Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1887.

Local Department.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CIRCUIT COURT CLERK:—
JOSEPH N. RYAN.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK:—
WILLIAM A. BURNETT.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY:—
MEADE F. WHITE.

FOR SHERIFF:—
THOMAS R. N. SPECK.

FOR TREASURER:—
JAMES N. McFARLAND.

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE REVENUE:—
Pastures District—W. T. LIGHTNER.
Middle River District—W. H. MOORMAN.
Beverly Manor District—W. A. WILLSON.
Riverheads District—J. FRANK WILLSON.
South River District—W. L. MOWRY.
North River District—WM. A. VIGAR.

PASTURES DISTRICT.

Supervisor—H. B. Selg.
Commissioner of Roads—D. N. Wilson.
Magistrates—J. S. Guy, D. N. Wilson, B. O. Furguson.
Constable—G. F. Smith.

MIDDLE RIVER DISTRICT.

Commissioner of Roads—Christian Eakle.
Constable—N. C. Watts.

BEVERLY MANOR DISTRICT.

Supervisor—J. W. Todd.
Commissioner of Roads—W. H. Bailey.
Magistrates—J. M. Lickliter, George Harlan, A. D. Tribbett.
Constable—John M. Garber.

RIVERHEADS DISTRICT.

Supervisor—Thomas M. Smiley.
Commissioner of Roads—John D. Lilley.
Magistrates—W. W. Cale, Wm. Taliaferro, W. H. Fix.
Constable—John S. Lightner.
Overseer of the Poor—A. Blauth.

SOUTH RIVER DISTRICT.

Supervisor—M. W. Quarles.
Commissioner of Roads—Marion Coyner.
Magistrates—J. W. Churchman, M. L. Leonard, John B. Hunter.
Constable—**A. M.** Curd.

NORTH RIVER DISTRICT.

Supervisor—Wm. H. Gamble.
Commissioner of Roads—J. E. Todd.
Magistrates—E. O. Peale, J. J. Cupp, J. W. Goode.
Constable—John S. Garber.
Overseer of the Poor—J. W. Fellers.

Ladies! the demand for **Spring Goods** is unprecedented at WELLER'S. Don't fail to examine his **Novelties** before purchasing.

CITY FINANCE.

At the last meeting of the Council the Finance Committee submitted a report of the estimated resources for the year 1887-'88, based upon the aggregate receipts under the schedule of taxation adopted at the previous meeting, together with the appropriation bill for the same time, which was unanimously agreed to. The resources and appropriations of the present fiscal year are compared with those of the previous year. Where the word "new" occurs it indicates the act of the present Council.

ESTIMATED RESOURCES.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
From Taxable Real Estate, aggregating $1,757,196.00 (new $1,778,601) at $1.10 (new $1.25); on each $100 value	$19,329.15	$22,232 06
From Personal Property aggregating $441,559.00 (new $469,519) at $1.10 (new $1.25) on each $100 value	4,857.15	5,870.00
From Income	1,051.66	800.00
From 1356 (new 1306) capitations at 50c	678.00	653.00
From Licenses, including Banks and other Stock Companies	18,750.00	18,705.00
From Water Tax	9,000.00	9,000.00
From Police Fines	600.00	400.00
From Hay Scales	200.00	150.00
From Vehicle Licenses	250.00	150.00
From Dog Tax	100.00	270.00
From Rent of City Hall	1,000.00	1,200.00
From Good uncollected Taxes prior to 1886 (new 1887) after providing for 1886 (new 1886) appropriations	4,000.00	2,000.00
From amount due from John M. Carroll, late Treasurer	10,000.00	
From Delinquent Taxes	300.00	
From Miscellaneous sources	500.00	300.00
	$70,615.96	$61,750.00

APPROPRIATIONS.

	1886-7.	1887-8.
To Interest Account	$20,336.00	$20,066.00
To Sinking Fund, 1 per cent. on Bonded Debt	3,010.00	3,030.00
To Salaries, other than police	5,500.00	6,000.00
To Police salaries	2,040.00	2,880.00
To Police Incidentals	100.00	
To Public Schools	6,100.00	5,500.00
To Support of Poor	2,000.00	2,000.00
To Improvements of Streets	3,000.00	3,000.00
To Water Works	3,300.00	3,100.00
To Street Lights	1,200.00	1,500.00
To Fire Department, allowed by Ordinance	300.00	300.00
To Fire Department, Incidental	100.00	
To Printing	250.00	300.00
To Public Grounds and Buildings	200.00	200.00
To Refunded Taxes	1,500.00	1,000.00
To Miscellaneous Accounts	3,079.00	3,774.57
To pay MS. Bond, due 1886, (new bond due in 1888)	1,000.00	2,000.00
To pay MS. Bond, City Hall improvements, due Jan'y 9, 1887	2,000.00	
To Contingencies	5,100.96	3,000.00
To Delinquents	3,500.00	3,500.00
To Pumping Engine and Extra Hose for same	7,000.00	
To Sinking Fund on account of old tickets and claims in the hands of Elder & Nelson		579.43
	$70,615.96	$61,730.00

If you wish a **Beautiful Complexion** use the BROMINE and ARSENIC WATER.
CHILD'S DRUG STORE.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.—A charter has been granted for the establishment of the "Central Virginia Telephone Company" whose line will extend from Staunton to Luray and Harrisonburg and connect at Luray with the telephone system in the lower valley. This will be a great convenience and of much benefit to Staunton, and the business men of this city should subscribe liberally to its stock, the shares of which are $10 each. C. W. S. Turner, Esq., of Elkton, will be in this city about the last of this month for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions, when we hope our citizens, and our business-men particularly, will see the propriety of subscribing quite a number of shares. It will have offices in places not reached by the telegraph lines, and will consequently be of more value than the telegraph to our citizens.

Go to SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S for NEW Beaded Passamenteries, Beaded Ornaments, Beaded Pannels and Fronts.

Mason & Hamlin Pianos.

MASON & HAMLIN bid fair to become as famous for their pianos as they have long been for their world-renowned organs. The distinguishing feature about the Mason & Hamlin Piano is an important improvement in the method of holding the strings. They are secured by metallic fastenings, instead of by the friction of pins set in wood, as has been the case, and the advantages resulting are highly important. Wonderful beauty and musical quality of tone; far less liability of getting out of tune; greater reliability in trying climates; and greater solidity of construction and durability are secured.

Don't forget the NOVELTIES in BRAIDS for Trimming Dresses—the latest thing out, just opened at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

MILK FOR THE EASTERN CITIES.—Now that there is direct and close express connection between the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, through the Richmond and Alleghany Rail road, to Lynchburg and Richmond, the Augusta creamery proposes to ship butter milk several times a week to those cities by express. The creamery being at Fort Defiance Station, on the Valley road, the milk would be delivered cool and fresh to those cities on the morning after the day of churning.

For the prettiest SPRING GINGHAMS, go to WELLER'S.

Geo. L. Bolen has purchased the interest of his former partner, Henry S. Swift, in the office of the *Copper Herald*, published at Hancock, Michigan. Mr. Bolen is a young man of talent, who learned the printing art in this office, and is well qualified to conduct his paper in good style. We hope he will be successful beyond his most sanguine expectations.

Ladies, don't forget that SHIRKEY & TAYLOR have just opened their entire stock of **New Spring Goods**, which means everything *new and desirable*.

C. C. WHEAT has a nice line of FANCY GROCERIES. ap20

For the prettiest **Satteens**, go to WELLER'S.

THE AUGUSTA AGRICULTURAL AND MACHINE WORKS.—The value of this establishment to Staunton, and the country in trade interests with it, is manifested daily. It is especially so because of the many kinds of implements manufactured, and the number of special jobs wanted which are there promptly executed.

Messrs. Thomas & Lomax, of West Va., have recently had made there cast-iron door-frames, beds, and draft-boxes for their coke ovens. At this time, a similar job is under execution for Mr. M. Erskine Miller for his coke ovens in West Va.

Mr. White, the Superintendent, who is a draftsman as well as practical machinist, is constructing a chilled iron turning-plow, and is making hillside and other turning and single and double-shovel iron-beam plows. He has commenced a large job of hay-rakes which are for Lynn & Co. The corn-sheller he introduced here is pronounced by those who have used it to be a first-rate article. An Augusta farmer, who tested one, says he shelled two hundred and fifty bushels in one day. Every grain is taken from the cob. It is of simple construction, runs light, requiring but one man to turn it. The extent of country through which these corn-shellers have already gained reputation is more than was anticipated in so short a time.

Some time since, Mr. J. W. Harris of this county invented what has proved to be a most valuable implement in the matter of saving time, when most needed. The setting of tobacco plants has to be done in wet seasons and in quick time. Hitherto, until Mr. Harris's invention, those cultivating that crop have had to plant by hand, but his invention is an immense saving of labor in its operations, and is receiving a large run. This implement is manufactured at the Augusta Works. It is one of the improvements which appear to have come to stay with tobacco growers with the benefits of manufacturing in Staunton. Food cutters and other implements made by Mr. White could be referred to as well as the indefinite number of jobs in broken machinery he is called on to repair. Some of the damaged machinery by the fire at Deerfield which destroyed Mr. W. H. Clare's saw-mill is now there for the purpose of reconstruction. The execution of these jobs at home is not only convenient, but beneficial, for the cost is much less, and time saved, when compared with the expense and delay of having to send to distant points.

For ECZEMA,
For ROUGH SKIN,
For SPLOTCHES,
For LIVER SPOTS,
Use **BROMINE and ARSENIC WATER**
Sold at G. G. CHILD'S.

Seize the opportunity ere it is too late.

When we consider the uncertainty of every event of life, let us remember that the 203rd Grand Monthly Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery took place at New Orleans on Tuesday (always Tuesday), April 12th, 1887, under the sole supervision and control of Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early, of Va., when $522,500 was sent flying around the world where it would probably do the most good. Thusly: No. 67,060 drew the First Capital Prize of $150,000, which was sold in fractional parts of tenths at $1 each, sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.; one was held by Geo. P. Stackhouse, for himself and fifteen painters in the establishment of Goodell & Waters, Philadelphia, Pa.; one by Ambrose Gilliland of Moquewa, Ill., collected through Decatur Nat'l Bank, Decatur, Ill.; one by Mrs. M. R. Newberry, Cheboygan, Mich.; one was paid through the London, Paris, and American Bank, limited; one through the Anglo-California Bank, limited; two through Wells, Fargo & Co., all the latter of San Francisco, Cal.; the others elsewhere, the publication of whose names is objected to; No. 23,899 drew the Second Prize of $50,000, also sold in tenths at $1 each; one to J. M. Stotts, Deo, Ark.; one to Roy J. Bour, Canton, O.; one to W. C. Hammock, Griffin, Ga., one to C. W. Tweedy, Augusta, Ga.; one to A. L. Robb, Atchison, Kansas; the others went elsewhere. No. 67,901 drew the Third of $20,000, also sold in tenths at $1 each; one to H. T. Davis and B. S. Webber, Portland, Me.; one to P. H. Dwyer, Boston, Mass.; one to G. Ragin, Clarksville, Texas; the rest elsewhere. Nos. 22,735 and 50,830 drew each one of the Fourth Prizes of $10,000 and were scattered hither and yon, everywhere over the world, and now it soon will be the 205th monthly and Grand Extraordinary Drawing on Tuesday, June 14th, 1887, when $1,055,000 will be scattered in sums from $300,000 down to $100. Whole tickets are $20; and fractional parts from halves at $10, to twentieths at $1. Any information can be had of M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. It is well to seize the opportunity ere it is too late.

C. C. WHEAT has—
Brown Sugars—18, 17, 16, 15 lbs. for $1.00.
White Sugars—10, 12½, 14, 15 lbs. for $1.03.
Coffees—17 and 20 cts. per lb.

YOUNG AUGUSTA COUNTY BUSINESS MEN IN FLORIDA.—The Orange county (Florida) *Reporter* of April 28th contains a long communication in reference to Oakland, "the Queen of the Lakes," and the business firms in that place, among which are mentioned that of Gilkeson and Child,—merchants in general merchandize—from this county, the latter a son of Mr. G. G. Child who is in the Drug business in this city. This firm is briefly mentioned as follows:—

"Farther on are the stores of Gilkeson and Child, and A. M. Taylor & Co. Mr. Gilkeson is a rising young merchant, and will make his fortune in Oakland, judging by the fine start he has made. I did not get acquainted with the Messrs. Taylor, but know them well by reputation, and am sure that they are doing well, both for themselves and for the city of their choice."

The members of the firm of A. M. Taylor & Co., are also former citizens of this county of which they are natives.

Go to SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S for **BLACK SILKS**, Black Rhademiers, Black Surahs—large stock just opened.

Remarkable case of Hearing Restored

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 2, 1887.
Mr. T. S. Page, 41 West 31st St., N. Y. City—Dear Sir:—I feel that I would be neglecting my duty were I to fail in giving my testimony as to the value of your treatment for deafness. I have been deaf for eight years and am now well, thanks to your wonderful discovery. I advise all who are deaf to give your medicine a trial. I will recommend it to any one who will call on me, or write, enclosing a stamp.
Respectfully, MRS. D. L. SENN.

The case of Mrs. Senn was about hopeless from the start. She continued to take the medicine steadily for many months before any noticeable change in hearing. Ordinary cases, by this new discovery, require only from two to four months to effect a cure.

Ladies, it is useless for us to attempt to mention the endless variety of NEW SPRING GOODS, just opened. Come and see for yourselves. No trouble to show goods.
apr13 SHIRKEY & TAYLOR.

Catarrh is not a Blood Disease.

No matter what parts it may finally affect, catarrh always starts in the head, and belongs to the head. There is no mystery about the origin of this direful disease. It begins in a neglected cold. One of the kind that is "sure to be better in a few days." Thousands of victims know how it is by sad experience. Ely's Cream Balm cures colds in the head and catarrh in all its stages. Not a snuff nor a liquid.

Remember, WELLER has the best stock of **Black Goods** in the city, and at the *LOWEST PRICES.*

In the report of the last council proceedings, Mr. Bargamin is noted as opposing the application of Col. Kinner and Capt. Kable for a street light. His opposition to their petition did not grow out of a purpose to refuse relief, but to the restoration of gas-lamps on the streets at all. He was in favor of placing an electric light at that point.

Ladies, remember that SHIRKEY & TAYLOR buy their **Dress Goods** in New York and you can depend on getting the latest styles when you go to SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S for COLORED RHADEMIERS and SILKS—newest shades.

From the Santa Barbara, California, *Daily Independent* of April 24th, we learn that the Artist, Miss Bertha Van Hillern, who has her studio in Shenandoah county, is now observing the scenery and making sketches thereof in California. She is accompanied by Miss Belle Scott of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ladies, don't think of buying your SPRING DRESSES before visiting SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S, where you can see displayed the LATEST NOVELTIES with all the NEW TRIMMINGS to match, at the *Lowest Cash Prices.*

If you intend to paint this Spring, call and examine my stock of **Ready-Mixed Paint.** I also offer a full line of PURE WHITE LEADS and OILS. G. G. CHILD, Druggist.

All the Latest Novelties in WHITE GOODS can be found at WELLER'S.

A Distressing Death in Rockbridge.

Mr. Andrew Montgomery, of Rockbridge, came to his death last week under the following circumstances:—

His home is near Collierstown. The pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place is Rev. Ochiltree, who is blind. During the week Professor Swartz in charge of the Fredericksburg High Schools died and his body was brought to his former home near the Natural Bridge for interment. Mrs. Ochiltree was the sister of Professor Swartz. Mr. Montgomery, who was an Elder in the Collierstown church, very kindly took charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ochiltree in conveying them to the funeral of Mr. Swartz, driving the conveyance himself.—Whilst returning from the burial, on the 5th instant, Mrs. Ochiltree hoisted an umbrella, at which the team took fright, and, dashing off, all three in the Jersey were thrown out. Mr. Montgomery's head struck a stone, and from the effects he died in a short while. Mr. and Mrs. Ochiltree were severely, but not fatally injured.

Lexington Presbytery was in session at the time at New Monmouth church in Rockbridge, a few miles distant from Collierstown. The funeral of Mr. Montgomery was on the 6th instant, and called out one of the largest assemblages of persons ever witnessed on such an occasion. Rev. Alfred Jones, of Timber Ridge Church, who was some years ago the pastor at Collierstown was called to conduct the ceremonies.

Mr. Montgomery was of one of the oldest and most highly honored families of Rockbridge.—He leaves a widow, one daughter, and seven sons. The scene at the grave was truly heart-rending. The wife and only daughter were overcome with grief under the heavy blow which had fallen upon them, and which was too severe for human nature to endure. The evening shades of that day closed over the most lamentable occasion the people of that part of Rockbridge were ever called upon to witness.

Go to SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S for anything you may want in Novelties in **SPRING GOODS**, and you can get it at the *very lowest prices.* apr13

Middlebrook News.

Corn-planting is the order of the day now around here.

The young man who has been singing that soul-stirring revival time, "I can't stay away," has been informed by the girl's mother that he must stay away. Such is life.

Your correspondent took a ride not long since and had a fair chance to see the various farms around here. I cannot refrain from expressing my astonishment at the good appearance of the farm owned by W. W. Hamilton, Esq. This gentleman has grubbed out the brush and briers and has built him good buildings (a very fine house). He has worked hard to improve his possessions and certainly has done so, thereby evidencing the fact that he is a good farmer. He was a candidate for Commissioner of Roads here, and it is a great pity he was not elected as he is a very sober and energetic man, and would have been the right man in the right place.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Mrs. Henry Wright near Newport in this county. She was a very kind mother and affection ate wife, and a good Christian. She leaves a family of small children. The youngest was only 1½ hours old when the spirit of its mother took it flight to the eternal shores. She was interred on Saturday, the 6th instant, at New Providence Church, Rev. Dr. Vaughn, the pastor, officiating. The bereaved relatives and friends have the heart-felt sympathy of the whole community in this the day of their great trial, but their loss is her eternal gain.

On Friday last, we had a considerable thunder-storm. "Pine Ridge Sam" wants to know how the negroes were taken in for burning the Glover Barn. I will just say they were picked up through and by their own ignorance. Having done the dastardly deed, they had not sense enough to keep their own dreadful secret, and walked into the meshes of the law without any trouble scarcely to the officers.

Since the Spring has opened up, the trees and fields are clothed in a garb of beautiful green, not only pleasing to the eye of man, but pleasing to the eyes of the cattle and horses that no doubt have gotten tired of their dry hay and corn.

G. B. Rusmisell is absent from the village on a visit to friends and relatives. R. A. Helms has gone to the Hot Springs. Walter Helms, of this place, has gone to Dayton, Rockingham county, to reside in future. We can cordially recommend "Walt" as being a first-class boy in every respect.

Our village has become so much on the "stand-still" order that there is a poor prospect of its ever being a place as large as London or New York. A good way to build up a town is for the moneyed men to buy all the adjacent lands and not sell any building lots unless they get four prices. Be sure to send out of the neighborhood for workmen when you want any thing done. Watch every poor man whom you see is about to mount up on the wing of prosperity and be sure to break that wing and let him down again! Domineer over the poor of the town as much as possible except at election times, and make them feel their inferiority as much as you can. Don't associate one with another unless there is some whiskey afloat. These things, I say, will be a great inducement for good people to move from a distance and settle among you. Suppose Middlebrook try this awhile and see if prosperity and good times will not follow.

QUIDNUNC.

Ladies, have you seen the beautiful EMBROIDERED ROBES, at WELLER'S.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.—For some time past Mrs. Nancy Armentrout, of Rockbridge county, has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Liggett, of Staunton. Mrs. Armentrout died the afternoon of the 7th instant. Her remains were conveyed to her former residence near Collierstown, Rockbridge county, on the following day, and there interred, Rev. I. C. Canter, of the M. E. Church South, conducting the services. Mrs. Armentrout had been for more than fifty years a member of that church, and was in the 83rd year of her age.

Charles Armentrout, Esq., who formerly represented Rockbridge county in the House of Delegates is a son of the deceased, and has made Augusta county his home, having purchased a farm recently on Lewis' Creek below Staunton.

Remember, C. C. WHEAT desires to see you at No. 17 E. Main Street, where the NICEST GROCERIES are sold.

West Augusta News.

We have had very fine weather here the past week, excepting a few showers which did not prevent the farmers from planting.

We have every prospect for a very large fruit crop this season.

Wheat and oats are looking well.

Mr. W. H. Lange is very ill at present.

We have Sunday School here at the U. B. Church every Sunday and they seem to be getting along splendidly. We are sorry to say that the Sunday School of the M. E. Church has not been organized yet, but we hope it soon will be. P. V.

C. C. WHEAT is determined to please you. Call on him when in need of Staple and Fancy Groceries.

OPERA-HOUSE TO-NIGHT.—In the Opera-House to-night Miss Carrie Stanley and her Company will render that interesting play, "The Count of Monte Cristo," in which Miss Stanley will act the character of Edmund Dantes. The Norfolk *Ledger* speaks in very complimentary terms of the several performances of this Company in that city. The low price of admission should ensure a good house. Reserved seats only 30 cents. White Balcony 20 cents, and colored Balcony 10 cents. A matinee will be given this afternoon at which that popular play—"East Lynn"—will be presented.

Remember, **Centimeri's Kid Gloves** are the BEST, and can only be found at A. H. H. WELLER'S.

We have been requested by Messrs. J. D. Hobble & Co., Lynchburg, manufacturers' State agents for Pianos and Organs, to state that they buy direct from the manufacturers at first cost, and have no connection with any music house in the State, except their own branch house and agencies. This statement is made in order to correct misrepresentations and impressions made by a certain unscrupulous fellow, traveling for another music house, to advance his interests.

Have you seen the Grand Display of NOVELTIES IN DRESS GOODS, at
apr13 SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

James K. McComb Arrested for Complicity in Bogus Negotiable Obligations.

The public are aware that James K. McComb was an endorser upon much of the bogus paper made by Clinedinst & Bodell. In the investigations which have been made he was charged with complicity in that he knew that the notes he endorsed in several cases were forgeries of what purported to be real names. A. C. Braxton, Esq., City Attorney, representing the Commonwealth, caused the arrest of McComb last Saturday immediately after his return from his bridal tour, having recently married a lady at Old Point. The particular transaction upon which the arrest was based was a note drawn on the 18th of October, 1886, at 90 days, by Mrs. Strain, who was represented to be the widow of the late James A. Strain, of Rockbridge.

It was not only a forgery of an obligation, but did not bear the name of the lady it was said had executed it. This note was sold by James K. McComb to J. J. Murphy, McComb saying he believed it to be genuine.

The investigation of the case commenced before the Mayor Saturday evening. It was continued to Monday and then to Tuesday afternoon, when Mayor Smeltzer sent the accused on for trial by the grand jury, The Commonwealth was represented by A. C. Braxton, Esq., and the accused by Messrs. Geo. M. Cochran, Jr., Thos. C. Elder, and W. E. Craig.

French Embroidered Handkerchiefs, beautiful designs, at WELLER'S.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The chamber of Commerce was in regular session last night, Major Alexander Hart in the chair.

A communication from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was read proposing continued efforts in supporting the views of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce expressed some weeks since in relation to new legislation on the subject of Merchants' license-tax, and asking the views of the Staunton Chamber on certain questions in defining capital, how ascertained, and what general rule should be adopted in arriving at the capital invested in business.

A special committee was appointed to consider the communication from the Richmond Chamber as follows: M. Erskine Miller, Jas. H. Blackley, A. C. Gordon, Henry Hutchinson, P. B. Sublett, Isaac Witz, Jno. W. Todd, M. A. Booker, J. H. Wayt, W. L. Bumgardner.

After the transaction of some routine business, the chamber adjourned.

New DRESS GOODS! DRESS GOODS! in endless variety, at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

Persons in town yesterday from those sections, report heavy, washing rains Monday afternoon and night in the neighborhoods of Folly Mills, Arbor Hill and Hebron Church. A tree was struck by lightning in the yard of Col. J. C. Cochran, near Folly Mills.

SARATOGA CHIPS, Mushrooms, Crab-Meat, and other desirable goods at C. C. WHEAT'S.

A large assortment of WHITEWASH and PAINT-BRUSHES, at CHILD'S Drug Store.

From the Richmond Dispatch.

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met at New Monmouth church, Rockbridge county, Va., the 3rd of May. There were present twenty ministers and nineteen elders—a very small number, owing to the first day.

The Rev. Dr. Preston preached the opening sermon on these words of Paul to the Philippians: "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. A. Jones was elected moderator, and the Rev. G. L. Bitzer and Elder, H. W. Henry, of Staunton, temporary clerks.

Two of our candidates, who have just completed their studies in the seminary—Messrs. A. W. Crawford and W. McP. Alexander—were dismissed, the former to Transylvania Presbytery, Kentucky, and the latter to Savannah Presbytery, Georgia, in which, respectively, they have been called to labor.

Mr. W. H. Sheppard, our colored candidate, was dismissed to Tuscaloosa Presbytery, Alabama, for the same reason. This leaves us no one licensed to preach at this meeting.

The whole afternoon of to day was spent in the discussion of Sabbath-school work. "The Great Object of the Sabbath School" was discussed by the Rev. Dr. Hawes and others. Dr. Preston, followed by some interesting speeches, presented his views on the qualifications of teachers, making some good practical points. The question which called forth the most animated and profitable remarks was "Our Best Scholars, Sunday Afternoon." The Rev. A. Jones made a strong argument for this kind of effort, and many striking facts were mentioned showing the great good of such schools both to teachers and scholars. New interest is evidently taken in this important and promising line of Christian effort.

SECOND DAY.

The Rev. G. L. Wolfe, who was dismissed to a presbytery in Texas, returned his certificate, continuing a member of this body.

Licentiate W. C. White was received under our care from the presbytery of West Hanover, Calls will be presented for his services from Warm Springs and Greenwood churches and a time set for his ordination and installation.

The Rev. D. C. Irwin was appointed chairman of the Committee of Publication instead of Dr. Preston, resigned.

The resignation of the pastorate of Mossy-Creek church by the Rev. F. G. Bailey was accepted, and permission was given him to labor without or within our bounds until the next stated meeting.

The following commissioners were elected to attend the General Assembly at St. Louis: Drs. Preston and Vaughan, with Elders Judge Grattan, of Harrisonburg, and William Withrow, of Waynesboro'.

The next stated meeting will be held at Massanutten church, in Rockingham county.

A number of overtures in the hands of a committee, all of which were strongly opposed to organic union with the Northern Presbyterian Church.

THIRD DAY.

The call of Asheville church, North Carolina was placed in the hands of the Rev. W. S. T Bryan. A strong delegation from his field in Randolph Co., W. Va., was present to resist his removal. It is understood that he will go to Asheville.

The following churches have been greatly blessed during the past year: Bethel received 23 members on profession; First church, Staunton, 31; Mt. Horeb, 51; Mt. Carmel, 37; Tinkling Spring, 38; Tygart's Valley, 48; Waynesboro', 43; Beverly, 24; Augusta, 31; Cook's Creek, 44; Pendleton, 19; Clarksburg Central 18. These additions were brought into the churches by the pastors, assisted by neighboring ministers, without the aid in any case of a special evangelist.

An adjourned meeting will be held at the Warm Springs the 18th of June to ordain and install Mr. W. C. White as pastor of the church there. The Rev. Dr. Hawes and Revs. D. A. Penick and R. F. Campbell were appointed to conduct the services of the occasion.

A committee was appointed to prepare a historical sketch of the presbytery for the centennial meeting of the synod next year, and each church in our bounds was directed to furnish a sketch of itself for the use of this committee.—The Rev. Dr. Quarles, Rev. D. C. Irwin, Elders J. A. Waddell, Jed. Hotchkiss, Prof. J. J. White, and Col. Preston were appointed for this work.

The Rev. L. B. Johnston was allowed to resign the pastorate of Hebron church to accept a call to Harrisonburg. He will be installed there the second Sabbath of next month.

The afternoon session was in large part occupied by the discussion of home missions.—The work is generally encouraging, several churches in the mission field having had large accessions approaching thus a self-sustaining condition. The demand for church buildings is greater than can be met.

The next stated meeting will be held the 28th of September at Massanutten church.

FOURTH DAY.

This morning the Rev. Mr. Bryan, formally accepted the call to Asheville, and his relations with Tygart's- Valley and Mingo- Flats churches, which he has served for nine years with very great success, were dissolved.

The Rev. Dr. D. W. Sharpe, of Montgomery Presbytery, was invited to sit with us as a corresponding member.

The report on Sabbath schools exhibits growth in this department of work. The whole number of teachers enrolled is 724; of scholars, 5,553—an increase over last year of 73 and 703, respectively. Outpost schools Sabbath afternoons are doing much to extend the influence of many of our churches.

The following overtures to the assembly were adopted: 1. That the constitution be changed to provide that, instead or allowing a majority of the presbyteries to determine the question of organic union with other churches, three-fourths of the presbyteries must approve such a step. 2. That an amendment be proposed providing that the clerks of our church courts be elected for terms of three years instead of "during the pleasure of the court." 3. That we are satisfied with the present relations of the Northern Presbyterian Church with our own and believe that any movement in the direction of organic union will create or foster division of sentiment in our Church, which we would greatly deplore. We overture the Assembly therefore not to take any such steps as those indicated by the appointment of a committee or otherwise for bringing the churches into closer relations than those which now exist. This was adopted almost unanimously. Dr. C. R. Vaughan made a strong speech against organic union.

An increased interest in the foreign-mission work is reported among our people, the amount raised for their object the past year being several hundred dollars in advance of any preceding year. We undertake to raise $4,400 this year.

Only a few items of routine business are left for to-morrow.

For Rickets, Marasmus, and Wasting Disorders of Children, Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is unequalled. The rapidity with which children gain flesh and strength upon it is very wonderful. Read the following: "I have used Scott's Emulsion in cases of Rickets and Marasmus of long standing, and have been more than pleased with the results, as in every case the improvement was marked."—J. M. MAIN, M. D., New York. "I have used Scott's Emulsion in several cases of Scrofula and Debility in Children. Results most gratifying. My little patients take it with pleasure."—W. A. HULBERT, M. D. Salisbury, Ill.

Personal.

Mr. Geo. Platt was attacked with paralysis about a week ago and is now in a critical condition.

Misses Mary Grattan, Annie Cochran and Willie and Fannie Christian left for Washington yesterday morning to spend a week or so.

Rev. Thos. Needham, the distinguished Irish Evangelist will begin a series of meetings in the Baptist church to-morrow—Thursday-night.

On last Sunday, at Christ Reformed Episcopal church at Cumberland, Md., Bishop J. A. Latane of Baltimore, formerly of this city, preached and confirmed a class of eleven persons.

Dr. C. D. Kunkel left Monday night for Mo., to investigate a flattering offer in that State. Dr. K. has formed many warm friends at Barterbrook and vacinity, and while we wish him every success, we are selfish enough to hope he will return at no distant day, saying, "Old Virginia is good enough for me."

Mrs. Emma Rodgers—*nee* Bell—the wife of Mr. John Rodgers, of the firm of Rodgers, Peterson & Co., of this city, died at the residence of her husband on Monday last, after an illness of three or four weeks. The remains were taken yesterday to Mossy Creek for burial.

There were very heavy rains in portions of Maryland Sunday, and Cumberland city was flooded and damage done to the railroad track.

The FOOD TREATMENT CO. is meeting with great success, and will establish a permanent branch office in this city. Call on them.

The Spring terms of Augusta county Circuit Court, Judge McLaughlin, commenced yesterday.

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IS THE MYSTERY BURIED WITH HER?—RAHWAY, N. J., May 3.—Mrs. Agnes Space, of Deckertown, N. J., who claims that the girl murdered here over a month ago was Mary Dorman, her sister, came here this morning. She had received a letter from her mother in Scotland. Mrs. Dorman says Mary sailed from Scotland on January 22. She wore a dark-greenish cloth dress and a brocaded basque waist like those found on the dead girl. Mrs. Space is most positive in her identification. Miss Kate Lyon, of New York city, who claims that the dead girl is Maggie Gormley, is also here. She now says that she gave Maggie Gormley the pair of Oxford ties found in the valise. She also says that the blood-stained knife found near the body belonged to Maggie. The body of the dead girl was interred this afternoon in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian church.

A CONDUCTOR KILLED.—We learn from the Alleghany *Sentinel* that Capt. Michael Wade, a through freight conductor on the C. & O. R'y, was killed at Lewis Tunnell, on Monday morning, the 2nd instant. In passing over his train Capt. Wade's lantern was extinguished, and it is supposed that in the darkness he made a misstep and fell from the train. His body was picked up by No. 3, and taken to Hinton. Mr. Wade was a native of New Brunswick, Canada, and was a very popular and efficient conductor and a most excellent man.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. FLORA NICKELL.—This estimable lady, the wife of A. A. Nickell, Esq., Clerk of the County Court of Monroe Co., W. Va., died suddenly in Union of apoplexy at half-past 9 o'clock on Wednesday night, the 4th instant. She never recovered consciousness from the time she was stricken about 1 o'clock the afternoon preceding. She was the daughter of the late John Bare, and was 43 years of age. She was one of rare benevolence, and her life was eminently excellent and useful.

THE MINERAL RAILWAY BILL.—The bill granting a charter to the Mineral Railroad Company to construct a railroad from Strasburg to Moorefield, W. Va., passed the Virginia Senate Thursday without amendment. The bill had already passed the House of Delegates, but met with some opposition in the Senate. An amendment was adopted in the Senate's committee requiring the road to pass through Winchester, which amendment was defeated, and the bill as it came from the House finally passed.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—On last Saturday evening Mr. Henry Wash, son of Mr. James Wash, of Louisa county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was at the time engaged in planting corn. The deceased was well known in Louisa, and his sudden death has occasioned widespread sorrow there.

On Wednesday night two colored children were so badly burned by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp in Charlottesville that they will probably die. Much excitement was occasioned by one of them, a girl 15 years old, running through the streets with her clothing blazing.

THE RAHWAY INQUEST CLOSED.—RAHWAY, N. J., May 2.—The inquest over the murdered girl closed at noon to-day. The jury rendered a verdict that the unknown girl came to her death from stab wounds in the neck, inflicted by a person or persons unknown. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Virginia Riding and Driving Club has postponed its Spring Meeting from May 25th and 26th, to June the 8th and 9th, as we are informed by Mr. Barton H. Grundy, Secretary and Treasurer.

The mother of Col. Robert M. Stribling, delegate from Fauquier in the Virginia Legislature, died Monday of last week, near Markham, in the 87th year of her age.

A letter from Gov. Lee, of Va., States that the corner-stone of the Lee monument, at Richmond, will not be laid until October.

Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of General R. E. Lee, is at present sojourning in Washington city.

Mrs. S. B. Lee, of New York, has given Lee Camp of ex-Confederates, of Richmond, $500.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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.

SHERIFF.

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

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

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. OPI