

STAUNTON SPECULATOR AND GENERAL ADVERTISER.

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There will be a meeting of the Democratic County Committee on Saturday, March 19th, at the office of Sheriff & Barrister, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THE RIGHT COURSE TO ADOPT—RELIEVES FROM BLAME AND LEADS TO VICTORY.

Under the present state of circumstances it is not an enviable position to be a member of the Democratic County Committee, and we very fully appreciate the embarrassment and perplexity of that Committee upon which such a heavy responsibility rests as that of determining the fate of the party in the ensuing election.

Why is this? Why is it that some, who, heretofore, have been so successful in the canvass, are now so much less so?

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What are the principal opposing policies that have been recommended? The first is, That the party should be organized as to present a single ticket, that it may receive the concentrated vote of the county, and thus increase its chances of success.

The second is, That there should be no organization—no Democratic nominations—and to let the field be full of Democratic candidates and the Democratic vote so split up between them as that the Republican ticket may have a comfortable "walk-over" and easily secure all the important county offices.

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Conference of the M. E. Church South.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South commenced its one hundred and third session at Wednesday morning in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which Rev. Isaac W. Carter is pastor in Leesburg, Loudoun co., Va.

There were present at the conference, from the various churches, a large number of persons in the body of the church and the galleries, and the interest taken in the sessions of the conference was opened with prayer by Bishop John Christian Keener, who presided, and the singing of the hymn "And Ar We Yet Alive."

Rev. Dr. John S. Martin, secretary of this conference, called the roll of ministers. Rev. Dr. Martin, who has been secretary of the conference for thirty-three years, was re-elected secretary, and appointed as his assistants James E. Armstrong, G. T. Tyler, Asbury Martin and B. W. Bond.

On motion of Rev. Samuel Rodgers, the secretary read the original minutes of the Baltimore Annual Conference, held in the old stone church at Leesburg, March 20, 1812. The two bishops present at that conference were Bishops Asbury and McKenney, and the membership present was 57 persons.

The conference then included all of Maryland, parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and extended into Ohio. The membership of the church in the Baltimore Conference was 21,000 white, 7,836 colored.

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BEECHER OBSEQUIES.

The Services at Plymouth Church Friday. GREAT CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE PRESENT—REV. DR. HALL'S DISCOURSE—OVER 20,000 PEOPLE VIEW THE REMAINS.

NEW YORK, March 11.—All Brooklyn was mourning to-day for the death of Henry W. Beecher. The public offices were closed, business was entirely suspended, and memorial services were held in all churches.

ELATION IN ELMA, N. Y.—At the recent election of municipal officers in Elma, N. Y., the Democratic ticket was elected after a severe contest. Mr. Morris Gladie, a brother of Chas. A. Gladie of this city, was elected as one of the Aldermen on the Democratic ticket.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH FILLED WITH FLOWERS.—While a vast crowd of people were gathered outside of the church the lady members of the congregation were working and busy with flowers.

ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF HORSESTEALING.—On Saturday week a young man giving his name as that of J. B. Reed, was arrested in Harrisonburg on the charge of stealing a horse the night before last.

THE PRESIDENT PRODUCES MORE COAL AND COKES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN WEST VA.—The Inspector of mines reports that Fayette county produced more coal and coke than any other county in West Va.

JOSEPH S. MESSARY AND D. S. LEWIS are announced as candidates for the clerkship of the County Court of Rockingham—the former Democrat and the latter a Republican.

MR. E. T. WATTS, while engaged in setting out an orchard discovered a rich vein of iron-ore on his land just beyond the city limits of Lynchburg.

THE ROCKINGHAM REGISTER has at last given up the ground-hog, and has pinned its faith to L. J. Heatwole.

THE ELEMARGARINE tax has been in force since the first of November last and \$400,000 have been collected.

WHAT A pleasant place Staunton would be to live in if there were no liquor-drinking within its limits!

Next Friday, the 18th instant, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of President Cleveland.

It is said that Lawrence Barrett will make over \$100,000 out of Edwin Booth's tour this season.

The President has appointed Peter F. Cogbill to be collector of customs at Petersburg, Va.

A vote on the question of prohibition will be taken in Lee district, Shenandoah Co., March 31.

THE LATE MR. BEECHER.—A GLOWING TRIBUTE FROM AN ENGLISH MINISTER.

LONDON, March 9.—The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, has just published a glowing tribute to the late Henry W. Beecher, which is being widely read.

To the Property-Holders of Staunton.

[For the Editor.] Yellow-citizens—The air is filled with starting rumors of the extravagant expenditures now contemplated by our City Council.

Our breakers and carpenters can bear testimony to the fact that their business has already been induced to remove from the town, to get rid of that enormous taxation.

If the projected schemes of expenditures are carried out, the result will be the destruction of the business of the town.

Must the earth quake before the people can be awakened to a sense of the danger which awaits them?

During the last month quite a large quantity of goods have been disposed of our shops and stores.

THE KILLING OF ROBIN BISHOP.—FISHERY—DEATH BY SPAINS—A. C. BRANTON—SPELLING MATCHES—STEARING FROM A MILLER.

THE BEECHER FAMILY NOT PRESENT.—The first four seats on the right of the centre aisle were reserved for the relatives of deceased Mr. Beecher's family.

THE SERVICES BEGUN.—At half past 10 o'clock Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hall, presided in his white surplice, and accompanied by Rev. S. B. Halliday, entered the sanctuary.

After the first lesson Dr. Hall commended his text. During the service he had not a dry eye in the house, and several times he was compelled to stop for a short time to gain control of his voice.

At the close last Saturday night a week ago, the question, "Was the execution of Thos. J. Claverly justifiable or not," was debated with a full and free discussion.

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More Earthquake Shocks in France and Italy.

Paris, March 11.—A fresh shock of earthquake was felt here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and created a panic among the people.

LONDON, March 11.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Cannes at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

At Monte Carlo the shock caused a panic in the gambling rooms.

PARIS, March 11.—Le Temps publishes reports of an earthquake at Donal, in the Department of the Nord, and states that the walls of a church were cracked.

ROME, March 11.—An earthquake shock was felt at day at Porto Maurizio. No damage was done.

It is estimated that forty thousand persons viewed the body of Henry Ward Beecher at Plymouth Church last Thursday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A SMALL DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers a private sale of a small desirable farm for sale in Staunton on the Barboursville road.

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CAPITAL PRIZE, \$150,000.—We have recently secured the arrangements for all the Monthly and Semi-Annual drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and in person have secured the drawings themselves, and that the same are conducted by honest means, and that the prizes are paid in full.

UNPRECEDENTED ATTRACTION!—We have a large stock of goods, and are selling them at a great discount.

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