Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, 1887.

Local Department.

THE LADIES GUILD OF TRINITY CHURCH will give a supper Friday evening, Nov. 18th at old Inter-State Office, Cor. Main and New Streets. The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited.

For the best value in TABLE DAMASK, NAPKINS, TOWELS, CRASHES, &c., call at WELLER'S
Adjoining Opera House.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service held at the Greenville Baptist Church on Thursday morning Nov. 24th, at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. O. F. Flippo, D. D., of Roanoke. After the service, the ladies of the church will give at the Masonic Hall in Greenville an oyster and meat supper, for the benefit of the church, from 1 to 10 o'clock P. M.

Bisque Ware, Bronze and Tinted Glass Mantel Ornaments at
CHILDS' Drug Store.

CHICKEN THIEVES.—On last Saturday night, the chicken coops of Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. John E. King of this city were robbed. In the case of Mrs. King, they took every chicken, even an old hen that had a brood of small chickens. Whether they made as clean a sweep at Mrs. Trotter's or whether they raided other coops that night in a similar manner, we have not learned. To shoot one or more of such thieves would have a wholesome effect.

BROAD CLOTHS, in all the new shades, a WELLER'S.

THE ASTEROID.—This is the title of a little paper published at the D., D. & B., Institution of this city by two deaf-mute boys, Willie Ritter and Arthur Tucker, who are pupils at that Institution. We have received a copy of the second number issued, and it is filled with good matter. These boys deserve credit for the undertaking, and we hope that their little journal will be liberally patronized. The subscription price from November to June is only 30 cents.

Thanksgiving.

The B. & O. R. R. Co., in accordance with its usual custom, will sell *Round Trip Excursion Tickets* at greatly reduced rates to and from all Stations on its lines east of the Ohio River. The tickets will be sold November 23rd and 24th, good to return until November 25th, inclusive

For further information call on Ticket Agent B. & O. R. R.

A very complete assortment of TRUSSES at reduced prices, at CHILD'S Drug Store.

Don't Holler "Fraud."

Put out your direful wrath, repeat
The subtle causes of defeat:
Cipher it out and make it plain,
Such things can ne'er occur again;
Tell how next time in victory's crest
Your party will outsail the rest;
Rise up and swear with one accord,
But, gentlemen, please don't holler "fraud."

ROCHESTER LAMPS are the best household lamps. CHILD'S Drug Store.

A Dead Sure Thing on Frank Gillett.

Frank Gillett, of this city, (Norfolk), the lucky holder of one-tenth part of ticket 61,503 in the Louisiana State Lottery, drawing $50,000 on the 13th inst., received a package yesterday by the Wells-Fargo Express containing 250 crisp twenty dollar bills. Returns were made in just nine days from the time the ticket was forwarded here for collection.—*Norfolk (Neb.) News* Sept. 29th.

☞ PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED night or day at
CHILDS' Drug Store.

Our lady friends will be interested in knowing that by sending 20 cents to pay postage, and 15 top covers of Warner's Safe Yeast (showing that they have used at least 15 packages) to H. H. Warner & Co., Rochester, N.Y., they can get a 500 page finely illustrated Cook Book, *free*. Such a book bound in cloth, could not be bought for less than a dollar. It is a wonderfully good chance to get a fine book for the mere postage, and the ladies should act promptly. *

First instalment NEW FALL DRESS GOODS, at WELLER'S

Fellow Democrats of Rockbridge:

We asked you to Rally, *and you Rallied.*

A verse by our Poet:

"You got you a crowd of bold voters,
And you came with a shout and a groan,
And you dug a deep hole in the canvass,
And in it you put Billy Mahone."

JAS. K. EDMONDSON,
Ch'n Ex. Committee.

Try a can of COACH OIL, it does not *gum* the axles. Price 30 cents, at CHILD'S Drug Store.

ACTIVE IN TRADE AGAIN.—Mr. James H. Blackley, who has been for some weeks changing his location from his late warehouse to that he occupied some years ago at the western end of the produce-block opposite the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, announces his full activity again in the trade, and prepared to buy corn, oats, wheat clover-seed, straw, etc., paying the highest market prices in cash. He is well fixed for business and will take a leading part again in the trade with which he is so familiar. He needs no introduction to the farmers of Augusta and surrounding country, between whom and himself there has been for so long active, mutually profitable and pleasant intercourse. See advertisement.

For Ladies', Misses' and Children's MERINO VESTS and PANTS, all sizes, go to WELLER'S.

CHILD'S DRUG STORE.—This elegantly equipped establishment announces its leading and special features in a new advertisement in this week's SPECTATOR, and from it the many who have need, because of infirmities, or of useful articles, or to please fancy, can repair thither and receive benefits according to desire. Mr. Geo. C. Walters is still manager, and in the Physicians' prescription department Mr. J. L. Wingfield, an experienced druggist, who was for many years in that department in the old Drug establishment of H. Blair, Broad street, Richmond, itself a fine guaranty of his competency, had he not personal and scientific merits for the responsible relations he has assumed. Mr. Child and his son Latham are also regular in their attentions in this popular store where all who call receive prompt and courteous attention.

Novelties in EIDERDOWN FLANNELS, something new at WELLER'S, adjoining the Opera House.

The Pansy has begun its new year already, the year we shall shortly be calling 1888.

Pansy's story to last all through the year is "Up Garret," sequel to "A Sevenfold Trouble" with the same people in it. Her Golden Text Story is "We Twelve Girls," an actual history how twelve girls did try to live by certain golden texts.

Margaret Sidney also makes another story out of the Children that figured in the "Little Red Shop" last year. Her story this year is "The Old Brimmer Place."

Rev. C. M. Livingston writes a serial, "Treasures: Their Hiding and Finding."

The Pansy is going on as heretofore, a monthly magazine made up of weekly parts: the first part containing Pansy's Golden Text and other stories: the second part Pansy's own and other stories; the third part stories of what is going on in America; the fourth part stories of life abroad; the fifth of missionary work.

This weekly arrangement adapts it to Sunday School use, the weekly parts being given out separately. It is better than any Sunday School paper; indeed, it is *the* Sunday School paper.

A sample copy can be got by sending five cents to the publishers, D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

LANTERNS are now in demand, the Buckeye and Waterburry are to be had at
CHILD'S Drug Store.

The Breath of a chronic catarrh patient is often so offensive that he cannot go into society and he becomes an object of disgust.—After a time ulceration sets in, the spongy bones are attacked, and frequently, entirely destroyed. A constant source of discomfort is the dripping of the purulent secretions into the throat, sometimes producing inveterate bronchitis, which in its turn has been the exciting cause of pulmonary disease. The brilliant results which have attended its use for years past properly designate Ely's Cream Balm as by far the best, if not the only real cure for hay fever, rose cold and catarrh.

Official Vote of Augusta County.

PRECINCTS.	Dem. J. H. Crawford.	Dem. Edward Echols.	Rep. W. Baily Dunlap.	Rep. Benj. J. Craig	Prohib. Marshall K. Fultz	Prohib. Hugh F. Lyle.
Staunton.						
Ward, No. 1	308	326	227	205	47	44
Ward, No. 2	265	262	235	226	58	52
Beverly Manor.						
Bolivar,	48	47	122	121	3	3
West End,	97	103	93	85	16	15
Sandy Hollow,	65	64	88	85	14	13
Folly Mills,	51	59	35	34	0	0
Heaton,	89	88	78	75	3	3
Middle River.						
Burke's Mill,	39	38	39	39	1	1
Mt. Sidney,	73	62	101	103	12	12
New Hope,	142	138	106	105	6	8
Verona,	70	70	34	34	6	4
Red Mills,	59	59	89	89	3	3
Mt. Meridian,	46	39	97	103	4	4
South River.						
Waynesboro,	258	257	141	140	2	4
Fishersville,	109	108	104	104	4	5
Barterbrook,	38	37	26	26	1	1
Sherando,	36	36	91	91	2	2
Pastures.						
Deerfield,	53	53	40	40	1	1
Churchville,	83	82	82	77	8	4
Lebanon,	15	14	22	20	1	00
Buffalo Gap,	82	84	53	50	1	1
Craigsville,	68	67	57	57	2	1
North River.						
Centreville,	62	60	53	55	1	1
Sangersville,	29	29	54	51	00	00
Mt. Solon,	112	115	52	52	12	12
Parnassus,	82	77	46	43	8	7
Spring Hill,	73	74	64	54	18	9
Riverheads.						
Midway,	87	86	31	29	5	8
Greenville,	160	152	76	76	1	3
Newport,	126	126	38	38	00	00
Middlebrook,	145	144	31	31	6	8
Totals,	3020	2995	2405	2341	246	229

Echols over Dunlap, 590.
Echols over Craig, 650.
Crawford over Dunlap, 615.
Crawford over Craig, 679.

A TREAT FOR MUSICIANS OF TASTE AND CULTURE.—The performance on the piano of a number of pieces of music of the world's greatest composers in the Opera House on last Monday night by the distinguished and skillful pianist, Dr. Louis Maas, of Boston, was a treat to the large audience in attendance, and especially to those who have knowledge of the science of music, and cultured, as well as natural taste. The pleasure enjoyed by those who have such knowledge and taste at listening to the music of the great masters when so skillfully and marvellously executed, is akin to that enjoyed by those of fine fancy and poetic taste when listening to the rendition of the greatest poems by the best of elocutionists. On this occasion Dr. Maas executed in a manner worthy of the great authors of the music, pieces by the celebrated composers, Schumann, Tausig, Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven, Schubert, Wagner, and Gottschalk, and for two hours the appreciative audience, a great portion of whom were pupils of the several female seminaries of this city, in which music is skillfully taught, enjoyed with gusto the rich treat given them by the great pianist. The audience being chiefly composed of pupils of the different female seminaries, presented a scene that recalled Tennyson's descriptive phrase—"a rosebud garden of girls." There were just enough of the coarser botanical specimens present of the *genus homo, species vir*, to enhance, by contrast, the beauty to the "rosebuds" that adorned the parterre. The pleasure of the audience was manifested by frequent rounds of applause.

INSTALLATION OF REV. SIDNEY T. RISER AS PASTOR OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.—The Central Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city was filled to its utmost capacity by a congregation on last Sunday night to witness the installation of Rev. Sidney T. Riser, of Charleston, S. C., as pastor of that church. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. V. R. Stickley, of Middlebrook, in this county, and that to the pastor by Rev. T. Q. Keister, of Harrisonburg. Both of these charges were very appropriate and eminently practical, and were well delivered, and were of such a character, both in matter and manner, as could not fail to make a deep and serious impression upon both pastor and congregation, and to impel them to the faithful discharge of their respective duties, which were so plainly and impressively set forth. Mr. Riser is a native of South Carolina, is about 24 years of age and unmarried. He is a graduate of Newberry, S. C., College, and also a graduate of the Theological Department of that Institution. He was graduated in the Theological Department last Spring, since which time he served as a supply to the Wentworth Street Church in Charleston, S. C., so acceptably that he received a call to that church with a very tempting salary at the same time he received a call to the Lutheran Church of this city, which he accepted at a less salary, for the reason that he thought his services here would be of more benefit to the church in whose interest he labors and to which he has resolved to devote his life-work. He is a young minister of bright promise and will render good and efficient service to the church of his choice.

JOHN BOOKER, ESQ.—For more than thirty years, the produce-trade of Richmond numbered among its most active and influential members the gentleman whose name heads this article. Before that, and previous to the opening of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, he was a leading merchant of Charlotte, C. H. Of the old merchants of our capital city, famed for their high bearing and social excellence, another has retired from the scenes of its trade where tobacco, wheat and corn were the principal products. The South-side section of the State, of which it may be said Mr. Booker was in a large measure, the commercial representative on the busy exchanges of our chief emporium of trade, may well be proud of the value and extent of its contributions to increase the wealth and importance of Richmond, which has a warm place in the affections of every Virginian. In his retirement, Mr. Booker comes to dwell in our Valley. His home is now with his son, Rev. J. E. Booker, pastor of Hebron Church. He is warmly welcomed, both because of the esteem in which he is held by those who know him, and because of his near relationship to the beloved pastor of the old Colonial church, a little way out of the city.

Y. M. C. A. PRAYER-MEETING WEEK.—In common with the Y. C. M. A. in all lands in which such Associations exist, the Y. M. C. A. of this city is observing this week as a week of prayer, commencing with Sunday the 13th and concluding on the night of the 19th, next Saturday, when a union meeting, to which all are invited, will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, when an account of the growth and extent of this great movement among young men will be given. Young men are cordially invited and respectfully requested to attend all the meetings of the week.

WAYNESBORO ITEMS.—Rev. William Dinwiddie closed several weeks of religious services in the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath night. Some thirty additions were made to the membership of the church.

The new Female Seminary, conducted by Mrs. Winston, numbers 81 pupils. The large new boarding department will soon be completed. Mr. C. Bargamin of Staunton is now placing one of his improved heaters in it. He has just completed a similar job for the Fishburn School.

ATTEMPT TO BURN A HOUSE.—An old man named Connor and his wife are the only occupants of a small house a short distance from the corporate limits on the Greenville road.—On the night of the 10th instant, the alarm of fire was made, and on the roof of the house a flame was observed. It proved to be burning paper which had been saturated in coal-oil. It had rained causing the paper to burn slowly.—In that not consumed, coal-oil was discovered.

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

THE SERVICES AT HEBRON CHURCH NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.—The installation of Rev. J. E. Booker at Hebron Church will take place next Saturday (19th) at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Hawess of Staunton will preach the sermon, and Rev. L. B. Johnston, of Harrisonburg, late pastor of that Church, will deliver the charges to both pastor and people. On Sunday morning, the administration of the Lord's Supper will take place. All invited to attend.

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON CITY.—The *National Republican* of Washington city, of date Nov. 11th, under the heading—"A quiet marriage"—says:

"A very pleasant marriage ceremony was performed last evening in the parlor of the Dunbarton by the Rev. Bryon Sunderland, the contracting parties being Mr. Wm. S. Snow, of the board of re-review, United States pension office, and Miss Annie Donaghe, of Staunton, Va. They left on the 10 o'clock train with the best wishes of many friends.

LADIES, you will find at WELLER'S the latest novelties in DRESS TRIMMINGS.

VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS—ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Valley Railroad Company was held at the office of Sheffey & Bumgardner in this city on the 15th instant. On motion of Judge Sheffey, Wm. A. Burke, Esq., was called to the chair and Mr. G. W. Slaughter appointed Secretary. Messrs. Jno. A. Robb and Henry Duvall, of Baltimore, and Jed Hotchkiss, of Staunton, were appointed a committee to ascertain the amount of stock represented, who reported as follows:—

The city of Baltimore by John A. Robb, proxy, 10,000; the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad by Henry Duvall proxy 10,200; the town of Lexington 300 by W. A. Anderson proxy; and 8 individual shares being a majority, a quorum were declared present after which the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read.

Judge Sheffey explained the necessary absence of Mr. S. Spencer, President of the Company, and the Secretary read the annual report of the President and Directors.

Messrs. W. A. Anderson, John Robb, and Jed Hotchkiss are appointed a committee to examine the report and documents submitted therewith, and, having done so, recommended the same be approved and spread upon the record, which was concurred in.

On Motion of Mr. Robb, Mr. S. Spencer was re elected President; and the old Board of Directors as follows:—

S. Spencer, D. H. Miller, Osman Latrobe, Henry Duvall, R. W. Burke, W. A. Anderson, and J. J. Allen were re-elected Directors, and then meeting adjourned. Below will be found the annual report of the President and Directors:—

Sixteenth Annual Report of the President and Directors to the Stockholders of the Valley Railroad Company.

GENTLEMEN:—The President and Directors submit the following report of the operations of the company for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1887.

	1887,	1886,	1885, Increase	1886, Decrease	1887,
Number of miles operated			62	62	62
Gross Earnings from Traffic	$115,907.07	$115,327.27	$579.80	$	
Receipts from other sources	6 365 05	10,340 00			$3,975.04
Total,	122,272.12	125,667 36			
Expenses	78,903.47	88 364.71			9,461.24
Net Earnings	43,368.65	37,202 65	60,66.00		

Mileage.

	1887,	1886,	Increase	Decrease
Passenger Trains	41,168	46,878		5,710
Passenger Cars	221,328	248 237		26,909
Freight Trains	56 660	70,717		13,957
Freight Cars	524 698	640,193		116,495

Bonded Indebtedness of the Company.

First Mortage Bonds—	Authorized issue	$1,000,000.—
In Treasury of Company		250,000.—
Outstanding		150,000.—

The statement marked "C" shows in detail the Earnings and Expenses for the year.

The statement of County Bonds owned by the Company is attached hereto, marked "D." The interest is paid regularly upon $40,100 of Rockbridge County, and $44,500 of Botetourt County Bonds.

The freight delivered to the Richmond & Alleghany Railroad Co., as compared with the previous year, shows a decrease of 13,314 tons, the decrease being chiefly in Coke shipments, but the freight delivered to the Richmond & Alleghany Railroad Co. is still largely in excess of the amount received from that Road.

The freight delivered to the Newport News and Mississppi Valley Co. at Staunton for 1887 as compared with 1886 shows an increase of 1,716 tons and the freight received from that Company has increased 15,445 tons.

The Working Expenses have materially decreased (Statement "C") during the Fiscal Year as compared with the year previous.

Tracks and other properties of the Company have been thoroughly maintained and improved during the year.

5,748 feet of steel rail have been laid and 7,172 new cross ties have been placed in the tracks.

The sidings at Spotswood and Decatur have been extended.

A water station, supplied by gravity, has been erected at Decatur, the tank and other materials from the station at Fairfield having been removed and utilized for this purpose, thus avoiding the expense of fuel, wages and repairs incident to pumping.

The stock Pens at Staunton have been rebuilt with cedar and locusts. This improvement embraces eight pens, each 24x32 feet, five boads high with seven gates and one single and one double deck chute.

All expenses of whatsoever character upon the line, during the year, have been charged to Operation and none to construction or Improvement.

The Board again takes pleasure in expressing to all the Officers and Employees its acknowledgment for earnest and effective services during the year. (Signed) S. SPENCER, President.

City Countil.

The City Council was in regular session last night, present Messrs. Oberdorfer, President, and Craig, Butts, Bargamin, Tams, McMahon, Crowle, and Teabo.

Mr. Tams, from the Finance Committe, reported favorably the petition of the Staunton Artillery to be releved from paying rent for the Opera House in June last, was agreed to. Also favorably the resolution to add $10. per month to the salary of the Council Messenger, who, in consideration, is to perform police duty when required.

Sundry applications, which had been made previously to be releived of the payment of the water-tax, were reported on adversely by Mr. Bargamin from the committee on water, because Ordinance did not allow such remissions—Concurred in.

Mr. Tams, from the joint Committee which had under consideration the building of a lake or water-tank at the Water-Works [heretofore explained] made favorable report on the necessity for it, and thereupon Mr. Bargamin offered a resolution appropriating $500 for its construction, and the same was adopted.

Mr. Craig offered a resolution directing that the Markethouse lot be set apart for the purpose of erecting thereon a School-building for colored children, and that plans and specifications be provided—referred.

Mr. McMahon offered a resolution for placing an electric light on the Churchville road between Evans' Corner on Augusta street and the Pumphouse—Referred.

Mr. Oberdorfer (Mr. Bargamin in the chair) offered resolutions—first, for providing suitable voting-place in each ward—Referred.—Second, to consider the expediency of lighting Council Chamber, Opera House, and Treasurer's Office with electric light—Referred. Third, to place a walk-way across Main street in front of the Post-Office,—rejected (Mr. Oberdorfer alone voting aye). Fourth, to place walk-way across Main street at the end of Church street—agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McMahon, a walk-way at the intersection of Augusta street with E Points street was ordered.

Mr. Tams offered a resolution for providing sewerage from the new School building to the creek—referred. The necessity for this was approved in the discussion of the subject, and the work will be done as soon as it is practicably. The sidewalk in front of the School building will also be readjusted.

The Council then, on motion of Mr. Butts, adjourned.

FAIR PREMIUMS.—The premiums awarded to ladies at the recent exhibition of the Baldwin District Fair will be paid upon application to the Treasurer, Mr. B. F. Terry, at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. The Board of Directors are now arranging to pay all other premiums, and will do so after 1st December.

The public will understand that had the weather been favorable, the Association could have paid all expenses from gate receipts, and have had a balance to its credit; but notwithstanding this difficulty, all the premiums will be paid as stated.

THE HOMICIDE IN MERCER CO, W. VA.—The PRINCETON *Journal*, published at the county seat of Mercer county, W. Va., in which the sad occurrence of the shooting of Duffey by Wm. Merriken took place, gives the following account of it:—

"Whiskey-sellers have another murder to answer for in Mercer county. On last Sunday night, at Simmons Creek, several young men got very drunk, and some of them got into a quarrel, when a young man named Wm. Merriken shot a young miner named Duffey, through the windpipe, the wound proving fatal in about three hours. Merriken, it seems, had nothing to do with the quarrel, and had commanded "peace," and as an effective way of securing it, he shot into the crowd, not knowing who he was shooting at. One of the bystanders heard Merriken say that he was "afraid he had killed somebody and would have to hang for it." He fled and has not been seen or heard of since. He is a son of a widow lady living in Staunton, Va., was well raised and was regarded as a very clever young man when not drinking. He recently lost his position as clerk in Messrs. Freeman & Jones' store by repeatedly getting drunk. Duffey has a widowed mother living in England. He also bore a good reputation when sober.—Whiskey peddlers ought to be punished to the full extent of the law, for they are the cause of nearly all the crimes committed in the country. The citizens of the county ought to aid the officers in suppressing the traffic, for without the aid and sympathy of the public, but little can be done."

For the prettiest French and Scotch PLAIDS, go to WELLER'S.

Death of Mr. Isaac Newton.

On the afternoon of the 11th inst, at his residence, in Greenville, in the 79th year of his age, Mr. Isaac Newton, who had been in declining health for several years, calmly passed away in death. Throughout his long life, Mr. Newton had been an active, enterprising man, and enjoyed the esteem of many acquaintances and friends. In the earlier years of his manhood he conducted a hat manufactory and store in Greenville, but he was all his life a farmer and much interested in all that pertained to the important pursuit in which he was engaged. During Saturday and Sunday the residence was thronged a good part of both days by the people of the community who called to extend the last token of respect for a friend. This was as noticeable on the part of the colored as on that of the white people, all bearing testimony to the kind relations which had always existed between the dead and the living. Mr. Newton possessed considerable property. He never married. He was the uncle of Maj. J. W. Newton, of this city. For more than fifty years he was a subscriber to the SPECTATOR.

The funeral took place Sabbath afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Greenville, Rev. W. L. Dolly, the pastor, conducting the services. The pall-bearers were Messrs. John J. Larew, J. W. Waddy, John Tribbett, R. Selby, James Anderson, and Dr. T. V. Davis.

The church could not contain the large number of persons who were in attendance.

Monday morning the remains were brought to this city by the passenger train. The friends accompanying it were met at the depot by others, and then the cortege moved to Thornrose cemetery, where the burial took place,—Rev. Dr. Gardner, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, officiating.

The pall-bearers at the burial were S. M. Yost, W. A. Burnett, P. N. Powell, A. A. Eskridge, B. B. Eskridge, and Capt. James Bumgardner.

AUGUSTA AGRICULTURAL AND MACHINE WORKS.

THE FIRST AND A GOOD YEAR'S WORK

A little more than one year ago, a joint-stock company was organized in this city with the above title to conduct, as it implies, a general implement and machine factory in connection with the foundry business. It required some time to make a start, but that effected, the establishment has moved along in good order, and has accomplished much more than was anticipated for the first year of its operations. The Board of Directors held their annual meeting on the 10th instant, and had before them the transactions for the year with the books posted, balance sheet, etc. The very excellent showing of over 20 per cent upon the capital invested after paying all expenses was declared to be the result of the year's work.

The above-stated facts are sufficient to satisfy every reasonable mind of the propriety of making continued efforts to establish good manufacturing industries in this city. The capital invested in the company now referred to is only about $5,000. Had it been larger, the operations would have been more extensive for it was not the want of custom, which in all cases was not as promptly accommodated as desired. If the stockholders should desire to enlarge their works, there surely will be no lack of offers to increase the capital; for it has been demonstrated that it can as easily become a very large business as to remain one of small demensions. The President was authorized to call the first annual meeting of stockholders, which, according to the by-laws, requires thirty days notice.

A HOME LIBRARY.

2000 FAMOUS AUTHORS.

It seems almost incredible to say that a library fairly representing approximately two thousand of the most eminent authors of the world, of all lands and all times, can readily be placed within the reach of ordinary homes. Yet this is accomplished by Alden's Cyclopedia of Universal Literature, volume VIII., of which is issued in November, The work completed, is to comprise from fifteen to twenty volumes, which are in large type and really beautiful and excellent in all mechanical qualities, and yet sold at the phenomenally low price of fifty cents per volume for cloth, or sixty cents for half morocco bindings; even from these prices large reductions are made to early purchasers, and to clubs.

Vol. VIII includes such notable names as Ferreira, the Portuguese poet; Feuillet, the French novelist; Johann Gottlieb Fichte, German philosopher; Henry M. Field, American journalist and author; Fielding, English novelist; James T Fields, American publisher and author; Louis Figuier, French scientist; Firdusi, Persian poet; George P. Fisher and Wilbur Fiske American theological writers; John Fiske, American scientist; Flammarion, French author of "The Wonders of Heavens;" Flaubert, French novelist; Mary Hallock Foote, American artist and author; John Forster, English biographer; Charles Fourier, French socialist and political economist; Charles James Fox, English statesman; George Foxe, of "The Book of Martyrs" fame; Dr. J. W. Francis, American author and Sir Philip Francis, the famous Junius; Benjamin Franklin, American statesman, philosopher, and philanthropist; E. A. Freeman, historian; John C. Fremont, general and "might-have-been" President—all of these in the letter F besides a small host in the letter G. The publishers will send a specimen volume to any one on receipt of the price, allowing the privilege of return if the set is not wanted. All lovers of good books should at least see the work. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York.

Judge Clark of Winchester, makes an Assignment.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., November 12.—Judge William L. Clark, of the County and City Court, who until recently has been for upwards of twenty years general receiver of the Circuit Court of Frederick county, made an assignment to-day of all his real and personal property to cover his obligations. His receivership liabilities amount to about $20,000, which his assets will more than cover. His embarrassment was caused not by any improper use of the funds, but by investments made during the early years of his receivership, which, though good at the time, became afterwards in a large part worthless, owing to the decrease in value of lands. These investments were guaranteed by him and bore compound interest. The trustees are Colonel William Byrd and A. R. Pendleton, of this city.—Judge Clark gives up everything.

Plain Talk.

Nothing in the result of the elections of Tuesday is more gratifying than the defeat of Mahone in Virginia. He has continued to debauch the politics and the morals of that State to a greater degree than could have been expected from a person of his intrinsic insignificance. His influence has been uniformly bad, and at one time he pursued with temporary success in the Senate the same disreputable tactics by which he had attained the position of a boss in Virginia. It was necessary for the cause of decent politics in that State that he should be so disastrously defeated as to be driven out of public life altogether. This has now happened to him. Though the material of ignorance and rascality and gullibility, without which he could not have done his work, still abounds in Virginia, it is not likely that anybody else, having his fate in view, can make as bad use of it as he did. The decent people of Virginia will henceforth have an opportunity to make their sentiments effective in its government. At any rate, and whatever is to succeed, the disappearance of Mahone is a matter for congratulation. "Thank goodness, there's an end of that."—*New York Times.*

The Senior Mayor of Virginia.

Mayor J. W. Haughawout who presides over the municipal affairs of our town, in conversation with a GAZETTE representative a day or two since, said: "I will get leave of absence at the next meeting of the council and propose to take a deer hunt and and enjoy myself as in the days of yore.—On the second of this month, I celebrated my 73rd birthday and 'am hole and hearty, in the possession of all my faculties, and 'am always well," and with a cheering "good day" his Honor moved up the street at a brisk gast. Mayor Haughwont is the best preserved man for his years we ever knew, he is the embodiment of health, does not use glasses or a cane, looks twenty years younger than he is, and can walk his twenty miles on a stretch. He is, we dare say, the oldest presiding Mayor in Virginia or in the country, and he is by no means a figure-head, he superintends all the town's improvement in person.—Lexington Gazette.

☞ Judging from the proceedings of the negroes who burnt Judge Stuart in effigy here night before last, Virginia would have been anything else than an agreeable place of residence for reputable white people if General Mahone had carried the State last Tuesday. The people interested in Virginia's prosperity may well thank their stars that they so successfully escaped that threatened danger.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

SUICIDE IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—On last Friday, Nov. 4, 1887, about 3 o'clock, P. M., Mrs. John Coffman, *nee* Bettie Knupp, who resided about four miles west of Timberville, Va., committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor.

It seems Mrs. Coffman had a severe attack of fever, which so enfeebled and reduced her as to bring about mental depression, and a kind of despondency accounts for the unnatural, rash act. It appears, that, on the day of the sad event, while her husband was out in the neighborhood for the purpose of getting some one to aid in his household duties, Mrs. Coffman growing worse, requested her sister-in-law, Miss Coffman, who was there, to go to one of their neighbors, and let them know, that her condition was much worse.

During her absence, she asked her little daughter to hand her a razor, as she wanted to trim her finger nails. The little girl did so, and the mother used it committing the melancholy act. She lived about an hour after the act, and then passed away.

She leaves a husband and five children, with a large number of other relatives and friends to lament the heart-rendering event.

Her interment and funeral services took place last Sunday at Flat-Rock, German Baptist, (Tunker) Church, near Moore's Store, Shenandoah Co., Va., in the presence of a large concourse of people.—*Shenandoah Valley, Nov. 11th.*

A PANTHER, A BEAR AND TWO DEER.—WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Nov. 8.—A panther measuring seven feet in length was killed by Fred and John Adams, who were hunting deer on White Deer Mountain, in the southern part of this county, and only twenty miles from Williamsport, on Saturday. The hunters were led to the discovery of the animal by its cries, which were the first panther yells heard in this part of Pennsylvania in forty years. It was discovered lying at full length on the lower branch of a large hemlock tree. The hunters were armed with repeating rifles, and both fired at the panther. It fell to the ground and Fred Adams's dog sprang upon it. Quick as a flash, although the panther was so badly wounded that it could not stand, it seized the dog and literally tore it to pieces. Two more shots killed the panther. As these animals always travel in pairs, the mate of this one is believed to be prowling around somewhere on the mountain, and parties are hunting it.

Not far from where the Adams boys killed the panther Register and Recorder Gilmore, of this city, killed a large bear on Friday. Another party bagged two deer in the same locality.

DEATH OF MRS. ZOLLMAN.—Mrs. Anna Bell Zollman, the estimable wife of Mr. Brack Zollman, proprietor of the Old Irvine House, died Friday evening between one and two o'clock at her home on Washington street after a two weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Joe. Miller of the Alone Mills neighborhood, and had been married nearly four years. She was a devoted wife, and a staunch friend and a favorite in her home neighborhood, where her many charms of mind and body were known and appreciated. Since her short residence here, she made many friends, and that death should cast its mantel over her young and useful life, is a matter of general regret and it has cast a gloom and sorrow over a host of grief-stricken friends and relations.—*Lexington Gazette, Nov. 10th.*

A LEXINGTON COUPLE MARRIED IN STAUNTON.—Mr. Frank L. Young was married in Staunton on Thursday last, the 3rd inst., to Miss Maggie M. Seal, by the Rev. J. S. Gardner of the Methodist church. The license was issued on the 2nd, and the prospective bride and groom left on the B. & O train for Staunton Thursday morning and were quietly married at the residence of relations. The happy couple returned home on the night train Friday, and were tendered a cordial welcome by their many friends, who extended congratulations and best wishes, long life and prosperity. The bride and groom are both residents of Lexington, and are well known.—*Lexington Gazette*, Nov. 10th.

BARN BURNED.—Late Saturday evening the barn of Luther Morrison on Whistle creek two miles from town took fire and was destroyed. Other than the loss of a wagon and a small quantity of hay, nothing else was lost. How the fire originated is a mystery to all.

The property was insured in the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company for the sum of $600; three hundred on the building and three hundred on the contents. Mr. Morrison says he thinks the fire was the work of an incendiary.—*Lexington Gazette, Nov. 10th.*

MISS ALICE DUDLEY DEAD.—This worthy young girl who, suffering from typhoid fever, three weeks ago was taken from the residence of Mr. J. V. Grinstead, where she lived, to her grandfather, Mr. Helmers' home near Fairfield, died Thursday evening last and was buried Friday. The deceased was a model young woman only 18 years old and a communicant of the Presbyterian Church at Fairfield. She enjoyed the respect and love of all who knew her, and it is to be regretted that she should be cut down in the very bud of womanhood.—*Lex. Gazette*, Nov. 10th.

DEATH OF JNO. W. STEPHENSON, SR.—On Sunday last this gentleman died suddenly at the residence of his nephew, A. T. Stephenson, Esq., aged 79 years. He was in his usual health on Sunday morning when Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson left home, to visit a neighbor. About 10 o'clock one of the children found him lying in the yard dead. It was his custom to wall about the yard whittling sticks, and it was supposed that he was at this when he dropped dead, as he had his knife in his hand when he was found. Deceased was a brother of Adam H. Stephenson, Esq., and was unmarried.

His remains were interred at Stony Run church on Monday.—*Highland Recorder*, Nov. 12th.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS has written a letter to the Forestry Congress, in session at Huntsville, Ala., which, the Washington *Critic* says, is characterized by great good sense and indicative of a warm, practical interest in the future of the country. It has special reference to the importance of checking the tremendous waste of timber which has been going on so many years, and of making provision for recreating our devastated forests. This is an encouraging symptom. It shows that Mr. Davis is not unmindful of the future of his country, but takes a living interest in public affairs. Long may he live with his keenly observant vision fixed upon the front. Let the dead past bury its dead.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

As the colored people of the State who have been for long years blindly following Mahone in all of his ambitious and corrupt schemes of republican domination and rule in this State, must now see, from the signal result of the late election, that his political race is ended by overwhelming defeat, is it not time they should come to their senses, and hereafter abandon their following of such dangerous guides? Had they not better have opinions of their own in the future, and the independence to follow them free from the dictations of scheming politicians?

We should think so.—*Lynchburg Advance*, Nov. 10.

A VALUABLE ASSISTANT.—Mrs. Cleveland will be a valuable assistant to her husband next year in attending to the social end of his campaign. She has the faculty of making friends by wholesale wherever she goes, and is so mindful of recognizing the smallest courtesy as to win the affections of thousands who have never seen her. No campaign circulars are half so effective as the letters and photographs which Mrs. Cleveland distributes with a lavish hand, but with wise discrimination and without a hint of politics in them.—*Philadelphia Inquirer, Rep.*

The result of all the elections of Tuesday in which labor as a distinct political organization took part was injurious if not disastrous to the organization. No where, North or South, did it elect its candidates, and where it succeeded in defeating the Democratic candidates it helped to elect those of the Republican party, whose principles and policy are, and always have been, antagonistic to the true interests of labor.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

Senator Vance Injured.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., November 14.—Saturday afternoon Sen