Staunton Spectator.

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The State Debt.

The State debt is an old, and in many respects a tiresome subject of discussion.—It has often been assumed to have been settled, but it was not, for to every basis adopted by three different Legislatures objections have been made,—the people disagreeing to those of 1871 and 1879 and a portion of the creditors representing a controlling influence and backed by the United States Courts dissenting from the last, known as the Riddleberger plan.

The great bulk of the people of the State, including a largely preponderating majority of those who are engaged in substantial pursuits, knowing by daily experience the trouble and perplexity inflicted on every business interest, are heartily tired of the agitation and the vexatious law-proceedings growing out of the conflict, amid the clashing views of State- and Federal authority.

As the matter stands now, the people may be said to be almost unanimously in favor of the movement made by Governor Lee and concurred in by the Legislature, to make an earnest and exhaustive effort to end a controversy which the longer it continues the more it will add increasing troubles to all public interests, and clog the way of private enterprizes. It estranges feelings that ought to be in harmony, and scatters wide the seeds of discord, arraying on opposite grounds the views and practices of citizens for maintaining the government. As a natural result, it tends to weaken, if not to destroy the power of the State by a prolonged fight within as well as without.

If the representatives of the English creditors and the commission delegated by State authority to treat in the premises can arrive at an adjustment within our ability to pay, which, whilst not further lowering the sovereignty of the State in the matter of the principle of the self-collecting interest-coupon which has already been conceded, then by all means let it be accepted and maintained in good faith. The creditors represented by Sir Edward Thornton and his colleague have given us to understand that they will assent to a settlement which will not infringe the right to control our revenues in ample reserves for maintaining the State Government as it may determine in respect to all its departments without increasing the rate of present taxation. Ascertaining the amount of our indebtedness, embracing all classes of obligations, placing all on an equal footing, and fixing the rate of interest to be paid hereafter upon the present estimates of income which can be set aside for that purpose, the objection to re-adopting the coupon feature should not have weight, because it already exists and cannot be gotten rid of.

Repeating that whilst the debt question is an old and tiresome subject it has assumed a new and more hopeful phase for the State than has existed in relation to it since the war. If to settle it, it costs, in aggregating its amount, something more than the Riddleberger bill provides for, but at the same time inflicting no greater burthen than may be just, and we are able to pay as specified, then why prolong this agitation and continue a contest so fruitful of broken hopes in the past and so uninviting for the future? Let the people impress upon their representatives, (now with their constituents awaiting the expiration of the recess when they will return for deliberation upon this absorbing subject) the absolute necessity of settlement if it can be obtained on the terms above indicated.

Silo and Ensilage—The Prairie Farmer.

One of our most agreeable duties as a journalist has been the presenting of practical facts in connection with the comparatively new and valuable method of preserving green food for stock, which is receiving a good share of attention from our Valley farmers. All who have tested the expediency of the silo and the value of ensilage have no desire to retrace their steps. A few months since, in addition to information imparted by others, we published the plans and experience of Mr. M. Erskine Miller in growing, curing, and feeding ensilage, who has, we suppose, upon his "Edgewood Stock-farm" near this city, the finest full-blooded Jersey herd in the State. Mr. Miller treated the subject of the silo and ensilage very thoroughly, in connection with its advantages for his enterprise, and his contribution to the new departure was generally received with great favor.

That fine weekly, the *Prairie Farmer*, published at Chicago, which is always abreast with the progress in all the departments of the farm, the growing of live-stock, and the economic industries that pertain to rural life and pursuits, devotes nearly the entire number of its 16-page weekly of the 16th instant to the silo and ensilage. There are many articles prepared by several different writers. The plans of building silos below and above the surface are illustrated, and the entire subject treated from many different standpoints. It furnishes also illustrations of the machinery employed in making and harvesting the crop.

The *Farmer* is pursuing the plan of furnishing in a single issue a thorough discussion on some one of the several different topics that most interest farmers and stock-growers. It has had its corn and wheat numbers—now the ensilage; and will, May 7th, give us a special hay number.

A Word to Albemarle Democrats.

The Charlottesville *Jeffersonian* is giving the Democrats of Albemarle good counsel in recommending them to nominate the Democratic candidates by a primary election. If this course be not adopted, the probability is that the Republicans will secure all the good offices, as they would certainly have done in this county, if the Democrats had not concluded to make their nominations by a primary election.—We would counsel the Democrats of Albemarle to follow the example of those of this county, and adopt the plan of the movable ballot-box, the best mode ever devised.

"Wets" Becoming "Dry."

Some who were very "wet" on the 5th of April, were very "dry" a week after, so they say. The election was just a week too soon, or these wets did not get dry soon enough to suit their consciences. The brisk temperance breeze on the 5th of April dried a good many, who now say they will *never* be wet again. "What, *never*? Well, hardly ever."

It is stated that Mrs. Sarah E. Howe. of Woman's Bank fame, has absconded from Boston with $50,000 of the depositors' money.

The Movable Ballot-box.

This is the last day on which the primary ballots can be put into the movable ballot-boxes. From what we have learned, a very full primary vote has been cast, as it should have been; for certainly no fairer mode of getting the sense of the majority, and no more convenient mode to the voters could possibly have been adopted. It was the duty of the voters to vote in the primary, and it will be their duty to vote for the nominees at the election in May whether they voted for them in the primary or not.

This is the only honorable way for Democratic voters to do, and it is the only way in which the organization of the Democratic party can be preserved, and its success accomplished. Some think that if they do not vote in the primary election, they are under no obligation to vote for the nominees; but this is altogether a mistake, for it is as much the duty of the Democrat who does not vote in the primary, as it is of him who does, to aid in preserving the organization and securing the success of the Democratic party. No democrat should fail to be in line on the day of election, and to do his duty as a good soldier. There should no deserters or skulkers.

Since the foregoing was written, additional intelligence from all parts of the county has come in to the Committee, and the vote will be but a few hundred less than the full strength of the party in the county.

The wisdom of the action taken by the Committee has been approved by the rank and file of the party, and instead of discordant elements and friends contending with friends in heated contests, we shall have the old phalanx united, and will poll a large majority for the standard-bearers.

Insane Asylums.

The selection of officers and employees of Insane Asylums should be wholly free from mere political or personal preferences.—Competency, fidelity, integrity, and adaptibility of disposition and temperament should be the tests of qualification. Before the advent into power of the Mahone *regime*, political influences in the management of our benevolent and charitable institutions were unknown, and such should be the case now.

The policy inaugurated by that party should not be, and we are sure will not be, continued by the Democratic party. It should be condemned as it richly deserves to be, and should be avoided as a pestilence. The *Index-Appeal* makes a suggestion that is worthy of consideration, and that is, that the Medical Society of Virginia should select the Superintendents of the Asylums, and adds:

"They might choose, say one or two qualified persons for each place and submit this list to the Governor who could select therefrom. Such choice, we feel quite sure, would be made solely with reference to the qualifications of the persons selected for the delicate duties they might be called upon to discharge, and if appointed, their corps of assistants would quite probably be chosen on the same lines. It is certain, that this, more than any other conceivable method, would remove the insane asylums from under the influence of politics."

The officers, attendants, and other employees of these Institutions should not be changed without good and sufficient cause, for the longer they remain in service, the better qualified they will become to discharge the duties incumbent upon them; but if there should be sufficient reasons for their removal, they should be removed promptly "without fear, favor, or affection."

The State should have in these Institutions persons who are wholly reliable, and qualified to discharge efficiently their duties.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—Another of the victims of Dr. Andrew Jackson Grant, the accomplished bigamist and confidence man, visited him in Cambridge (Mass.) jail Monday. It was Mrs. Bolger, a pleasant-faced widow of Brooklyn. She said she first met Dr. Grant about two years ago. He paid court to her and was so successful that Mrs. Bolger did not say no to the proposal that came before many days. The wedding day was appointed, and as it approached the Doctor became more loving and attentive. One night, while she was in the parlor preparing her wedding outfit, the Doctor rushed in so excited that for a few moments he could not speak. Mrs. Bolger became alarmed and imagined that some great misfortune had befallen him. In a few words, rendered almost unintelligible by his apparent grief, he told her that he had just received a telegram that his mother was at the point of death. He sank in a chair and buried his face in his hands. Mrs. Bolger did all that she could to comfort him, and urged him to hasten to his mother's bedside. Since that night she had not seen him. After he had gone she missed her sealskin sacque and muff. After Dr. Grant's arrest a sealskin sacque and muff were found in his trunk. Mrs. Bolger has identified them as her property.

A PATHETIC DEATH BED SCENE.—Bordley F. Colhoun, aged twenty-eight years, the youngest son of Rear Admiral E. R. Colhoun, U. S. N., died at his father's residence in Washington, at six o'clock p. m., Tuesday, 12th inst., of pneumonia. When the dying man was told by his physician, Dr. Bromwell, that he had but a few hours to live, he asked his father's consent to his immediate marriage with Miss Eleanor M. Semmes, the eldest daughter of Mr. John H. Semmes, a wealthy merchant of the city. He had been engaged to the lady for three years. Shortly after one o'clock Tuesday afternoon a little party assembled, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Perry, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Admiral Colhoun, his two daughters, Dr. Bromwell and Miss Semmes. The marriage ceremony was soon performed, and in a few short hours the young bride became a widow. The deceased at the time of his death was private secretary to Rear Admiral Rowan.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.—Newspaper advertising is now recognized, by business men having faith in their own wares, as the most effective means for securing for their goods a wide recognition of their merits.

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Newspaper advertising promotes trade, for even in the dullest times advertisers secure by far the largest share of what is being done. While the advertiser eats and sleeps, printers, steam engines and printing presses are hard at work for him.

Robert T. Lincoln has offered to present the old home of Abraham Lincoln, at Springfield, to the State of Illinois, if it will agree hereafter to keep the house and grounds in repair.

BLAINE, SHERMAN, AND CLEVELAND.—While Blaine and Sherman are contending for the Republican nomination for President—the one travelling South and the other West—as the Leesburg *Washingtonian* says, Mr. Cleveland—in the steady and unfaltering discharge of the duties of his office as he believes right—is fixing the purpose and determination in the minds of the people to make him President for four years longer. His administration has steadily and surely won the confidence and the admiration of the thinking and conservative men of the country. He has lifted the Democratic party from the low range of a scramble for offices up to the plane of the grand purpose of administering the government for the country's welfare—to restore peace and confidence, by showing all sections, that each has an equal right in the government, and should share alike in its emoluments. This policy has restored a fraternal feeling in the Union, and has thus given impetus and firmness to trade and commerce, which are felt and appreciated by the country. The business men, the practical agriculturists and the leading professional men are mainly strong supporters of this administration. They admire the admirable conservatism which saved us from the confusion and interminable trouble, which would have followed a wreckless and indiscriminate change of offices immediately on his admission to the presidency. To have thus wrecklessly thrown the official management of the government from the groove in which it had been moving, for over a quarter of a century, would have been attended with serious difficulties, but gradually and cautiously the change has been going on, until the most of the offices—not barred by the civil service law—have been changed, and order, confidence and the general good will of the country have been the result. The people do not mean that the wisdom, good sense and moral courage he has shown shall be lost to the party. They will demand his services for another term. It does not require the forecast of a prophet to see this. Our leading men, our journals and the great body of the people are thinking and talking in that direction.

SEWER DRAINAGE IN LEXINGTON, VA.—On Saturday week, in accordance with the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, the town Council of Lexington passed an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of $3.500 for the construction of the sewsr was adopted. Bonds will be issued for this amount with 6 per cent interest to run 10 years, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Council after one year, interest payable semi-annually. The Finance committee are authorized to dispose of these bonds at public auction, should they deem it advisable.

The Street committee were directed to carry out the recommendations as to the sewers system, as recommended by the Sanitary committee.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY.—A committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Volunteers, Richmond, Va., has addressed a circular to the Confederate memorial societies of the South recommending that the same day be selected throughout the South for paying proper respect to the dead of the late Confederacy. The 30th of May is suggested as a proper day, for the reason that then flowers will be abundant in every part of the country, and being a national holiday, all who choose can with less interruption to business or work give that day its proper observance. Governor Fitzhugh Lee, Colonel Charles J. Anderson, General John R. Cooke, Colonel John B. Purcell and Major Thomas A. Brander are of the committee making the suggestion.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland were not present at the christening of Baby Whitney, but they showed they were not unmindful of the event in a very substantial manner. Their present, which was contained in a large case of blossom pink plush, lined with white satin, consisted of a handsome silver platter, milk bowl and spoon.—The platter and bowl were in the style known as satin finished, in the centre of each of which was engraved "Dorothy." Forming a deep border around the edge was in raised figures all manner of quaint designs of children, engaged in childish sports. Accompanying this was a dainty basket of lilies-of-the-valley.

THE PAN-HANDLE RAILROAD ROBBERIES.—The arrest of fifty-seven trainmen at Pittsburg on Monday of last week was the fitting climax to a series of systematic railway robberies that have been perpetrated during the past two or three years on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad by an organized gang of thieves, whose depredations are estimated, in the aggregate, at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Among those arrested were conductors as well as brakemen. Before they were arrested, detectives had been at work for two months.

A shoe-dealer in Brooklyn has just lost a suit he brought against a former sweetheart, to recover $14 for shoes furnished her. The court believed her story, that the shoes had been presented to her as expressions of affection.

The court doubtless thought that it was an exchange in which there was no robbery—he gave her the shoes, and she gave him the mitten.

AN AGED LADY BURNED TO DEATH.—Near the residence of her son, Mr. S. P. Campbell, at Midvale, Rockbridge county, was the home of his mother, aged 80 years, and very feeble. Standing before a fire on the 10th instant her clothing caught from a blaze, and she was so badly burned as to cause death in a few hours.

Work on Mr. Huntington's railroad from Ashland, Ky., to Covington, Ky., was very slow during the winter, but the contractors have been instructed to push the work rapidly during the rest of the year, and it is now thought that the road will be finished before Christmas.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN SHENANDOAH.—A Convention to nominate Democratic candidates in Shenandoah county will be held in Woodstock next Friday. The delegates and alternates to the Convention were elected at the precinct primaries yesterday.

The drought throughout Central Illinois, together with the great and continuous heat, is unprecedented. The thermometer registers nearly ninety degrees in the shade daily. The farmers are beginning to plant corn nearly three weeks ahead of time.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—On next Sunday the new Presbyterian Church at the Blue Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co, W. Va., will be dedicated. The dedicatory sermon will be delivered by Rev. M. L. Lacy, of Lewisburg, W. Va.

It is said the profits of the Hygeia Hotel for the past year aggregate $100.000.

Senator John H. Reagan, of Texas, has the courage of his convictions. He comes out squarely for Prohibition. On the question of its being a sacred principle of the Democracy to oppose sumptuary laws, the Senator says: "There is a broad difference between laws which interfere with legitimate trade and such as would interfere with the purchase and sale of necessary food, drink and raiment, called sumptuary laws, and laws which have for their object the prevention and punishment of crime and the preservation of public morals and decency; and I think it hardly just to the memory of Mr. Jefferson to assume that he would not have recognized the distinction."

AGED FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN, AND HALF A CENTURY IN THE SERVICE OF AGRICULTURE.—The senior editor of the *American Farmer*, the venerable Samuel Sands, completed on the 10th inst., the 87th year of his age. His connection with the *Farmer* commenced in 1834, and has continued unremittingly since. In the last number is an address from the aged editor to his readers in which he mentions failing sight as the only marked impairment of general health, not having lost a single hour during the past year from his regular work.

The *Farmer*, we think, is the oldest agricultural journal in the United States, and has always enjoyed a high reputation.

MOVABLE BALLOT IN BOTETOURT.—The Democratic Committee of Botetourt have decided to adopt a *movable* ballot-box, to be taken to every Democratic voter on the 5th and 6th of May, the boxes to be brought to Fincastle and opened on the 7th, and the result declared.

This is the fairest made for the candidates, and the most convenient for the voters that has ever been devised. We are trying it in this county now for this first time, and it is to be hoped that there will be a full vote by the Democrats, so that the wishes of the majority may be made known when the ballots shall be counted.

DAMAGES RECOVERED.—The Lexington *Gazette* says that "at the last session of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge, S. F. Jordan's Executors in a suit against the town for damages to property opposite the town quarry, said damages being caused by blasting knocking the roofs of the houses in, a judgment was secured against the town for $500.00. The Mayor paid the judgment by warrant and his action was approved by a unanimous vote of the Council."

CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION.—The following States will vote, on the dates mentioned, for amending their State Constitutions so as to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors:—

Texas, August 4th; Tennessee, September 29th; Oregon. November 8th; West Virginia, November 6th.

W. A. Grant, who killed Arch Painter, under aggravating circumstances a few weeks since on Irish Creek in Rockbridge, was deemed guilty by the jury and punishment fixed at one year in the penitentiary. Judge Houston set the verdict aside, and granted the prisoner a new trial.

Mrs. Martha Ryckman has been arrested at Thedford, Ont., on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Hendricks, her sister-in-law. Mrs. Ryckman's daughter-in-law died recently in Virginia while visiting this State with Mrs. Ryckman. The latter is suspected also of having caused her death.

The ladies of Rockbridge constituting the "Jackson Memorial Association" will have a sale of flowers shortly in Lexington in aid of the fund for the monument to be erected there. They tire not in devising means to accomplish the purpose unto which they have set their hearts.

TWO GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH.—The dwelling of Mr. Browles, in Smyth county, Va., was burned Saturday night; two of his daughters perished in the flames, and three other persons received injuries which will probably prove fatal. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

Mrs. James Duncan, 60 years of age, and a resident of Henryton, a station on the B. & O. Railroad, in Carroll county, Md., committed suicide Thursday morning about half-past 6 o'clock by shooting herself with a pistol.

Robert W. Gatewood, a graduate of the Naval Academy and a son of Rev. Robert Gatewood, of Norfolk, Va., committed suicide on the steamer Carolina last Friday morning between Old Point and Norfolk.

The convicts in the State penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C., became insubordinate Saturday afternoon and the police and military had to be called in to reduce them to subjection.

Michael Keefe, the wife murderer, who was to have been hanged last Friday at Suisum, Cal., committed suicide on Thursday by cutting his throat.

SNOW STORM IN FRANCE.—On last Sunday, there were snow-storms and very cold weather in the Northern and Eastern portions of France.

A movement has been set on foot in the democratic party in Philadelphia to defeat ex-Speaker Randall's re-election to Congress.

Five of the six escaped prisoners from the jail at Charleston, W. Va., have been recaptured.

Wilkins was quite right in saying:—"The higher a man gets on whisky the lower he slides in public esteem."

Snow fell to the depth of a foot in Pennsylvania Monday.

COUPONS TENDERED TO SATISFY THE COMMONWEALTH'S CLAIMS AGAINST EX-AUDITOR ALLEN.—Mr. William L. Royall has tendered coupons to the Auditor of Public Accounts in the name of John A. English to satisfy the judgment obtained by the Commonwealth against ex-Auditor S. Brown Allen and sureties. The judgment, including costs, amounts in round numbers to six thousand dollars. The Auditor refused to accept the coupons, and will this afternoon have a consultation with the Attorney-General in regard to the matter.

The sureties upon the appeal bond—the bond which had to be given in order to take the case to the Supreme Court—bound themselves not to tender coupons. Mr. English was on the official bond, and he now accepts the whole obligation, and through Mr. Royall he has made a tender of coupons.—*Richmond State, 18th.*

The people appreciate the President's methods, and when they read the familiar headline, "Appointments by the President," they know that the public servants chosen are honest men instead of rascals.

Suppose Blaine had been elected in 1884. The office-holders to-day would have been men of the most corrupt character imaginable.—*Richmond State.*

Last Tuesday as Mr. R. W. Hill was plowing on a hillside his horses suddenly went into a sink about fifteen feet deep.—One was taken out alive but has since died, and the other was wedged between two rocks and so badly crushed that it died just as it reached the top of the ground.—*Pocahontas Times.*

Temperance Organization.

It is conceded that the result of the recent prohibition election in Staunton, Va., was a substantial victory for the "drys," and being thus encouraged, a very strong temperance organization in that city has just been perfected, which is composed of leading white and colored citizens. The repeated violation of the liquor laws in Staunton by many who are engaged in the traffic, has inspired the organization, which has adopted as one of its rules the following:—

"It shall be the duty of the executive committee to investigate all reported violations of the liquor laws, and if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the laws have been violated, to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities for investigation."

Fredericksburg needs a similar organization, for it is well known that there are bar-rooms in this place where liquor is dealt out on the Sabbath day, and where youths, at any time, are permitted to drink. If this violation of the law continues, the local optionists here must inaugurate a fight against the traffic. We have had gentlemen say to us who voted against prohibition that in consequence of this flagrant violation of the liquor law, that if the question of liquor license or prohibition is ever again submitted to the people they will unhesitatingly vote for prohibition. We give the warning signal to those who are guilty of persistently violating the liquor laws.

The gentlemen who are in the liquor trade and who observe the laws governing the sale of intoxicating liquors, should interest themselves in putting a stop to the continued violation of the laws by others who are engaged in the sale of liquor.

A word to the wise is sufficient.—*Fredericksburg Star.*

It is conceded here, even by those who voted in favor of license, that the election here on the 5th inst., "is doing," as the papers some years since said of the Committee of nine, "a great deal of good," and the above shows that its good effects are not confined to this city.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. T.—At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Petersburg last week, the election of officers for the ensuring year resulted as follows:—

Grand Master, A. A. Spitzer, Richmond.

Deputy Grand Master, A. B. Bowering, Fredericksburg.

Grand Warden. N. E. Whitehurst, Portsmouth.

Grand Secretary, T. Wiley Davis, Richmond.

Grand Treasurer, J. W. Ferguson, Richmond.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. George Vanderlice, Petersburg.

Grand Representative for two years, J. B. Blanks, Petersburg.

Grand Representative for one year, W. E. Pearce, Richmond.

Before adjournment the Grand Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing year: Grand Marshal, L. H. Tucker, Richmond; Grand Conductor, C. C. Wheat, Staunton; Grand Guardian, D. R. Stansbury, Alexandria; Grand Herald, W. P. Branch, Marion. The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in Lynchburg.

The Grand Master elect, Arthur A. Spitzer, is well-known here, having learned "the art preservative of all art" in the *Spectator* office.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.—On last Saturday, the President made the following appointments: Alex. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary; Newman W. McConnell, of Tennessee, to be chief justice of the Supreme Court of Montana Territory; Geo. S. Peters, of Ohio, to be an attorney of the United States for the Territory of Utah; Joseph B. Lane, of Oregan, to be agent of the Indians of the Siletz agency in Oregon.

The new minister to Austria, Gen. Lawton, was a prominent officer in the Confederate service, reaching the rank of quarter-master-general of the army in 1863. He is a South Carolinan by birth, and a graduate of West Point, but became a lawyer, and practiced in Savannh before and after the war. He was appointed minister to Russia by President Cleveland, but his political disabilities not having been removed, and a doubt arising as to his eligibility, he resigned. Since then he has been relieved of his disabilities.

The man who infers from what he sees and hears of Birmingham, Roanoke and some other prominently prosperous points in the South, that the "boom" of development, improvement and progress is confined to them, is greatly mistaken. No man who travels anywhere in Virginia, or else where in the Southern States, can fail to be impressed with the general stir of enterprise on every hand.—*Roanoke Leader, edited by Elam.*

Then what becomes of the bugaboo that was paraded so conspicuously and persistently preceding the presidential election by Elam and other Republican editors, that the election of a Democratic President would derange business, obstruct progress, paralyze all enterprise, and reduce the country generally to the "demnition bowwows?" Ever since the inauguration of a Democratic administration a better feeling has prevailed in all parts of the Union.

THE BIG MEETING.—The Hyde Park meeting, of which some accounts have reached us, was a prodigious affair. It is estimated that one hundred and fifty thousand people turned out in the processions, and that at least five hundred thousand were in the streets as spectators. The evidences of lack of personal loyalty to the Queen were numerous and pronounced, so much so that it was hardly respectful in Mr. Gladstone to receive the homage of the the crowd. This he did however in high feather, and the next thing will be to call for an Executive head, without a crown, and elected by the people. The Queen has lived too long already for the good of her dynasty, and as she will "neither die nor resign" the outlook for the Crown Prince is by no means cheerful.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN S. HODGE.—The death of Mrs. Sarah Hodge *nee* Ramsey, occurred at her home near Pickaway, Monroe county, on Friday last, April 8th, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., after a long illness, at the age of about 60 years. Mrs. Hodge was a native of Rockbridge county, Va., and was the wife of John S. Hodge, Esq. Perhaps none have enjoyed to a greater degree the love and esteem of her neighbors than this lady. For many years she was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, and in her life the loveliness of the Christian character was fully exemplified.—*Monroe Co. (W. Va.) Watchman, April 14th.*

HON. J. R. TUCKER.—The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria *Gazettee* says:—

"Mr. J. R. Tucker says the report that he is to make this city his permanent residence is incorrect. He says his home is in Lexington, Virginia, and will continue to be there, but that he will come here to attend to any law business that may be entrusted to him, and that on such business he would like to be here as often and as long as possible. Mr. Tucker also says he is not an applicant for any office."

H. C. Snyder, Esq., of Lower Botetourt, brought to our office last Monday specimens of as fine yellow and red ochre as can probably be found in the United States. It is perfectly free of grit, and beautifully tinted. Mr. Snyder says "there's millions of it" on his land. It is doubtless a valuable "find."—*Fincastle Herald.*

Gov. Hill has vetoed the high license bill recently passed by the New York general assembly, his principal objection being that it was made to apply to only two cities in the State—New York and Brooklyn.

A PHENOMENAL STORM.—MASON CITY, Iowa, April 15.—Yesterday afternoon the sun suddenly became obscured and thunder, accompanied by lightning and a light rain set in. Suddenly, after a deafening thunder clap, the sun burst through the clouds, and, while shining as brightly as before the storm, hail began to fall, continuing for a quarter of an hour, striking the ground with the force of bullets. The-hail stones, which were the size of sparrow eggs, broke windows, and stampeded teams upon the streets, and fell in such quantities that they had to be removed with shovels. So phenomenal or severe a hail-storm in this section old residents do not remember. During the storm the barn of William Judd, south of the town, was struck by lightning and was burned with its contents.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—On Monday last, at a log-rolling on the premises of Mr. Jackson Harouff near Burnsville, in Bath county, Mr. Daniel Carpenter met with a painful accident. A log on the hill-side began to roll, and C., seeing that there was danger of its catching Mr. Harouff, jumped below and tried to stop it, when it caught him, rolling over him and breaking his left arm and fracturing his breast-bone. Dr. Kerr was called in and rendered medical attention. At last accounts, Mr. Carpenter was doing very well. The log also passed over the body of Mr. Harouff, and though he received some painful bruises, was not seriously hurt.—*Highland Recorder, 16th.*

COMPENSATION.—The widow and family of the late John W. Weaver have received through Rev. Jno. Brandt, the sum of $2.450, on a compromise for damages claimed by the family of deceased who was run over by a freight engine at the Ronceverte Station, Dec. 14th, and killed.—*Ronceverte News.*

Natural gas has been struck at Jonesboro, Grant Co., Indiana, at a depth of 900 feet and the flow is very strong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT.

To the Voters of the County of Augusta:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT. I return my thanks for all past favors, and if re-elected will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
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COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COUNTY TREASURER. Thankful for favors of confidence in the past, I promise if re-elected to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
feb16 tde* V & V c J. N. MCFARLAND.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I have the honor to announce myself a candidate for the office of CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT of Augusta county.
feb23 tde E. A. FULCHER.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of CIRCUIT COURT CLERK of Augusta county.
feb16-tde V & V c JOSEPH N. RYAN.

To the Voters of the County of Augusta:—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of CIRCUIT COURT CLERK, and if elected will discharge the duties of the office faithfully and to the best of my ability. Having had twenty years' experience in the active duties of the County Court Clerk's office, I flatter myself that I can discharge those duties which I aspire with satisfaction to the public.
JOSEPH B. WOODWARD.
feb16-tde V & V c.

SHERIFF.

To the Voters of Augusta:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of SHERIFF of Augusta county.
mar16-tde WM. MCCUE.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF of the county for the next term.

Having served the people of Augusta for ten years as deputy Treasurer, Deputy Sheriff, and Sheriff, I promise for the future, as I have tried in the past, to faithfully discharge my duties, if shall be your pleasure to continue me in office.
T. R. N. SPECK.
feb16-tde*

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY. I return my thanks for all past favors, and, if re-elected, will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
feb16-tde V & V c MEADE F. WHITE.

To the People of Augusta:—I am a candidate for COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, and, if elected, will faithfully perform the duties connected with the office.
Respectfully,
mar9-tde JOHN N. OPIE.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Middle River District, and if elected will discharge the duties faithfully and to the best of my ability. WM. H. MOORMAN.
mar16-tde* V & V c

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Middle River District. I thank my many friends of my district and the county for past favors, and, if re-elected, will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
mar2-tde V ind c S. N. PATTERSON.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Middle River District. In making this announcement, I beg leave on behalf of myself to say that I am a young man, unacquainted with the workings of political parties, and come before you on my own merit, confident in my capacity to discharge the duties of the office. A. STUART HOUFF.
mar9-tde

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Pastures District.
mar30-2t GEO. D. JORDAN.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Pastures District. I thank my many friends of my district and the county for past favors, and, if re-elected, will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
mar2-tde D. F. HOOVER.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Pastures District.
mar2-tde V & V c W. T. LIGHTNER.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—Thankful for the support you have heretofore given me, I feel encouraged to ask for its continuance, and hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE in Riverheads District. I shall strive in the future as in the past to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office. Very respectfully,
mar2-tde V ind c FRANK WILLSON.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Beverly Manor District, and promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I thank my friends for past favors, and solicit their further support.
feb23-tde V&Vc W. ARTHUR WILLSON.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Beverly Manor District, and, if elected, will faithfully discharge the duties of that office.
mar2-tde J. EMMET GUY.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for North River District.
Respectfully,
feb23-tde V & V c WM. A. VIGAR.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I respectfully announce myself for COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE in North River District, and, if elected, shall discharge the duties of that office faithfully and efficiently.
Respectfully,
mar9 tde JOHN GURLEY.

To the Voters of Augusta County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for North River District
mar9-tde* N. Z. WHEELER.

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Wm. E. Craig, Trustee, vs. William A. Reed and als.—All parties interested in the foregoing cause, pending in the Court of Hustings for the City of Staunton, are notified that I have fixed upon—

Monday, the 16th day of May, 1887,

at the law office of White & Gordon in said city, to take the accounts required by decree therein entered on the 7th day of May, 1886, viz:—1st, An account of the real estate conveyed by Wm. A. Reed and wife to W. E. Craig, Trustee, and the condition of the title thereto; 2nd, An account of the liens binding the same in the order of their priority; 3rd, Any other matters deemed pertinent.

At which time and place they are required to attend without further notice.
ap20-4t A. C. GORDON, Commissioner.

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By authority of four deeds of trust, of record in the Clerk's office of Augusta County Court, given by Casper K. Zerkel to the undersigned trustees, having been required by the beneficiaries and requested by said Zerkel, we will offer, at public auction, on—

Thursday, the 12th day of May, 1887,

on the premises, the farm on which Casper K. Zerkel at present resides, situate about 2 miles North west of the City of Staunton, on the Morris Mill Road, a short distance from the Parkersburg Turnpike. It contains—

327 Acres and 10 Poles,

with a good Brick Dwelling, containing 9 rooms, small house in yard, an old barn, a large new brick granary, corn-crib, and other out-buildings. There is a never-failing well of water near the house, and a large cistern at the kitchen door, besides a flowing spring on the place, with constant flow of water at barn, house, and dairy, supplied by a new wind-mill in perfect order; a No. 1 orchard of choice fruit. This farm is well enclosed by new fencing, in good state of cultivation, about 80 acres now seeded in wheat and rye—the growing crop of wheat and rye is included with the sale of the land, but subject to the payment of cost of fertilizer and seed by the purchaser—remainder well set in grass. The timber-land consists of about 40 acres. The soil is clay and well adapted to the growth of all kinds of grain and gr