Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1886.

Local Department.

One of the duties of the Democratic party will be the selection of a Democratic committee for this city on Saturday evening next at the time it selects delegates to attend the Convention at Lexington. This is a duty which should have been performed earlier, but as it has been omitted, should be attended to on Saturday next. The committee is composed of 12 persons, one-half of whom are elected from each Ward. Of course the people have the right to re-elect the old committee, who have served for some time and have the experience necessary to qualify them to continue in service, but at the same time you have all the town to select from, and those should be selected who are willing to devote their time and energies to the advancement of the interests of the party.

Think of this matter and let your selections be wise ones, and elect live men to look after your interests.

"FAIRVIEW."

In the general run of active business, it is found that town and country pursuits cannot be combined to advantage. Whilst one is prospering the other meets drawbacks and *vice versa*. But all rules have exceptions, and "Fairview," a snug suburban farm, would seem an exception to the general rule referred to. In many farming districts, not only in the old country, but in wide-open America, seventy-five acres is a fair sized homestead, under the system of culture practiced upon them.—Surrounding this city, and running within its limits, which have expanded beyond the corporate lines, are some small farms in one sense, and yet they are large in others—both in their yields of income and in the pleasure and enjoyment which rural comforts bestow. After passing down and partly within the city limits, on the Valley pike, "Fairview" is observed to the right, forming a square of nearly equal lines. The fields are apportioned to a full system in numbers and shifts in culture, practicing the rotation of crops. Straight lines of white-washed fences mark the divisions.—One enclosure, on a pretty eminence, has its forest, which is cared for in view of the prospective charms it will afford as a guarded park. Avenues and lanes connect the whole in their divergence from a hollow square, around which the many buildings of a complete establishment are located, the barn, first in importance in general farm service, being the most conspicuous. Water is supplied to all the fields and lanes by means of wind-power pumps, and ample cisterns gather the rain that falls upon the barn and other buildings.

Mr. Wm. F. Ast, the proprietor of "Fairview," is also a town man in some of his pursuits. He is one of the city's commissaries, and in supplying rations of fresh meats, his close attention to their purity and sweetness has been properly appreciated. From the dressing-rooms the meats are placed in vaults, through which air-currents from ice are drawn by natural means. There they remain, after preparation, till served in the city to his customers the following morning. The ice-house, which is on the same elevation with the meat-rooms, is of brick on the exterior with inner wood casing, and keeps a full abundance of ice long after the season requiring it has passed by. The hygiene of the establishment receives daily attention. An abundance of water, lime, and purifying substances, clears up the least remnant of *debris* which might escape in the removal to the fertilizer manipulation.

On the front and rounded elevation is a beautiful brick residence with every comfort bordering on luxury in its interior make-up, and they come in plentiful abundance from the farm, the garden, and vineyard, and the lawn with its shade trees, and richly bedecked with shrubbery and flowers. "Fairview" has that which is a charm to nearly every suburban residence of Staunton—distant views of enchanting landscape. If the eye turns to the East, the elevations of the Blue Ridge mountains known as "Turk's" and Jarman's" are observed. With the view ranging along the mountains till Rockfish Gap is passed, then "Humpback" and "Russell Point," or "Valley Salient," loom up with their towering crests, with "Betsy Bell" dividing them in its rounded proportions, and home association of picturesque scenery. The point of view is too low to catch the line of hills which form the Valley watershed, but old "Elliott's Knob" or "Mount Rogers" richly compensates for this, especially when gilded by the rays of the setting sun when its grandeur is most conspicuous.

County Court.

JUDGE STOUT PRESIDING.

Following are some of the transactions in Court on the first and second days:—

A road leading to the Schutterle Mill road, 3 miles and 35 poles in length, was established. It will be 30 feet wide. $191 66 for land damages, and $450 for construction were allowed.

R. B. Hundley was appointed and qualified as Superintendent of the Poor.

Edward Mueller, a native of Germany, declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

Several applications, asking for certificates of improper delinquent land taxes, were filed.

Stephen Myers and James Steele filed their applications for liquor license at Greenville.

Revs. Laurence Kelley, Catholic; Charles G. Merriman, Baptist; and W. Hall, Methodist, were duly qualified to administer the rites of matrimony.

The further hearing of the petitions for a bridge over Middle River on the Chruchville road is fixed for the 3rd of July.

The estates of John W. B. Greiner, Frederick Reidner, and P. O. Polmer were committed to the Sheriff—the two last with wills annexed.

The wills of Bettie E. Guthrie, with William Brown Patterson, Executor; Wm. Glenn, with Mrs. Martha A. C. Glenn, widow and Executrix; and that of Andrew Wade, colored, with authority for the Executor named to qualify, were admitted to probate.

DEATH OF JACOB RUFF ECKLE.—A letter received by his sister, in this city, announces the death of this gentleman, which occurred at his home, near Lexington, Missouri, on the 14th inst. He was a native of this city, and was a son of the late Peter Eckle. He was born in this city January 1st, 1814, and was in the 73rd year of his age. At an early age he removed to the West, where he engaged in business, and has ever since resided. Mr. Eckle connected himself with the Methodist Church when young, and lived a consistent Christian life.—He leaves a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Grove, of this city, and a brother, Wm. K. Eckle, Esq., of Knoxville, Tennessee, and a wife and a family of children, to mourn his death, with many relatives and friends in this and adjoining counties, who sympathize with them in their bereavement. His funeral took place in Lexington, Missouri, from the M. E. Church South, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. D. C. Browne.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. The numbers of *The Living Age* for June 19th and 26th contain The Pilgrimage to Mecca, *Asiatic Quarterly;* Social Aspects of the Revolution of 1789, and Theodore Agrippa d'Aubigue, *National;* Whence Came the Comets? *Nineteenth Century;* Ocean Steamers, *Fortnightly:* A Fire at Sea, and Who wrote Dickens? *Macmillan;* Paganini, and Some Bye-gone Bath Days, *Temple Bar;* Hopefulness and Optimism, *Spectator;* Notes on Earthquakes in China, *Nature;* with instalments of "The Unequal Yoke," and "Claudia," and poetry.

A New Volume begins with the next number.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year), the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Now Again Another Hartford Man Wins.

Occasionally a Hartford man is a winner and it is likely to be made in The Louisiana State Lottery. Only a short time ago a lad named Duffy drew $5,000, and the money was promptly forwarded to him. And now Benjamin F. Pronty, a bookkeeper in Gold street, is the winner of one-fifth of ticket No. 81,514, which drew one of the fourth capital prizes of $3,000. It was in the drawing of May 11th, and to day he received his share, $1,200. A few years ago the same man drew $2,000, and was promptly paid. He may be considered a lucky man.—*Hartford (Conn.) Times* May 26.

Mr. Hiram Coffman of Rockingham, who was paralyzed about ten days before, died last Thursday about 10 o'clock A. M.

The Circuit Court adjourned on the 25th inst. The term commenced May 10th.

Personal.

Miss Mary V. Patterson is visiting her brother, Dr. H. M. Patterson, of this city.

Mrs. Robt. W. Burke and her son Willie have gone on a visit to Old Point Comfort.

Dr. H. S. Eichelberger and family are spending the Summer at Verona. Mrs. Eichelberger is at present at the Cold Sulphur Springs.

Miss Nettie Ide, daughter of Prof. Louis Ide, of Richmond, formerly of this city, is here on a visit to her aunt. She is stopping at Mr. J. W. Brandeburg's, No. 4, Academy st.

Mr. Logan Turner, whilst descending the steps to the cellar under the Clerk's Office last Friday, fell in consequence of a broken step.—Two of his ribs were fractured, confining him to the house two days.

Mr. E. W. Bedinger is now the Editor of the Roanoke *Leader*. He succeeds Capt. S. S. Brooke, who has been appointed Clerk of the Hustings Court of Roanoke City. We welcome Mr. Bedinger to the fraternity, and hope that he will find his new vocation pleasant and profitable.

Miss Mattie A. Powell, a niece of Mr. P. N. Powell, of this city, who has been attending school here for several sessions, left for her home in King William county last Saturday. Her rare social qualities endeared her to many friends while here, who will feel a genuine regret at her departure.

Mr. J. Fred Davis, son of Mr. J. Frank Davis, of this city, left here on Monday for Hancock, Michigan, to work upon the *Copper Herald*, of which his brother, Mr. Geo. L. Bolen, is one of the Editors and Proprietors. Both of these young gentlemen learned the "art preservative of all arts" in this office, and both of them are worthy and promising young men—a credit to their *Alma Mater*—and deserve to succeed in business, as we have no doubt they will. We commend them both to the favorable consideration of the good people among whom they have chosen to cast their fortunes, and assure them that they are in every respect worthy of their confidence and esteem.

COURT DAY.

The crowd Monday was comparatively small to what it is generally the first day of County Courts. The busy season in farm-work, of course, required many to remain at home who are generally present. The continued rains since harvest commenced, have not been as injurious to wheat-fields as it was apprehended would be the case. A few farmers with large crops had not cut a swath Monday, to whom a few days of sunshine would be a great boon, as it will to all in making hay and working corn. The wheat-harvest commenced in this county on the 18th, and, in consequence of so much rain, will last longer than usual. The crop is a very large one, but a few farmers knew of some fields which will not yield as expected.

Ensilage and silos were talked about, and pleasure expressed with the information which has been recently furnished with respect to them. This mode of preserving green food has many additional advocates, who will build silos this Summer and Fall, preparatory to adopting it next season. One excellent farmer said he would commence, not on a temporary or ordinary style of conducting the silo, but would make cemented walls and floor and have the vault absolutely secure from dampness.

The hay-harvest, in consequence of the weather, has progressed slowly. Much of the clover has fallen and is matted. The yield will be shortened, and much of it will be dark.—Timothy is standing very well, and with good weather a large and fine crop will be saved.

Upland and well-drained low-grounds in corn are doing finely. The planting season found a large portion of bottom-lands in no condition for casting the seed, and are now in a worse state than any bearing that crop. It is not too late, though, for it to recover under the influence of fair weather.

The apple crop does not generally indicate the abundance of last year.

THE KEYNOTE.—The *Keynote* will publish for the delectation of its many readers, written expressly for that journal, a story entitled "Our Fangled World," that will appear in serial form, from the pen of M. French Sheldon, who rendered such an admirable translation of Flaubert's "Salammbo."

The publishers of the *Keynote* say:—

"We can unhesitatingly promise that it will be a modern story of fascinating interest, and characterized by all the higher attributes of the realistic school. It will institute, in fact, a good-natured but pungent satire on the foibles and shams of our modern life. The undeniable psychological influences that dominate the currents of so many lives, will also be incidentally demonstrated in that keenly incisive fashion peculiar to this new and accomplished writer, who, like a brilliant meteor, has suddenly appeared in the literary firmament and created so great a sensation."

HARDY'S OLD RELIABLE CARRIAGE FACTORY.—Mr. John M. Hardy, who has so long conducted a first-class carriage factory in this city, now introduces his son, Mr. E. C. Hardy, as a partner in the same. This young gentleman has been reared to the business—he has been especially energetic in building up a fine country custom in Augusta and adjoining counties, and deserves commendation and continued patronage. In renewing, as is done, obligations for the past, and soliciting favors for the future, the old concern inaugurates the new, with a handsome advertisement by which everybody will know who it is that makes and sells first-class work.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—At a meeting on the night of the 28th inst., of Lodge No. 18, the following officers are elected for the ensuing year:—

Past Chancellor, C. C. Wheat;
Chaucellor Commander, F. B. Berkeley;
Vice Chancellor, C. L. Weller;
Prelate, Jos. E. Rollins;
Master at Arms, J. A. Armentrout;
Master Finance, W. H. Weller;
Master Exchequer, A. A. Eskridge;
Keeper of Records and Seal, W. L. Olivier;
Inner and Outer Guard to be appointed by the incoming administration.

THE GRAPHIC NEWS of July 3rd, will present a double page of the now famous Detroit Base Ball Club. The members of the coming champion team will be shown in full uniform, and the illustrations will be the most life-like and finely-executed representation of a base ball nine ever published in this country. The Great Four, and all others will be shown, and every lover of the National Pastime should have a picture of this great team. In addition to this treat, the paper will contain may other interesting illustrations. The title page will be occupied by a magnificent picture of Gov. Alger, of Michigan.

A Card.

Dear friends:—

In compliance with a request made by Dr. Fauntleroy the day previous to his death, I desire to thank you who in untiring kindness and tender sympathy during his illness cheered him and greatly sustained him during those hours of suffering. And this please receive as his last message of love to this community among whom his life has ended, and with it my heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown his family in their great bereavement.

Yours, with tenderest feeling,
MRS. A. M. FAUNTLEROY.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND is handsomely domiciled in its new hall over Wayts' Drug store. The room is well supplied with furniture and the walls present attractions in the collection and display of war relics and treasures. A piano is to be added to the musical instruments, which indicates that Professor Webb has plans in view for bringing his corps to the highest perfection in the art.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will hold an annual meeting July, 5th, for the purpose of laying the county levy, county and other levies for 1886.

The District Road Boards will make written reports in furnishing estimates for road repairs, &c., during the year 1887.

LIBRARY MAGAZINE.—We have received the July number of *The Library Magazine*, published by John B. Alden, 393 Pearl street, N. Y., at the low price of $1.50 per annum.

It contains 95 pages of interesting matter—good, solid, sound reading.

Capt. James H. Callison, of Riverheads District, had a very fine horse which had its leg broken last Sunday. The animal was immediately taken in hand for the purpose of restoration, which it is thought will be successful.

We were pleased to learn from an intelligent farmer on Monday that, so far, the rains had not injured the wheat. We were fearful that it had been damaged.

On the 8th of July, Rev. L. H. Paul will be installed as Pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in Pendleton co., W. Va.

Rev. Mr. Pendleton has been installed as Pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in Highland county.

We are indebted to Maj. N. H. Hotchkiss for late copies of Chicago and Indianapolis papers.

PARNASSUS ITEMS.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF LEWIS WHITMORE—DEATH OF DANIEL SHURLEY—CHILDREN'S DAY—FARMERS GROWING UNEASY.

On last Wednesday evening, Mr. Lewis Whitmore breathed his last after a protracted illness, in the 64th year of his age. On Friday, the funeral of deceased took place from the M. E. Church South at this place, of which church he had been a devoted member for 46 years. The services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. S. Cunningham, and were attended by a very large concourse of citizens testifying to the esteem in which he was held. The excellent choir of the church rendered with sweet effect the hymns "Waiting and watching for me," and "A charge to keep I have," which has been particular favorites of the deceased. He leaves a wife, several sons and daughters, and numerous relatives to mourn his death. His demise has severed another link of that rapidly lessening chain which binds those who served during the stormy period of the civil war. He was a soldier and a comrade without fear and without reproach, and was a member of the 8th Va. Regiment of the gallant brigade commanded by Gen'l Eppa Hunton. The pall-bearers were: A. W. Knipple, P. C. Sandy, B. A. Kiracofe, H. Hoover, T. E. Gilkeson, and D. G. Hogshead.

Intelligence of the death of Mr. Daniel Shurley which occurred recently at his residence in Vigo county, Ind., has been received by his relatives here. Mr. Shurley was 88 years of age. He had long since passed the allotted age of man; but of him it could be said with truth, he had not outlived his usefulness. He was a native of this county, and was raised near Churchville. About the year, 1834, with his family, he left for the State of his adoption, and was a prominent and deservedly popular citizen above reproach. The deceased was a member of a very large family, only four of whom survive him—Mr. Wm. Shurley, of Churchville, Miss Nancy Shurley, of Jenning's Gap, Mrs. Sarah Bryan, of this place, and Mrs. Fannie Sheets, of Rockingham county.

In my last communication the names of the Sunday School scholars taking part in the exercises of "Children's Day" was omitted. Recitations all bearing upon the subject of the day were nicely recited by Misses Minnie Fauver, Lelia D. Beard, Lucy Harlow, Cora Whitmore, Pinkie Fauver, Mamie Wright, and Masters Johnnie Whitmore, Samuel Whitmore, Milton Sandy, and Leonidas Floyd.

Prof. J. G. Dunsmore and J. A. Hiner, of your city, paid a flying visit to our village last Saturday.

Our farmers are growing uneasy at the continued rainy weather. Wheat is ripening rapidly, and the fear is entertained that our magnificent crop prospects may yet be ruined.

A DASHING RUNAWAY TEAM.—Yesterday morning about eight o'clock, a pair of young horses attached to a buggy was sent from the livery of Mr. Edward Burke to Dr. Getzendanner's residence, East Beverty Street. The boy in charge after turning round facing the team West, left the buggy and rang the Doctor's door-bell, and whilst he was doing so, a cartman driving a mule passed by. The horses became frightened and being unrestrained dashed off and after coming over the crest of Gospel Hill continued up Main street. Directly after crossing Market street, the body of the buggy became detached,—the horses going in a full gallop. As they passed, attempts were made to arrest them, but without avail. When they arrived West of Augusta street, they dashed upon the pavement in front of Alby's Clothing Store, and actually kept the pavement so evenly that neither the horses nor the wheels touched the windows or doors or the awning posts as they passed by the stores of Burke & Bradley, C. L. Weller, and Treiber & Coiner, where there are large glass fronts. The team ran against the lamp-post at the corner of Main and Water streets, a horse on each side, smashing the glass and uprooting the post. The horses fell—one becoming detached was soon on his feet and ran some distance up the street; the other stood still. Neither of them were hurt. The buggy was but slightly damaged though it came out of the affair in many detached pieces. The team was taken down to the stable, attached to another buggy, and sent up again to Dr. G, who left for Stribling Springs.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH. In June of each year a Sabbath is selected for the celebration of what is known as "Children's Day," in the interest of the Sunday School and Bible Board. Last Sunday was chosen for that occasion at the Baptist Church in this city, the exercises commencing at 10:30 A. M. The Superintendent, Mr. H. E. Summerson, announced the programme, which was opened by singing the hymn commencing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," by the whole congregation, and reading selections from the Bible.

The first recitation, eight verses, entitled "Christ Born," was rendered by Eugene Summerson, Geo. Teabo, Manley Hoge, and Charlie Todd.

In the next recitation, entitled "The years pass on," came Annie Johnson, Belle Harlow, Champ Marr, Cora Shepard, and —— Terrell.

Willie Summerson recited "How can a child be saved?" and Bessie Leftwich and Rosa Fourbush, "Oh, what can little lips do?" and that feature of the program was closed with a dialogue representing teacher and boy by Johnny Whitesell and Lewis Parrish. Rev. Dr. Nelson, the Pastor, made an address during the exercises.

The day was inclement, but there were 160 pupils present, who contributed $11 to advance the cause of the Sunday Schools and distribution of the Bible.

AFFAIRS AT THE POOR-HOUSE.—E. A. Fulcher, Thomas M. Smiley and Wm. A. Burnett ware appointed a Committee by the Board of Supervisors to repair to the County Poor-house and make a careful survey of the public property at that establishment and report. This they have done in a long itemized account. Some of the items may be given as follows:—Nine head of horses and colts, $515. Nineteen head of cattle, $235. Fifteen hogs, $300. Forty-five acres in wheat estimated at $950, &c., &c.,—the gross sum being $2,482.80. The establishment from the schedule appears to have an excellent outfit, and the retiring Superintendent, Mr. Beard, it is evident, was a good manager. Referring to him, the inmates all speak of him in the kindest manner.

During the year past, 57 inmates were cared for. During the year, five deaths occurred, and nineteen discharged. Several of them, both white and black and of both sexes, are very old and helpless. A few of the remaining number are able to render some service.

Several buildings are worn out, and really not worth repairing. Some repairs for temporary comfort will be necessary; but the Committee is of opinion that it would be economy to put up one or more new buildings.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF STAUNTON LODGE OF MASONS.—Staunton Lodge of Masons was chartered October 28, 1786. The charter names are Alexander Long, W. M; William Chambers, S. W., and John Paris, J. W. The charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Va. at Richmond by William Waddell, Grand Secretary. The first meeting in Staunton was under dispensation March 31st, 1785. Then coming on after the charter was obtained, the date of which establishes the existence of the Lodge, the next meeting December 27th, 1786, at which the officers named above were present.

The Lodge has inaugurated the preliminary movement for a gsand centennial celebration on the 28th of next October, by the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements as follows: E. M. Cushing, B. B. Eskridge, W. B. McChesney, W. A. Burke, E. Shepard, J. R. Webb, and J. Howard Wayt. It is expected to make this a grand occasion. An ode will be read and an oration delivered. Distinguished Masons from a distance will be present, and all the old members of the fraternity will be refreshed with a new zeal for the ancient and honorable order.

THE WEDDING EVENING.—This evening, at 8½ o'clock, at the Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Hawes officiating, Miss Nellie, daughter of Maj. Jed Hotchkiss, and Mr. S. Thomas McCullough, will be married. From nine until eleven, at the "Oaks," the residence of the bride's father, in the Eastern part of the city, will be the reception. On the charming lawn and beneath the Major's tent, which has served him in war and in the fields of scientific exploration of nature's bountiful treasures, he will welcome the guests who will assemble in honor of the happy event. The Stonewall Brigade Band will be present and contribute its full share to this occasion of felicitous enjoyment. The gentleman who transfers from her Valley home to the capital of Maryland one of our loveliest daughters is worthy of the prize he has won. He was an officer of the Maryland line during the war, and is now a distinguished member of the Annapolis bar.

There is no use to send work to the job offices in the larger cities when it can be done as well and as cheap at the SPECTATOR office.

CITY COUNCIL.

Term of the present City Council expires today. The closing session was held last night when all the current business including regular and special accounts, were closed up, leaving only a few petitions presented at this meeting to go over to the new Council.

A communication presented at a former meeting in relation to inadequacy of school-room accommodations was reported back by the Committee on Schools, favorably considered, and commending its further favorable consideration to the new Council.

Messrs. Elder and Nelson, Special City Attorneys presented a communication of the status of the city claims pending in the courts against John M. Carroll, late Treasurer, by which it appears that the same are in proper condition for a settlement progressing in due form. The attorneys were allowed $450 for their professional services to the close of the case, $300 of which was ordsred to be paid now.

All the members except one were present—President Burke in the Chair.

Y. M. C. A.—Last Sunday evening, Gen. R. D. Lilley conducted the services. He and others made impressive remarks. The singing was good.

Next Sunday Mr. Alex. F. Robertson will lead the meeting. Subject—Jesus and the blind man. John ix: 1—17. Ladies invited. it being public day. Hour, 4½ to 5½ P. M.

Capt. J. T. Long, elected a member of the Council at the recent election, has been presented by his friends with a cane as a testimonial of their friendship bearing the inscription—"To Capt. J. T. Long, O. C. D."—the letters affixed being the initials of "Old City Dad"

Capt. J. N. McFarland, County Treasurer, returned from Richmond a day or so since, where he had been on a visit to the State Auditor. Augusta county stands square on the books.

Changes in the Railways in which the Virginias and adjacent States are most interested are the order of the day. The great Baltimore & Ohio, though content to retain its old name and have its headquarters in the substantial and prospering city that originated it, is in reality changing its base when it locates its eastern terminus—manifestly to its own advantage and to that of the whole country—on the harbor of the business and population metropolis of this continent. The Richmond & Danville and the Norfolk & Western, both already great Virginia railways, have greatly enlarged their capacity for doing business by changing their tracks to the standard, or general, gauge of the railways of the whole country and by the building of branches, especially the latter road, to points where great mining or manufacturing industries are or can be developed.—The Chesapeake & Ohio, thrice changed in name in the initiation of three stages of growth, has again recently taken a new and a more expansive growth. Last week, by a consolidation of roads, it became a part of the Newport-News & Mississippi Valley Railway, losing its name of Chesapeake & Ohio, one indicative of a trunk line from the great bay to the great river, and becoming the trunk of a grand railway tree that, rooted in the noblest harbor of the western seaboard of the North Atlantic, branches out from its Ohio river terminus in great present and prospective ramifications to all parts of the magnificent valley of the Father-of-waters. It begins by running its own cars on its own tracks from Newport News by way of Louisville and Memphis, traversing six great states of the Union, to distant, but thus made near, New Orleans—this in fifteen years!—*Industrial South.*

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DAMAGES.—In the Circuit Court to-day in the case of Flannigan against Bowen the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing his damages at $2,500. Flannigan, who was a lineman on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, last December was riding on a railroad velocipede, and when he reached the crossing just above the round-house the velocipede ran into a horse and cart owned by James Bowen. Mr. Flannigan was thrown from the velocipede and one of his legs was fractured in two places. The plaintiff alleged that the accident was the result of carelessness on the part of the driver, who was some distance from his team when the accident occurred.—*Richmond State*, June 23rd.

MARRIAGE OF TWIN SISTERS.—A Fincastle correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch*, under date of the 22nd inst., says:—

"This morning at 9 o'clock, at the home of the brides' mother, Misses Annie and Ella Smith, twin daughters of the late Ira B. Smith, two of Fincastle's fairest flowers, were married—the former to Mr. J. M. Leckie, of Springfield, Mo., the latter to Mr. H. A. Vansickler, of Roanoke, Va. After the ceremony, which was beautifully and impressively performed by Rev. G. Gray, of this place, and Dr. C. Tyree, of Salem, the happy couples left for Roanoke."

CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE MAILS.—Mr George A. Kinnear, an old and prominent citizen of Lynchburg, was before United States Commissioner Tinsley Monday charged with robbing the mails. He waived an examination and was sent on to the grand jury, which meets there September 21, giving bail in the penalty of $2,000. Capt. Kinnear protested his innocence, and has employed counsel to defend him in court. The accused is a brother of Rev. John Kinnear, D. D., until recently a prominent member of the British Parliament.

ENGLISH CAPITALISTS AT NORFOLK.—NORFOLK, VA., June 24.—A party of English capitalists were in the city with officers of the Norfolk and Western Railroad to-day and inspected the various coal piers of the company in this city and Lambert's Point. They occupied the private car of President Kimball and have been on a tour of inspection of the road and its connection, paying much attention to the coal and iron resources which it develops. The visitors went up the road again this afternoon.

ARRESTED FOR ARSON.—A correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch*, writing from Buckingham C. H., on the 24th inst., says:—

"Two negroes have been arrested and lodged in jail here charged with burning the corn-houses of J. H. Fitzgerald on the night of the 29th of April. One of the negroes (Sam Anderson) had accumulated considerable property, and is a United States mail contractor from this place to Hardwicksville."

LIGHTNING'S WORK UNDER THE GROUND.—*Wilkesbarre, Pa.*, June 27.—The lightning played a curious freak here Friday evening. It struck the head house on the surface, and the fluid passed down the wire rope into the mine below, a distance of 1,000 feet, and, coming in contact with a steel drill in the hands of Wm. S. Evans, a miner, drove it with great violence into the body of his fellow-laborer, Daniel Manahan, inflicting probably fatal injuries. Evans fainted from the shock.

A MYSTERY.—On Tuesday last the headless body of a man was found at the base of a cliff near Mr. Reuben Myles', in Falling Spring district, in this county. The body was afterwards identified as that of Mr. George Nicholas, who has been missing for about two weeks. How he came to his death is a mystery.—*Greenbrier (W. Va.) Independent, June 24th.*

They say General Logan has "adopted a coat of arms." Very good, and very amusing! Now let him take as his crest a horn and the motto: "Blessed be he who blows his own horn for verily he that bloweth not his own horn the same shall not be blowed."—*Norfolk Landmark.*

FRIGHTFUL DROWNING ACCIDENT.—*Vienna*, June 23.—A dispatch from Prague, Bohemia, states that a ferryboat capsized while crossing Sazawa river, throwing fifty persons into the water. The exact number of those drowned has not been ascertained, but twenty-five bodies have been recovered.

Mary Daugherty, a twelve-year-old daughter of William Daugherty, died on Thursday last of diphtheria. Several others are afflicted in the same way, though out of danger, we learn.—*Highland Recorder.*

Demands of the Knights of Labor.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The committee of Knights of Labor appointed at the meeting of the general assembly, held at Cleveland, Ohio, have sent a letter to Speaker Carlisle, and copies to Representatives Randall and Morrison, in which they refer to the appointment by the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor of a committee of three to request Congress to pass certain laws. The committee say they have selected a few measures, and have sent out several thousand copies to their different branches throughout the country for signatures and indorsements from the people, and expect to be able in a few days to present to Congress these petitions, with the indorsements of at least five hundred thousand signatures.

The following is a brief summary of the petitions they ask the passage of: 1, House bill No. 7887, repealing timber culture, pre-emption and desert land acts; 2, House bill No. 7021, for the adjustment of railroad and other land grants: 3, bills forfeiting all railroad land grants the conditions of which have not been strictly complied with: 4, House bill organizing the Territory Oklahoma; 5, Senate bill opening a portion of the great Sioux reservation to settlement; 6, bill prohibiting aliens from holding land in the United States; 7, making presidential and congressional election days holidays and punishing bribery; 8, bill directing disbursement of at least $200,000,000 treasury surplus, and substituting treasury notes for bank notes retired.

The committee add: "The party of which you are a member is in the majority by some forty votes, and we, therefore, look to the majority party to enact the necessary legislation. We find the groundwork of nearly every one of them laid down in the democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1884, on which the present majority of the dominant party was elected. We find that paragraph three of our memorial is fully covered by that document. We also find that the last paragraph in our memorial ought to meet with your hearty approval from the clause in the Chicago plaform on that subject. Therefore we are asking the dominant party only to fulfill the promises that it made to the people when it was seeking their suffrages. We do not ask your party to support these measures. We only look to you and your party to see that the measures are brought forward and submitted to the House for its action, and we are willing to trust them to the good judgment of the members, regardless of party."

THE STRIKING CHICAGO SWITCHMEN.—CHICAGO, June 25.—A carload of switchmen to take the places of the strikers on the Lake Shore Railroad were brought here last night and this morning were taken out to Forty-third street. About ten o'clock an engine was attached to a freight train and an effort made to move the train. A great crowd of strikers and their friends surrounded the police and the train and made many threats of violence. Finally, in response to the cries of several leaders, the crowd made a rush for the police and turned the switches, so that the train, which had commenced to move out, passed upon the open switches, and was thrown from the track.

During the melee the police succeeded in making two arrests, one of them a member of the executive committee of the Switchmen's Union. The crowd continued to grow in size until, at 2 o'clock, it numbered about 2,000 persons. The crowd manifested a very ugly temper, and shortly after noon some of the new switchmen were attacked by the strikers and badly beaten. At four o'clock this afternoon, under the protection of fifty of Pinkerton's police, the train was taken out. The crowd made unsuccessful opposition, and several strikers were knocked down by the police and three were arrested.

PRETTY FAIR-SIZED HAILSTONES.—GALVESTON, June 21. Specials from Elgin, Manor and Paige say that those places and the surrounding neighborhoods were visited yesterday evening by heavy storms, inflicting great damage. At Elgin there was a terrific thunder, rain and hail storm, which deluged a part of the town. Nearly every building had windows broken and holes knocked in the roofs. Hail fell varying in size from a marble to a man's hand, and perforated iron and tin roofs. A piece of hailstone was picked up that weighed seven pounds. The Methodist church was blown from its foundations and demolished. The Baptist church was moved slightly out of line. One man was struck down by a hailstone and seriously injured.

SHOT HIS WIFE AND THEN KILLED HIMSELF.—BALTIMORE, June 26.—James Oliver Forsythe shot his wife, Ella, this morning in the passageway of Marling, Meyer & Co.'s printing office on North street, where the lady was employed. Forsythe was only twenty-one and his wife nineteen years of age. They have been living apart for several months. This morning Forsythe laid in wait in the passageway for his wife to come to work. As soon as she made her appearance her husband fired two shots, both striking her behind the right shoulder. He then fired a bullet into his own breast, and died in ten minutes. His wife will recover.

KILLED BY THE CARS.—Alex. Carner, late an employee of the Crozer furnace and living there, was run over and killed about a hundred yards this side of the depot at Vinton, by the east bound freight train, about 1 o'clock a. m. on Thursday last. He was a widower with no family, his wife having died about twelve months ago, since which time he has been very dissipated. It is supposed that he was either drunk or that it was a deliberate suicide, the latter more probable.—*Roanoke Leader, June 26th.*

The President's efforts to stop the squandering of the nation's money on pensions is worthy the praise of all the right-thinking people of the country. The pension bureau is maintained at great expense for the express and sole purpose of determining upon the justice, equity, legality, and worthiness of pension claims, and if a claim be denied at that bureau there is hardly ever a reason why an appeal from its decision to Congress should be more successful.—*Alex. Gazette.*

GOSHEN FURNACE.—It is now pretty definitely settled that Victoria Furnace, at Goshen, will resume operations as soon as the necessary repairs can be made, which will probably take about thirty days to complete. The furnace has been leased by C. P. Huntington and a party of Pennsylvania iron men. The sooner it starts up the more gratifying it will be to the people hereabouts.—*Clifton Forge Independent.*

MARRIAGES.

SLAVEN—BARNES.—On Sunday morning, June 13th, at the residence of J. C. Meyers, Dry Creek, Montrose county, California. Mr. J. E. Slaven and Miss Harrie E. Barnes. The groom is a son of Mr. Hanson Slaven of Monterey, Highland county, Va.

BLAND—ALLEN.—In Trinity Church at Buchanan, Botetourt county, Va., by Rev. E. V. Jones, Mr. Meigs Bland, a young lawyer of Weston, W. Va., and Miss Lutie Houston Allen, daughter of Judge John J. Allen.

MATTHEWS—THEAKER.—In New York City, on the 23rd inst., by Rev. Wm. R. Paxton of Princeton, N. J., Judge Stanley Matthews, of Ohio, Judge of the U. S. Supreme Court, and Mrs. Mary K. Theaker of Cleveland, Ohio. The next day the bridal pair sailed for Europe on the steamer Celtic.

IRWIN—JUNKIN.—At Houston, Texas, June 16th by Rev. E. D. Junkin, Mr. Wm P. Irwin, son of Rev. D. C. Irwin of Lexington, Va., and Miss Julia R. Junkin, daughter of the officiating minister.

DEATHS.

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

COAKLEY.—At the residence of her son, R. G. Coakley, near Hinton, Rockingham County, on May 30th, 1886, Mrs. Lucy Coakley, in the 79th year of her age. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for 30 years and was a kind neighbor, and very much esteemed for her amiable qualities.

BEAM.—In Timberville, Rockingham county, on Saturday, the 12th instant, Mrs. Bettie Beam, wife of Daniel M. Beam, Esq., and daughter of Maj. Henry Neff, in the 38th year of her age.

EARLEY.—Near Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., June 18th, Mrs. Mary C. Earley, wife of Mr. Jonas Earley, in the 30th year of her age.

BUSH.—On the 12th inst., at her home at North River, in Rockingham county, Mrs. Mary A. Bush, aged 73 years. She was the mother of Rev. David Bush, Presiding Elder of Lewisburg District, W. Va.

RUSH.—On the night of the 19th inst., at his home in Lewisburg, W. Va., after a lingering illness of heart disease and dropsy, Mr. Geo. W. Rush, at the advanced age of 83 years, 2 months and 6 days. He was a native of Lexington, Va., and removed to Lewisburg when about 25 years old. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and was a worthy, good citizen.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The special agent of the French Government who visited the Isthmus reports that the completion of the Panama Canal depends upon contingencies of a serious nature, yet the difficulties can be overcome. The Government will authorize the Canal Company to issue its proposed loan for the purpose of prosecuting the work.

The porpoise is to furnish material for new additions to commerce. The last Virginia Legislature chartered an enterprise, known as the American Oil and Leather Company, the principal works of which are now at Cape Hatteras, N. C. It manufactures leather from the hide of the porpoise, oil from the fat, glue from the fins and tail, and fertilizers from the meat and bones. The leather is said to be equal to calf-skin, and the oil as good as sperm for lubricating purposes. The Company has one hundred thousand dollars capital, and are catching the porpoise at many points along the Southern coast. A company has been formed at Constantinople for a similar purpose. The persons engaged in the business received their information for a commencement from the Virginia Company.

Newport-News is to have a Dry Dock and Construction Company. Mr. C. P. Huntington is at its head. It already has growing exporting interests in coal, iron, cotton, grain, and minor productions.

The total shipments of wheat from India for five months ending June 1st were 16,524,000 bushels—6,612,000 for the United Kingdom and 9,912,000 to ports on the continent.

During the first 10 days of June there was an almost continuous rainfall throughout France. The wheat plant was generally in bloom. The plant is thin and the ears generally short. The crop from present outlook is expected to be considerably under average. The stock of old wheat in France is very small, and the reserve remaining in growers' hands is also very small.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RY. COAL TRAFFIC.—The *Industrial South* furnishes the following reports made by Fuel Agent, J. W. Hopkins, of the coal traffic, in long tons, of the C. & O. Ry. for the weeks ending May 14 and 21, as follows:—

	1886.	1885.	Increase.
For week end'g May 31,	28,880	27,840	1,040
For week end'g June 7,