Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1885.

Local Department.

GEN. FITZ LEE'S FIRST GUN.—Gen. Fitz Lee opened his campaign on last Monday in Accomack, where he delivered an able speech to fifteen hundred people. He will now go on "conquering and to conquer." The people will flock to his standard, upon which victory will perch on the 3rd of November.

THE MILLBORO' CONVENTIONS.

THE SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT—ALLEGHANY, BATH AND HIGHLAND IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

According to announcement, the Democratic party of the Seventh Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Rockbridge, Botetourt, Alleghany, Bath, and Highland, assembled by delegates at Millboro' Depot, Bath county, Friday, the 28th instant, for the purpose of choosing a candidate to represent that district in the General Assembly, the term of Wm. A. Glasgow, Esq., of Botetourt, the present member, having expired, and he declining a re-election.

The proprietor of the large and elegant hotel at Millboro' invited the Conventions to hold their sessions in the spacious hall, which was well arranged with seats and every desirable comfort for the business of the day, and for which, as well as for the excellent entertainment of the delegates, he had their most hearty thanks.

There were full representations from the several counties present, who exhibited in interviews with each other as they would meet, and in Convention, a *very fine feeling*, and a determined purpose to carry the coming election in the several counties by increased majorities.—The delegations were composed of earnest and active men. There were aged gentlemen who spoke of the situation with the animation of youth, and who seemed to gather new enthusiasm as they warmed up to the work, in which they encouraged their young associates to embark with ardor, knowing the importance of the contest upon which they were all entering.

The venerable Adam Stephenson, Esq., of Highland, was made President, and Mr. C. M. Bragg, of the Alleghany *Sentinel*, Secretary, and Sam'l J. Graham, of Rockbridge, and members of the Press present Assistant Secretaries.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Edmondson, of Rockbridge; Simmons, of Botetourt; Bowler, of Alleghany; McAllister, of Bath; and Hiner, of Highland, were appointed upon credentials. In a few minutes the committee reported the names of delegates in attendance, with the vote each county was entitled to, to wit:—Rockbridge 21, Botetourt 16, Alleghany 8, Bath 5, Highland 6,—all of which was adopted.

Before the meeting of the Convention, the expressions of views and interchange of sentiments between delegates indicated that the names of three gentlemen, all with previous Legislative experience, and strong and popular in their respective sections, and each worthy of the honor of bearing the banner of the party in the contest, would be presented. They were W. A. Anderson, of Rockbridge; C. P. Jones, of Highland; and Walter N. Johnston, of Botetourt. The delegates from Rockbridge and Botetourt, who had thought of proposing Mr. Anderson, were aware of his disinclination to continue in the Legislature, where he has served previously, and in both branches. They were not inclined to press his nomination, because they knew how anxious he was to become the active and efficient supporter of either of the other gentlemen named rather than to be the leader in the district, though it was absolutely safe to the party. Similar sentiments were expressed for Mr. Johnston, who has served Botetourt most efficiently in the House of Delegates in 1881-82. The delegations from Alleghany, Bath, and Highland expressed an earnest desire to see their young and honored representative from those three counties in the last House of Delegates, Mr. C. P. Jones, in the upper branch of the General Assembly. He had borne in triumph the banner of his party against heavy odds in 1883, and redeemed those counties from the grasp of the opposition. He was able, fearless, of fine attainments, and a vigorous campaigner.

Such were the expressions and views of the members of the Convention before assembling and when it did so, its task was soon accomplished.

Mr. Bowler, of Alleghany, in handsome terms and elegant manner, nominated Mr. C. P. Jones, of Highland, who was followed by Mr. McAllister, of Bath, with equal vigor of thought and expression of desire to have the district call Mr. Jones to the leadership. The venerable Col Hiner, of Highland, arose and said it appeared that there were to be no other names presented, and in view of the scene, and in that somewhat parental regard he had for his young and gifted countryman, he was, he might say, too full for utterance, and asked if there were any other names to present, and if not, he moved to make the nomination by acclamation. Messrs. Shields, Edmondson, Nelson, and Ross, of Rockbridge, and Simmons and Boyd, of Botetourt, responded for their counties, saying they had no desire to present any other name, and were pleased to enter the unanimous call of the district for Mr. Jones, who was nominated with acclamation and a great shout of joy.

Messrs. Edmondson and Nelson, of Rockbridge, referred particularly to the canvass to be made in that county. The importance and necessity of holding the county to the Democratic party in the future could not be estimated. The party in the county was organized and would make a bold fight, but they desired all available help in the canvass. Messrs. McAllister, Bowler, and others declared that the nominee for the Senate would be with them, and they might rely on him for a thorough and vigorous canvass of the county.

On motion of Mr. F. T. Glasgow, of Botetourt, Messrs. Bowler, of Alleghany; McAllister, of Bath; Simmons, of Botetourt; Edmondson, of Rockbridge; and Hiner, of Highland, were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Jones of his nomination, and to request his acceptance of the same. And then, with rounds of huzzahs, the Convention adjourned.

CONVENTION TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Immediately after the Senatorial District Convention adjourned, the Convention of delegates from Alleghany, Bath and Highland assembled for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the House of Delegates. Mr. Bowler, of Alleghany, was made President, and John W. Stephenson, of Bath, Secretary, with members of the Press present as his assistants. Col. Hiner, of Highland, nominated Mr. James O. Hobbs, of the same county, in a speech highly expressive of the popularity of Mr. Hobbs, and the efficiency with which he would enter the canvass and lead the party to another success in the three counties. Messrs. Stephenson and McAllister, of Bath, seconded the nominations in excellent speeches, when, with one voice, the election of Mr. Hobbs was announced. He was present, and, coming forward, accepted the honor in an address replete with sound views, and giving an earnest expression of the interest he felt in the canvass, not only for members of the Legislature, but for the success of the State ticket. He was loudly cheered, as he closed, saying he was ready for the work entrusted to him and would commence the canvass determined that victory and increased majorities should crown his efforts.

Do not for a moment let your confidence betray you into supposing yourself incapable of mistake. It is indeed a serious blunder to refuse to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup when you even suspect you have taken cold.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH—INSTALLATION OF THE PASTOR.—The Baptist Church of this city is now being greatly improved. The improvements in the basement have been completed, and those in the main body of the church are now going on. The carpenter-work is done by Capt. W. M. Marr, and the painting by Mr. R. F. Hosey. The ends of the pews are changed and the backs made four inches higher. The whole interior will be repainted, including the walls. The wood-work will be grained in oak and walnut. It is the purpose to have it all completed by the 2nd Sabbath of September, at which time the installation of Rev. Jas. Nelson, D. D., as the Pastor of that church, will take place, on which occasion Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., and other ministers will be present.

CLIFTON FORGE INDEPENDENT.—This is the title of a newspaper established at Clifton Forge, Alleghany county, by the Crescent Printing Company, of which W. D. Williams, Esq., is the editor. Judging from the first two issues, we think it will be conducted with energy and ability. The editorials are well written and in proper tone. We wish the *Independent* abundant success.

Buy Reeves Catt's Blood, Bone & Flesh Fertilizer. The best high grade fertilizer on the market for the money.

Personal.

Mrs. Dr. Robert McChesney, of Lewisburg, W. Va., who was paralyzed a few weeks since, is improving.

Miss Annie Harnsberger, of Elkton, Rockingham county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Bishop, of Monterey, Highland county.

Rev. C. E. Vaughn, pastor of New Providence Church, has been elected Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hevener, of Swoope's Depot, are on a visit to Mrs H's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Trimble, and other relatives in the vicinity of Monterey.

Misses Mary Craig and Fannie Doyle, of Craigsville in this county, are visiting friends in Greenbrier co., W. Va., where they are the guests of Mrs. Sarah Feamster, near Lewisburg.

The Charleston, W. Va., *Evening Star* of August 31st, says:—

"Mrs. J. B. Denoon, of Staunton, Va., is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gebhart."

The Rockbridge County *News* says that S. W. Stuart was knocked off the corner of a house which he was assisting in raising, near Brownsburg, on the 25th ult., and seriously hurt, having struck one of the sleepers in the fall.

Major N. H. Hotchkiss, who has been an invalid with rheumatism, has found relief and is now in the enjoyment of good health, which he attributes to the virtues of the Red Sulphur Springs in Monroe county, W. Va., where he spent several weeks.

We are sorry to learn that the wife of Mr. J. P. Kerr, Junior Editor of the Rockingham *Register*, is quite ill. She has many friends here who will be sorry to hear of her illness. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hopkins, the Matron of the Western Lunatic Asylum.

The *Mountain News* of Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., says:—

"Rev. Mr. Paul departed for his home in Augusta county, Virginia, Monday last. An eloquent, fluent speaker, earnest, faithful worker and genial gentleman he has justly won an enviable reputation amongst our people who are loath to give him up."

The Greenbrier *Independent* says that John W. McPherson, Esq., and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edgar McPherson, both of Hopkinsville, Ky., arrived in Lewisburg a few days since.—They will remain a week or two weeks with Mr. James Withrow and other of their relatives in Lewisburg and vicinity.

A PICKPOCKET IN LIMBO.—With the advent of the circus last Thursday morning, a pickpocket, bold and persistent in his efforts at robbery, turned up. His first attempt was about 9 o'clock in the morning at the passenger station, Chesapeake and Ohio depot, upon Dr. M. McKennie, of the University of Virginia, who was standing on the platform waiting for the train. Dr. McK. was too quick for him and saved his pocket-book, but the thief made his escape.

Shortly after that, he attempted to steal the pocket-books of Messrs. Henry Spitler, of the county, and James B. Smith, near Greenville, who were standing on the sidewalk near the Augusta National Bank, looking at the circus procession passing through the streets. Mr. Smith grabbed his hand and wrenched the pocket-book from him, and held on to him—the fellow in the mean time begging for release, but Smith was immovable to his appeals. Finally he worked himself loose and ran down Augusta street to the wagon-yard, and there was caught. He was taken before the Mayor, Smith and Spitler appearing against him. He was sent on for indictment by the Grand Jury of the Hustings Court, which will meet on the 10th of September.

He gave his name as Wm. Mitchell, of Lynchburg, but the circus men say he is a follower of the trains and known as "The Deacon," and is from Ohio.

Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain, has made a most brilliant debut. All druggists and dealers in medicine sell it at 25 cents a bottle.

PIECE OF FURNITURE NINETY-THREE YEARS OLD.—There is at the residence of S. H. Burnett, Esq., near Greenville, in good condition, an old chest, made of solid walnut, the boards being very broad and one inch thick. On the front, inlaid with what appears to be pine wood, are the following characters, arranged like this:—

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The first letter, though made as I., was intended for J. This old piece of furniture was the property of John Doak, who lived in the old stone house used, during Colonial times, as a fort, and which is still standing and about a mile from Greenville. The chest was kept in the family till the death of the last one of them, a daughter of John Doak, which occurred at Mr. Burnett's nearly three years ago. The stone house, with the excellent little farm, passed to the families of Messrs. Peter and Joseph Woodward, of Staunton, by whom it was recently sold to Col. H. J. Williams, of the neighborhood.

JOHN B. DORIS' CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.—This show will exhibit in Staunton on Friday, September the 11th. An exchange says:—

"Too much can not be said to urge on amusement loving people to attend John B. Doris' New Monster Shows, consolidated with the Great Inter-Ocean-Triple Circus in three separate rings, Museum, Aquarium, Elevated Theatre Stage, and Fifty Cage Menagerie—Twelve Shows in one. They will positively see the Greatest Show on Earth. Krao, the Missing Link, the Greatest of all Living Wonders. Score new novelties, attractive features, curiosities, aerialists, bicyclists, jugglers, roller-skaters, athletes, gymnasts, equestrians, equestrienes, rare animals, horses, costumes, riders, chariots, cages, wagons, lordly birds, towering animals, mammoth beasts, and overpowering and truly tremendous features, than ever did exist, or can possibly be gathered together in one show. Augmented by everything of value and splendor that money could purchase."

HAY-FEVER.

Ely's Cream Balm was recommended to me by my druggist as a preventive to Hay Fever. Have been using it as directed since the 9th of August and have found it a specific for that much dreaded and loathsome disease. For ten years or more I have been a great sufferer each year, from August 9th till frost, and have tried many alleged remedies for its cure, but Ely's Cream Balm is the only preventive I have ever found. Hay Fever sufferers ought to know of its efficacy.

FRANK B. AINSWORTH,
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Indianapolis, Ind.

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H. D. CALLIHAN, Baggage Master,
I. & St. L. R. R., Terre Haute, Ind.

The Uncertainty of Mundane Affairs.

The world would go on very much the same if we should be away as if we were here. One man leaves, another takes his place; but Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early of Va., are faithful to their engagement, to conduct in person the grand monthly drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery at New Orleans, La. Their presence and entire supervision are a sure guarantee of the honesty of the managment. The next (the 184th grand monthly) will take place on September 8, and any information can be had on application to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

EXCURSION TICKETS TO LOUISVILLE AND RETURN.—The great Southern Exposition at Louisville will close on the 24th of October. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is offering excursion return tickets at low rates, giving all who desire to see that section of the West and the great city of the Ohio Valley, with all its attractions, the best opportunity they will have this season to travel at reduced rates.

THE HALE HOUSE.—Many visitors to the mountains are calling at the Hale House and spending a few days, very much to their delight, especially with the luxuries abounding on the tables at every meal.

The county people are also liberally patronizing the Hale. Many are to be observed every day partaking of the sumptuous dinners spread before the guests at that popular house.

EDITOR OF SPECTATOR:—In my article on the contested election cases in the last Legislature a typographical error occurs. I was made to say "*without* throwing out Snead's Store precinct, in Goochland county, or purging the poll of illegal votes cast for Clark, the contestant. R. F. Vaughn, the contestee, was entitled to the seat." It should have been "*either*" instead of "*without*." Please make this correction.

Respectfully, JNO. N. OPIE.

Mr. Frank Gilkeson, from the neighborhood of Stribling Springs, was in the city Monday with his wagon. When near the Court-house on Augusta Street, and whilst he was adjusting something about the team, one of the horses kicked him on the leg inflicting a painful wound. He was taken to his son's residence near Fishersville shortly afterwards.

The gloomy fears, the desponding views, the weariness of soul that many complain of would often disappear were the blood made pure and healthy before reaching the delicate vessels of the brain. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies and vitalizes the blood; and thus conduces to health of body and sanity of mind.

From the Virginia Critic (colored.)

Young Men's Independent Republican Club.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of young colored men was held at the rooms of L. W. Moore, Monday evening, August 23, 1885, to discuss the relation of colored men to the two great political parties now contending for supremacy in the State.

During the meeting considerable independence of spirit was manifested and the organization of an Independent Republican Club was effected. Mr. Scott Wood was unanimously chosen temporary chairman, and Mr. S. L. Morris, Secretary. A committee on permanent organization was then appointed. The committee reported the following list of officers and plan of organization. Officers: L. W. Moore, President; D. C. Carter, Vice-President; F. H. Dillard, Secretary; J. H. E. Carter, Assistant-Secretary; Harry Lindsay, sergeant-at-arms.

This club shall be known as the Independent Republican Club of Staunton, Va. The officers shall be as follows: a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms.

The officers shall hold office three months.

The election of officers shall take place the 4th Friday of each third month.

Any person wishing to become a member of this club after its organization will make his application through some member at the regular meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order shall be adopted as our manual.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The Republican party has for a number of years shown such total disregard for the welfare of the Negro in the Southern States, and has allowed its hirelings and Federal office-holders—many of whom have grown rich by basely misrepresenting the Negro in the South, to bring about this hostility of feeling. We know of and have felt the iron heel of oppression, but we have always believed it was largely due to our so-called Republican friends, who have been for the past twenty-five years carried by Negro votes into power and place. They have stirred up bad blood between the races, much to our detriment as Negroes.

We believe that it is to our interest politically, materially and in every other way to call a halt in the unqualified support that we have given to the Republican party.

We are not yet willing to go into the Democratic party, and never will be till Bourbonism becomes broad enough, liberal enough and Democratic enough in sentiment to eliminate the race question from political campaigns.—When that is done, and a disposition on their part shown to us that they mean equal rights, fair play and true justice to all men alike, regardless of the color of their skins, then the black laborer will join hands and vote to drive out every discordant element in our section of the country, and bring about universal good feelings, which should exist between the two races.

Resolved, therefore, That in view of the above facts, we, the colored men of Staunton, do here in mass meeting assembled, organize ourselves into an Independent Republican Club.

Resolved, That we are now, and ever will be in the future, actuated only by the highest and purest motives; that we work for the best interest of our race, poll lealty, and in other ways that will tend to their advancement.

Resolved, That we knuckle to no party nor bend the knee to any political bosses when they seek to drive us into the support of men and measures which are totally repugnant to all sense of honor and decency.

Resolved, That we pledge our support to the party, but will weigh all men and platforms upon their merits, and will support them accordingly. And we will also advise the voters of our race at any and all times what we consider to be for their best interest.

Resolved, That we condemn in the strongest terms the party managers for nominating some Negro Representatives on the State Ticket.—We are more than 75 per cent of the entire voting population of the Republican party in the State, and regard the slight as a direct insult to the manhood and intelligence of the Negro race.

Resolved, That we commend the Democrats for being what they profess to be, politically.—We further applaud them for such recognition as they have given colored men, and hope they may find others worthy of their confidence. Such recognition will do much toward making the colored people politically independent.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each weekly newspaper, for publication, in Staunton.

Committee on Resolutions:
JAS. H. CARTER, Chairman.
FRED. H. DILLARD, Secretary.
W. H. CARTER.

A GRAND EXCURSION ON THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD TO LURAY CAVERNS.—One of the cheapest and most attractive excursions of the season will be on the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, Friday, September 18th, 1885, to the LURAY CAVERNS, by special trains leaving Roanoke at 7 A. M., for the round trip on that day. The trains will pass the following named stations at the hours given and the charge will be $2.00 for round trip tickets from the following stations:—

Lock Laird, 9:10; Riverside, 9:24; Midvale, 9:33; Vesuvius, 9:50; Lofton, 10:00; Greenville, 10:07; Stuart's Draft, 10:20; Lyndhurst, 10:31; Waynesboro', 10:40. The excursion will arrive at Luray 12:30 P. M., and leave 5:30, thus giving five hours to view the wonderful caverns.

The excursion is for the benefit of the FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH. The Committee of Arrangements is made up of persons at and adjacent to each station named, who, in addition to the Depot Agents, will sell tickets good for the excursion. This Committee is as follows: Rev. J. M. Rollins, Fairfield; A. D. Grant, Mt. Zion; Jno. H. Whitmore, White's Gap; Joseph Fultz, Fairfield, representing churches in Rockbridge county on and near the railroad.

The rates are very low, the object one appealing to the liberality of all who can aid it, and the CAVERNS to be observed one of the greatest curiosities known to exist. The day will be one of rare entertainment at the cheapest rates and the gain realized will contribute to the benefit of a church located in an old and well known Valley town.

BALDWIN AUGUSTA FAIR—RE UNION OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.—Hundreds of readers of the SPECTATOR remember with emotional feelings the pleasant scenes and tender associations attending the re-union of Confederate Soldiers at the last Baldwin Augusta Fair. The commingling of old comrades will take place again this year on the third day of the Fair, 15th October. Every preparation will be made to draw them together in communion of spirits and hearts. The surviving members of the Stonewall Brigade will be entertained by the residents of the city who were in the fifth Infantry. Then let all come to our re-union.—One by one we are passing away and ere long the many who could have answered a call will be beyond its reach—they will have answered the final summons which comes to all. Then let all who can, meet again in this city—a central locality. Then we can again grasp, one with another, the hand of the remaining few, and recount the days of service, their scenes and associations which will last with life and memory.

Generals James A. Walker and William Terry have promised to be with us. Who would not like to see and commune again with our old commanders? Let all come, then, to our fraternal re-union, October 15th, and make that day one of the happiest of the fleeting year.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Miss Kate Burks, sister of our Representative, Hon. W. P. Burks, met with a serious accident on Monday last. She was seated in a buggy with her father, Mr. W. Thompson, and when opposite the residence of Mrs. Col. Wm. Graves, in this place, a portion of the harness gave way which allowed the vehicle to press upon the horse, which took fright and began to kick furiously. Mr. Thompson jumped from the buggy while Miss Burks was literally kicked out of the vehicle and rendered insensible from the ponderous blows of the animal's feet. Fortunately, however, her injuries were not severe, though she was thought at the time to be dangerously hurt. She was removed to the office of Dr. C. A. Board near by, where she received every attention that skill could suggest. Later she was removed to the residence of C. W. Wharton, Esq., of whom we learn at this writing that she is much improved and able to go about the house. This was a narrow escape upon which the many friends of the young lady congratulate her.—*Bedford Star and Sentinel.*

Ayer's Ague Cure, when used according to directions, is warranted to eradicate from the system all forms of malarial disease, such as Fever and Ague, Chill Fever, Intermittent and Bilious Fevers, and disorders of the liver. Try it. The experiment is a safe one, and will cost you nothing if a cure is not effected.

Mr. Richard B. Hamrick died, after a brief illness, at his late residence near Long Glade, Friday last, aged 59 years. He was buried Sunday at Mt. Pisgah church, Rev. Geo. L. Bitzer, of the Augusta church, conducting the services.

Mr. Larry Martin raised in his garden in this city some very tall corn. He exhibits a stalk 16 feet 3 inches long which has 8 well-developed ears on it.

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CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council was in regular session last night, Mr. G. G. Gooch in the chair, President Burke being absent from the city.

Dr. Wayt, from the Auditing Committee, reported sundry accounts, which were ordered to be paid. He also reported from the Finance Committee certain credits to be allowed the City Treasurer on account of delinquent taxes.

Mr. Witz, from the Committee on Water, reported on sundry petitions, with recommendations, which were concurred in.

Mr. Wheat, from the Committee on Streets, reported in favor of an additional all-night lamp at Spring Lane and Water street, which was ordered to be erected.

Mr. Bledsoe, from the Committee on the Poor, reported current expenses for August, which were ordered to be paid.

The City Attorney presented a communication approving the revision of the City Ordinances by Mayor Gordon.

The proposition of Mr. J. E. Tinsley to furnish a special map of the city giving location of water-pipes, &c., for $150, was referred to the Committee on Water.

The bond of Weigh-Master Matheny was approved and filled.

The Treasurer submitted his report for August.

Receipts	$16,782 27
Disbursements	4,008.81
Balance in the Treasury	$12,773.46

Major Elder, from the Committee on Ordinances, made a report providing for printing one hundred copies of the revised ordinances, which was agreed to.

Mr. Burns called up the ordinance providing a policeman in connection with the Fire Department, which was passed by for a fuller Council.

Mr. Tams offered a resolution providing for additional protection to the City-Hall lot.

On motion of Mr. Witz, the Finance Committee was authorized to provide the Winter's supply of coal for city offices and the public schools.

Major Elder called attention to the very large amount of indebtedness to the city, which had accumulated from delinquent taxes in real estate, whereupon Mr. Bledsoe offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:—

Resolved, That, Jno. M. Carroll, City Treasurer, be directed to confer with the Auditor of Public Accounts, with the view of selling the real estate in the city, now delinquent for city taxes, at the same time that the sale of real estate for the same takes place, and report to the council at the next regular meeting.

An informal discussion brought out the fact that the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings—Mr. Tams, Chairman—had made a number of investigations resulting in the discovery of the right of the city to certain pieces of property hitherto wholly or partially unknown of late years. A considerable quantity of it is unproductive, and steps will be taken to dispose of it for the benefit of the City Sinking Fund.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla will cure your Catarrh, and do away with that sickening odor of the breath.

OUR DUTY ON SATURDAY NEXT.

[For the SPECTATOR.]

Will not the voters of Staunton, the merchants, the mechanics, the professional men, and business men in general, take sufficient interest in the election of Saturday next, to turn out and send to the County Convention fifteen of the best men of the town as their representatives? We should like to see men chosen to represent us in this Convention who belong to no ring or other combination, who are not the heated partisans of any particular candidate, but who will take counsel with the county delegates and endeavor to select three able and true men to represent us in the next session of the Legislature, which will be one of unusual importance.

There seems to be an idea that the selection of candidates for the Legislature must be made from those who most want to go, and have been most actively electioneering for the position, but this by no means necessarily follows. The duty of the Convention will be to select the *fittest* men that can be found, who will consent to serve; they should be above, and free from, all ring influences, which have had too much control at times in our affairs. We hope, therefore, Staunton will choose as delegates to the Convention fifteen independent citizens, who will represent faithfully all our interests, and whose only desire will be to promote the public welfare.

These are the wishes of—

MANY CITIZENS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

In answer to the call signed "Many Voters," as well as many urgent requests, I announce myself a candidate for the position of Senator, subject to the action of the County Convention. Yours, very respectfully,
J. A. PATTERSON, JR.
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A CARD.

STAUNTON, VA., August 20th, 1885.

Editor Spectator: In your issue of yesterday there appear calls from Pastures, North River, and Beverly Manor Districts upon me to become a candidate for a seat in the Virginia Senate. Whilst deeply sensible of the honor done me, and the many flattering expressions in regard to my supposed fitness for the position, I must, however, decline to become a candidate for it. Respectfully,
J. A. COCHRAN.

A CARD.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 9TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA:—

Solicited in person, by letters, by "Many Voters" in the *Vindicator*, and by persons in other persons of the State, to return to the Senate of Virginia, I have consented to become a candidate for re-election, subject to the usual action of the party. My past service is the best guarantee for my future action.

Respectfully yours, &c.,
ABSALOM KOINER.
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TO HUGH F. LYLE, Esq.:—

The undersigned voters of Riverheads District believing that you will make a faithful, industrious, and efficient Representative, and pledging you our earnest and cordial support, hereby respectfully request you to announce yourself as a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Virginia—subject to a Convention or Primary.

John A. Spencer, G. P. Lightner, Sam'l F. Carson, Jno. M. Humphreys, Enos Ott, J. D. McGuffin, Thos. A. Brown, John W. Fauver, Wm. T. Shultz, B. S. Rown, John H. McClure, R. B. Fishburne, E. W. Hess, J. V. Walton, S. F. McClure, D. C. Danger, S. D. Bailey, M. M. Dull, M. Thompson McClure S. M. Donald, Jno. H. Rush, R. Frank Larew, J. W. Wallace, Wm. H. Fix.

To Messrs. John A. Spencer, John H. Rush, Sam'l F. Carson, Geo. P. Lightner, M. T. McClure, Enos Ott, J. W. Wallace, R. Frank Larew, and others:—

Gentlemen—Your note calling on me to announce myself as a candidate for the House of Delegates, and pledging me your earnest and cordial support, has been placed in my hands. I beg to assure you that this expression of esteem and confidence on the part of those who have known me so long and well, is indeed most gratifying.

In compliance with your request, and in response to the expressed wishes of many others in different parts of the county and in the city of Staunton, I hereby declare myself a candidate as requested—subject to the decision of our Democratic County Convention.

Very truly yours,
aug26 3t HUGH F. LYLE.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:—

Responding to a call which appeared in the *Vindicator*, and many private letters as well, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Virginia, and submit my claims therefor to the Democratic Convention called to meet in Staunton on the 10th of September, 1885.
aug26-3t JOHN H. CRAWFORD.

Business Notices.

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

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Will sharpen the appetite,
Sweeten the breath,
Purify the blood,
Aid digestion,
Fumigate your mother-in-law,
And do your heart a power of good.
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The Work—The Candidates.

The work which the people want done by the next Assembly is very important, difficult, and the responsibility great.

The management of the State Debt before the Federal courts so as to avoid constitutional difficulties and objections will require experience, skill, and legal learning; and with all, good judgment.

The examination and adoption of the new Revised Code, of the general laws of the State, which will be reported by the revisors, will be a long, tedious, pains-taking, and laborious work, requiring legal ability, experience, and perseverance, as well as broad common sense, which will guard against too much technicality. In short, we need a Code sufficiently perfected that it will not need amendment at every session. One that the people may study and understand before it is so changed that they will again be in doubt of what is legal. The presumption that every one knows the law, when the changes each session swell to a good sized volume, is violent and unjust to those who cannot keep up with the acts of Assembly.

The election of Circuit and County Judges for the State, is a work which requires a knowledge of men and an appreciation of the necessity of a learned, pure, and incorruptible Judiciary, whose official action involves the dearest rights of persons and property. So far as our own Circuit and County are concerned, the present incumbents will not be changed, we hope, but, we are interested in every judge in the State, because his action affects the finances, and may our persons and property.

We need a representation which will be able to restrain the Mahone party by all lawful means, if, unhappily, it shall again be in the ascendant. But for the watchfulness, tact, and good management of our people in the General Assembly, when Mahone was in power, he would have taken eight of the Congressmen, all the Circuit Judges, foisted on us more than one hundred new officers, called Commissioners of Sale, and many other monstrous schemes.

THE CANDIDATES.

Are the men before us the best we have for this work, which will affect us for many long years. If not, we should refuse any or all of them, and place this great trust in the hands of the most competent.

This is not the time to gratify personal aspirations, local preferences, and pride; to convert the halls of legislation into a training-school for embryo statesmen.

The fallacy that the government owes an office to every man who thinks he is fitted for a place, is one rampant error of the day, which is precipitating the people and parties into damaging errors and excesses. Government is for the protection of society and promotion of common interests, and not an asylum for those who would quit their private business to be pensioned on the public. CONSERVATIVE.

Massey's Canvass.

SOME THINGS HE WILL HAVE TO SAY.

A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, who has paid a visit to Mr. Massey at his home at Ash Lawn in Albemarle, in writing from Charlottesville under date of August 28th, says:—

"Mr. Massey receives continually demands for his services at special meetings, and responds whenever it is in his power to do so. He is arranging his affairs to start for the Southwest. "I shall spend the whole month of September in that section, beginning the campaign at Wytheville on the 7th, where the party is arranging for a grand time, with all the candidates present. I shall speak at Lebanon, Russell county, on the 8th; at Clintwood, Dickinson county, on the 9th, and at special meetings until Monday, when I shall speak at Scott Courthouse on Monday, the 14th. After that I shall be as active as before, but I cannot yet name my appointments. At all these places I shall give the people some certain truths concerning this party in its brief period of power. I shall show how they lost to the State over $100,000 of public funds deposited in the Petersburg Bank, and by that fancy institution loaned out to the Republican Governor and other Mahone favorites. I shall not forget how they allowed a commission of 20 per cent. to their partisans for collecting collateral inheritance taxes and taxes against the largest railroads in the State, when 2½ and 5 per cent. is all that the law allows for collecting the smallest ticket in the county treasurer's hands. I shall show how, by collusion with this Attorney-General, they have made that office cost in illegal fees to him out of the State treasury more than twice as much as the law allows, and, therefore, more than twice as much as it cost under Democratic rule. I shall tell the people how false they have been to their pledges upon the debt question, and how they sought through the decision of a Republican court, indorsed by Mahone, to saddle upon the State $30,000,000 more of debt than was contemplated by the Riddleberger bill, and then declared in their platform against the legislation that defeated the decision of that court, which shows the Democratic party to be now the only one which can be trusted to carry out the debt settlement in good faith."

The Southwest is to be the battle field, say the Mahoneites. If this is so they had better put some other and better warriors in the field, than have so far appeared, to champion their cause. Poor Colonel (?) Berkeley has tried hard, but he makes no headway. Mr. Wise has proved a sort of wet blanket upon the whole section he is tramping; in fact they all seem to realize that they are already defeated. We do not know who will next appear in defence of these political outlaws, but the Democrats have not gotten their harness on yet, and if these people make no progress without opposition, how sorry a figure they will cut when the champions of Democracy make the hills and valleys ring with their eloquent exhortations against Bossism and all that is low and reprehensible in politics.—*Roanoke Leader.*

MARRIAGES.

MCCORMICK—ROSEN.—At Raphine, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., by Rev. S. W. Hadden, Mr. Wm. I. McCormick and Miss Cornelia O. Rosen, all of Rockbridge co.

VENABLE—ANDERSON.—At the Presbyterian Church, Lexington on Wednesday, the 25th ult., by Rev. T. L. Preston, D. D., Mr. Wm. G. Venable, of Texas, and Miss Sadie H. Anderson, of Lexington, Va.

GREEN—DIXON.—August 19th, by Rev. D. A. Penick, Mr. David S. Greever and Miss Mary Dixon, all of Rockbridge co.

HAINES—SPRINKEL.—In Harrisonburg, Tuesday, August 25th, by Rev. Mr. Miller, Mr. Walter Haines and Miss Maggie Sprinkel, daughter of Gambill Sprinkel, Esq.

DEATHS.

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

MCCLUNG.—On the 18th of Aug. 1885, at her home in Highland county, Mrs. Sudie E. McClung, wife of L. W. McClung. Mrs. McClung had been for many years a useful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, having united with the church at Mt. Horeb fifteen years ago, then under the charge of the Rev. H. H. Hawes. In her death, the Presbyterian church at Clover Creek loses one of its most useful and efficient members and one of its truest friends.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE,
Staunton, Va., September 1st 1885.

The offerings of wheat continue light, hardly sufficient for millers' demands, which are more this than any former year. An anomaly which has before existed, and to which we have previously referred, is developing itself stronger now than at any time heretofore in relation to the wheat market of this city which is, to producers selling here, better than any other. To-day our millers are paying from 92 to 95 cents for wheat, which in Baltimore and Richmond is quoted at from 93 to 95 cents, and dull. Ours equal the Eastern markets without reference to transportation, which deducted gives Staunton largely the highest figures.

The collision last week near Newports News between railroad trains resulted in the loss of a cargo of sugar which belonged to Gooch, Hoge & Co., wholesale dealers in this city. The loss occasioned some inconvenience to the trade for a few days, but all is right now.

Country bacon is in demand, and quoted higher than last week. Western has also advanced, and quotations are higher than formerly.

Whilst not having sufficient ground to increase quotations for butter and eggs, both are in brisk demand.

All grades of sugar are quoted higher than last week.

Some improvement in certain departments of iron and steel industries at the leading centers has come to pass. Trunk lines of railroads, in the South, as well as the North, are reported in the market with large orders for structural iron.

The strike in the nail factories continues, and in the cessation of work assorted lots of nails are growing scarce in the large marts, but in our trade here, it has not been felt, though the demand in the general hardware trade is more active.

The iron trade, as it is classed, in many features, is in steel products. Tire material for wagon as well as wheels of lighter build, is made of steel, which for many purposes costs no more than iron.

[*The quotations are wholesale, not retail.*]

Country Produce.

BACON—country cured.	
Hams	12½@
Shoulders