice just as soon as the weather gets warm enough. may1-3t.

MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Present—J. N. Hendren, chairman; H. B. Seig, Jas. H. Callison, David Beard, S. A. East, and J. S. Ellis.

A large number of road accounts, certified from the county court were allowed, amounting to between two thousand and twenty-five hundred dollars.

The petition for roads by J. E. Harnsberger and others, J. S. Myers and others, Wellington H. Watts and others, Robt. M. Kyle, and E. G. M. Greiner, were examined and approved, allowing the land damages and costs, and ordered to be certified to the county court.

The tax on the Shenandoah Valley Railroad was assessed for county and school purposes for the year 1882.

The laying of the county levy for the present year was postponed till Saturday, the 25th inst., when the Board will meet again for that purpose, and also to examine and certify the delinquent tax list for 1882.

A resolution was passed requesting the city of Staunton to discontinue the use of the court house for the corporation court, having already held it by courtesy of the Board for the past two years.

THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING.—The Stephens City *Star* says pertinently and truthfully that "what is worth getting is worth asking for; and if you want custom say so through the local press, the only way to reach the consumer. Everybody who has anything to sell, whether it be real estate or personal property—farms or farm stock, town houses or lots; merchandise or manufactures of every description should make it known through the newspapers. There can be no more profitable outlay in business of any kind than liberal and judicious advertising. What manure is to the soil; what steam is to machinery; what blood is to life—advertising is to the business man in every department of trade, manufactures and commerce. The experience of the most successful business men has long demonstrated this fact."

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE.—On Friday, the 18th inst., the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of a new church on Barren Ridge, about seven miles East of Staunton, on the road between Fishersville and New Hope, will be observed by the Lutheran congregation of that vicinity. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Barb, of the Mt. Zion church, assisted by ministers from this and adjoining States. The church is to be built in the gothic style, and will cost about $1,200. The contractor is Mr. Frederick Fry, who expects to have it finished by next Fall. The services will be of an interesting character and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present.

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TO-NIGHT—TO NIGHT.—At the Masonic Hall to-night will be presented the splendid entertainment by Messrs. Wilkinson, Money & Greene of their "Night in Wonderland." It is both enjoyable and instructive, and no one should fail to avail themselves of this opportunity of spending an evening of "endless laughter and amusement."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE CAUSED BY LIGHTNING—SIX MEN KILLED—LOSS $1,500,000.—Last Thursday morning the works of the Standard Oil Company at Communipaw, Jersey City, the largest in this country, were struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. At least six lives were lost in the flames, and the loss of property will probably not fall short of $1,500,000. The fire started during the severe storm Thursday morning. One of the tanks near the shore was struck and exploded by the lightning. The burning oil poured out like an angry river and flowed down the avenues between the rows of enormous tanks toward the river. In a short time the flames communicated with three large tanks, and they exploded simultaneously with terrific force. The fragments of iron were hurled a distance of half a mile, and the burning oil was scattered in all directions. The entire fire department had been summoned, but their services were almost useless, as the burning streams of oil poured through the yard, firing tank after tank on the east side, and licking up the buildings. The store-house, a solid structure where the barreled oil was kept, was attacked by the flames and succumbed. The engine-house went next, and the oil and water pump-houses. The sunken tanks and machine shops quickly followed. Despite the tremendous heat and blinding smoke the firemen worked valiantly in the vain hope of checking the progress of the flames. People near by deserted their homes and moved out their effects.

INDICTED FOR MURDER AND ARSON.—Wm. T. Dodson, who was arrested at Danville, April 24th, on suspicion of having murdered a negro named James Read, and attempted to turn the house in which the body was concealed, an account of which we published at the time, was, on Monday of last week, indicted by the grand jury of the Hustings Court for murder, arson, and embezzlement of $700 of the funds of the warehouse in which he was employed.

The Lynchburg *Advance* says that "the Tewksbury horror has taken the starch out of the Massachusetts higher law and moral idea party. Skinning colored children and tanning their skins, is rather a low grade of humanity for State officials."

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What will happen next? The Democrats have swept the city of St Paul in the strong Republican State of Minnesota, and elected their entire ticket by a large majority.

TRAGEDY AT A WEDDING—*Paris*, May 10.—A tragedy, which has caused a great sensation, was enacted here this morning on the Rue Saint Denis—While a marriage party was proceeding along the thoroughfare on the way to the church where the marriage was to be solemnized, a rival of the bridegroom suddenly appeared on the scene, and, to the horror of the party, shot and killed him. The assassin poisoned himself instantly after firing the fatal shot.

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MARRIAGES.

CRAFTON—HENDERSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, R. Henderson, Esq., in this county, April 25th, by Rev. J. M. Frost, of Staunton, Mr. C. A. Crafton, of Richmond, and Miss Bessie M. Henderson.

WILSON—SHANKLIN.—On Thursday, the 10th inst., in West End, near Staunton Mr. Horatio T. Wilson, of Rockbridge county, and Miss Mary, daughter of the late James Shanklin, formerly of Alleghany county.

CAMPBELL—MILLER.—On Thursday, May the 8th, at Newport, Mr. John W. Campbell and Miss Annie Miller, Rev. F. Briley officiating.

BAUSERMAN—SHAVER.—On May 6, 1883, at the Reformed church parsonage, near Cross Keys, by Rev. B. R. Carnahan, Joseph E. Bauserman and Miss Eliza E. Shaver, both of Rockingham county.

DEATHS.

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

PLECKER.—At the residence of her husband, near Mt. Solon in this county, on Monday, May 7th 1883, of consumption, Ann Eliza Plecker, wife of Wm Plecker, and daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Dinkle, aged 43 years, 1 month, and 7 days. She connected herself with the Methodist church when 15 years old, and remained a consistent member of the same until the day of her death. Her funeral was preached at Mt. Solon by Rev. Mr. Lynch, of the Methodist church on Tuesday morning, and her remains were interred at Bridgewater on Tuesday evening.

YOUNG.—At his residence near Crawfordsville, of old age and heart disease, Robert Young, aged 82 years and 4 months. On March 25th, 1883, of consumption, Wm. M. Young, aged 40 years. On 28th of Oct., 1882, of consumption, Lizzie J. Young, aged 42 years. They were all of the same family.

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" Superfine	4 15	@4 25
Wheat—Lancaster—per bushel	1 38	@1 17
" Fultz	1 00	@1 15
Corn—White	58	@0 60
" Yellow	58	@0 60
Rye	70	@ 70
Oats	45	@ 48
Buckwheat—per lb	3	@ 3¼
Butter	24	@ 25
Eggs—per dozen	12	@ 13
Lard	12	@ 12
Bacon—City Hams	13	@ 15
Country Hams	12½@	12½
" Shoulders	9	@ 10
" Sides	11	@ 12
Bacon—Hog round	11	@ 12½
Pork	8