Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1887.

Local Department.

We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Yancey for copies of the Weld county (Colorado) *Democrat.*

Old papers for sale cheap at the *Spectator* Office. They are useful for many purposes in every family.

The Banks will be closed on Monday 26th—Court-day. Notes falling due on that day are payable on Saturday, the 24th.

There will be Communion at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Christmas day. Preparatory Services Saturday at 11 o'clock.

G. W. SPIGGLE,
Middlebrook, Va., Dec. 19th. Pastor.

SNOW.—It commenced snowing here about 8 o'clock last Saturday morning and continued till after noon, covering the ground to the depth of five inches.

A party of gentlemen were deer-hunting near Deerfield in this county last week, when Harry Tucker, Esq., killed a fine buck, of which he is very proud.

Dr. Harnesberger will be absent from his office this week, having been called to Danville and Martinsville to attend some patients in those places.

Christmas and New Year falling on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed at the Post Office with the usual hours governing legal holidays.

Dr. C. T. Lindsay will be absent from his office on professional business from December 28th to Jan. 4th, 1888.

A popular specialty, Mince Meat in 1 lb packages at C. C. Wheat's.

Cranberries, Oranges and Lemons, at C. C. Wheat's.

A full line of Fancy Groceries of all kinds a C. C. Wheat's.

Come and see C. C. Wheat's stock of Xmas varieties.

Six lbs of green coffee only gives 5 lbs of roasted coffee. Make a calculation—6 lbs at 25 cts—$1 50;—5 lbs roasted cost you 30 cts—$1 50

Saratoga Chips, Olives, Plum Pudding and Sauce at C. C. Wheat's.

Try "My Own" Roasted Coffees, C. C. Wheat

Bisque Ware, Bronze and Tinted Glass Mantel Ornaments at

CHILDS' Drug Store.

Do not forget C. C. Wheat keeps Raisins, Currants, Citron, Figs, Dates, &c., &c.

C. C. Wheat has all desirable goods for Xmas dinner, &c.

I am prepared to sell all kinds of holiday specialties. Call on C. C. Wheat.

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

LANTERNS are now in demand, the Buckeye and Waterbury are to be had at

CHILD'S Drug Store.

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

COLGATE'S PERFUMES and SOAPS, the best and cheapest. Call and see our stock.

CHILD'S Drug Store.

Ladies will find ACME SHOE POLISH at HILDS' Drug Store.

☞ PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED night or day at

CHILDS' Drug Store.

Gentlemen's Silk Mufflers for Xmas presents very cheap at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

What is more useful for a Xmas present than one of those Gold-headed Umbrellas at

SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

Don't fail to see those lovely Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs for Xmas presents at

SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

A few more of those lovely Plush Wraps at Shirkey & Taylor's, which will be sold at a great sacrifice to close out.

Ladies, Shirkey & Taylor are closing out their entire stock of WRAPS, of all kinds, so now is the time for great bargains.

Towels, Napkins, Table Damask, nice for Xmas presents, at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'.

Go to Shirkey & Taylor's for Dress Patterns, Trimmings to match, sold at bottom prices.

Beautiful Piano Covers for Xmas Presents at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

AUGUSTA DELEGATES ON COMMITTEES.—In the House of Delegates, Echols is chairman of the Committee on Asylums and Prisons, and on the Committee of Courts of Justice, and that on Labor and Poor; and Crawford is on that on Claims and that on Immigration.

Don't forget that Shirkey & Taylor have marked their Dress Goods and Cloaks at prices to close out. Don't want to carry any goods over if low prices will sell them.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES ON THE SHEN. VALLEY R. R.—Tickets on the Shen. Valley R. R. line for the holiday will be furnished at one fare for the round trip to all points on that line. Tickets will be sold Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1st, good to return on or before January 4th.

Ladies, you can find BARGAINS on the REMNANT COUNTER at SHIRKEY & TAYLOR'S.

Christmas Excursions,—Round-trip tickets at 2 cents a mile each way, on the C. & O. R'y, from all stations to all stations between Phœbus, Va., and Lexington, Ky., will be sold on any day between December 24th and January 1st, inclusive, good to return till the last train of January 3d, 1888. Every one can make his or her own excursion during the Christmas holidays.

JESSER has the largest and finest stock of POUND CAKES and FRUIT CAKES in the city.

The Lucky One Found by Mrs. J. M. Mason.

She picked up her *Argus Leader* and noticed that ticket 71,411 of the last drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery had drawn the prize of $15,000. It struck her that her ticket was somewhere near that number. She was nearly tickled to death to find that it was 71,411. She had only put $1 in as a joke more than anything else, and she had decided that joking pays.—*Sioux Falls* (Dak.) *Argus-Leader*, Nov. 15

Don't forget that Jesser makes ICE CREAM all the year round.

I have not used all of one bottle yet. I suffered from catarrh for twelve years, experiencing the nauseating dropping in the throat peculiar to that disease, and my nose bled almost daily. I tried various remedies without benefit until last April, when I saw Ely's Cream Balm advertised in the Boston *Budget*, I procured a bottle, and since the first days' use have had no more bleeding—the soreness is entirely gone.—D. G. Davidson, with the Boston *Budget*, formerly with Boston *Journal*.

Don't fail to examine JESSER'S FRESH STOCK OF CANDY made by himself.

CONCERT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH.—At the Opera House on Friday night, the 23rd instant, a grand concert will come off for the benefit of the Baptist church of this city. The programme is out, and presents unusual attractions. Capt. F. W. Cunningham, of Richmond, with others of the highest vocal talent of that city and Staunton, will contribute to the occasion.

The Stonewall Brigade Band is also booked for the entertainment.

Don't fail to see our REMNANT COUNTER. Great Bargains. SHIRKEY & TAYLOR.

JURORS FOR THE COUNTY COURT.—The following is the list of veniremen whose attendance is required on the 2d day of the ensuing December term (27th of month) of the County Court of Augusta: P. T. Burkholder, Marion Koiner, Harper Harman, Addison W. Tate, Geo. M. Baylor, Jno. D. Trimble, J. Ran. Smith, Jno. G. Hensley, S. T. Clemmer, Adam H. Baylor, David W. Speck, J. Frank Hanger, C. J. Coiner, W. T. McKee, W. M. D. Hawpe, C. W. Lynham, and E. J. Cushing.

Death of Mrs. Emma L. King.

Mrs. Emma L. King, widow of the late Capt. John E. King, died, of congestion of the brain, at her residence, No. 4 Tams street in this city, at 11 o'clock last Monday night, the 19th instant, at the age of 47 years, 2 months and 27 days. On Sunday of last week, she was suffering with severe pains in her head which she thought was neuralgia, the effect of a cold contracted a few days before. She was not considered ill till a few days before her death when she began to sink, and fell into a stupor from which she never rallied, and, at the hour mentioned, she painlessly fell "asleep in Jesus." Were we, who knew her well all her life, to speak of her as she deserves, persons who did not know her so intimately, would think we were exaggerating her virtues, and hence we will not give a full expression either to our feelings at her loss, or our judgment of the merits of her character.

She was married at the early age of 16 years, and was the mother of 10 children, seven of whom survive her. Her living children were present at her death with the exception of her daughter Maggie, who was at Cedar Spring, S. C., and her son Eugene, who is in Colorado.—Her death occurred so much earlier than was anticipated that these children at a distance could not be informed in time for them to get here before their mother's spirit had departed.

In her youth Mrs. King was as remarkable for her personal beauty as she was through life for her lovely character, and even up to the time of her last illness, though the peach-bloom of youth had faded from her cheek, there were still, in her regular features and benignant expression, traces of that beauty, both of person and character, which so eminently distinguished her.

In all the adversity and trials of life it was her fate to encounter, she was patient, resigned, and even cheerful, practicing the consoling faith that all was overruled and directed for the best by a kind and wise Providence.

In all the relations of life—as wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and christian—she was faithful and devoted, kind, affectionate, and loving.

Her remains will be taken to Waynesboro, this, Wednesday, morning, to be laid to rest beside those of her husband who preceded her nearly three years ago.

A Rich and Enjoyable Entertainment.

The eminent Irish Comedians, Wm. Barry and Hugh Fay, with their supports, in the Opera-house on last Friday night, rendered in admirable style the amusing and laughable comedy entitled "Irish Aristocracy," though they had to act under the disadvantage of the want of their costumes, as their baggage failed to arrive from Charleston, W. Va., where they played the previous night.

This comedy, as rendered by this company, cannot fail to be enjoyed by all who witness it. It is full of practical jokes played upon the different characters by Peter Belcher (D. L. Lacy) and the acting of Hugh Fay as Muldoon and Wm. Barry as Michael Mulcahey, particularly the latter, who is literally inimitable, not only makes "Laughter hold both his sides," but would even "tickle the ribs of Death." If there be truth in the adage—"laugh and grow fat"—the adipose tissue of the audience must have been increased to a considerable degree, and some must have become, like Falstaff, so fat as to "lard the lean earth as they walk along."—The character of Miss Honoria Muldoon was well acted by Miss Louise Sanford, particularly her rendition of the song satirizing the dude, which was done in a most successful style which "brought down the house." Whilst all "acted their parts well," yet the most successful, not to say wonderful, was Wm. Barry as Michael Mulcahey, who is the "bright particular star" in the galaxy of this company.—Should this company ever favor this city again with an entertainment, we can promise them a cordial greeting and a full house—almost as were as full Muldoon and Mulcahey.

A Fine Stationary Organ at the Methodist Church.

The worship Christmas day at the Methodist Episcopal Church South will have in its appropriate place the new feature of a stationary organ in the music. About one month ago it was determined to make this addition to the completeness of the church, and it has been accomplished in that brief time. The instrument has been placed in its position, at the right of the pulpit looking from the entrance of the church. The case is of black walnut finished in hard oil and is complete in design of exterior style. It is of the two-manual pedal, with 14 stops, 408 pipes, and a 16-feet pedal base. There are 13 front speaking pipes in three sections. These are richly ornamented in colors and in gold. The ground color is lavender upon which is displayed ornamentations in gold, blue and umber brown.

This handsome instrument is from the Moller Organ Company, of Hagerstown, Md., and is the sixth of its kind placed in churches in different parts of the country during the last few weeks. Mr. M. P. Moller of the manufacturing company is now placing the organ in position in the church.

Prof. Byrant of the Wesleyan Female Institute will be the organist.

This elegant addition to the church is principally the work of Mr. J. W. Spitler, who made known his purpose a few weeks since. The money is ready to pay for it as soon as it is accepted.

DEER-HUNTING AT AUGUSTA WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.—On the 13th instant, Mr. Z. C. Daniel, one of the proprietors of the Augusta White Sulphur Springs, shot a six-spike buck in the lawn lake at the springs. On that morning Mr. Daniel had taken the hounds out for a hunt and started four deer, and killed a fine doe. The hounds became scattered and he returned to the Springs. In an hour afterwards, his favorite dog ran the finest buck seen this season into the lawn, where it was killed as stated. It weighed 163½ lbs net, and was six feet long and four feet high. This one makes the third buck, on being run down, came into Springs lawn during the last ten days. The stock of antlers and deer skins on hand at the Springs will be exhibited next season to the guests of the place, and then they will learn of this choice sports in winter as well as realizing its health-giving virtues in summer.

AN APPEAL FROM THE "LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE Y. M. C. A."—The steadily increasing custom in all our large cities of abstaining from the setting-out of wines and all intoxicants during the Holidays is making a deep impress for good. To this end, the Executive Committee of the "Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A." again this year most earnestly request the ladies of Staunton and vicinity to make their homes and festal boards conspicuous by the absence of every form of intoxicating drinks. In so doing there is true cause for joy in celebrating the birth of our risen Saviour, and happiness while ushering in the New Year.

ALLEGHANY SENTINEL.—We learn with a feeling of regret that Rev. C. M. Bragg, who has been for some years conducting the *Alleghany Sentinel* in an acceptable manner, has concluded to withdraw from journalism, and has disposed of his paper to Mr. George R. Cather, who has entered upon his editorial duties in conducting that paper. Whilst we regret the loss of Mr. Bragg from the editorial fraternity, we welcome Mr. Cather, and hope that his efforts will be crowned with success beyond his most sanguine expectations.

A GOOD AND WORTHY ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.—We would again remind our readers that, in the Opera House, on the 5th and 6th of January, the first performance in Staunton of Gilbert & Sullivan's grand spectacular opera—The Sorcerer—will be given for the benefit of the poor, by the society of amateurs of this city, under the direction of Prof. Eisenburg. The costumes for this occasion have been ordered from Washington city.

MARRIAGE.—This morning, at 8:45 o'clock, at the Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Nelson, officiating, Mr. Madison Davis, of Fluvanna, will be married to Miss Lelia J. Armstrong, one of Staunton's most popular and accomplished young ladies. After the ceremony, the happy young couple will leave for Scottsville, Albemarle county, their future home, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. James Mills, jr., formerly of Staunton, was baptized in the Cathedral in Baltimore, by His Eminence, the Cardinal, who also stood as God-father for him. This was a special favor as it is ordinarily the duty of the priest, but the Cardinal being a personal friend of his, had promised to do him this favor. He was the only candidate for baptision.

THE AUGUSTA COUNTY ARGUS is the title of the new paper just started in this city by Mr. John B. Burwell, the first copy of which was issued on Tuesday, the day of the week on which it will be published. We have not had the time to examine it, except cursorily for a minute, but we have no doubt it will be an interesting paper.

Peabody Education Fund.

We are indebted to Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, a member of the Board of Trustees, for a copy of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund, at the 26th meeting in New York city, October 5th, 1887. The address of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, President of the Board, is an exceedingly interesting paper, in which he pays suitable tributes to the characters of Dr. Eben Sperry Stearns, President of the Normal College, and Chancellor of the Nashville University, who died on the 11th of April last; and of Gov. Aiken, of S. C., who was appointed by Mr. Peabody a member of the first Board of Trustees, twenty years ago the duties of which he ably and faithfully discharged up to the time of his death, which occurred on 6th of September last at the age of 81 years. The President of the Board, united with Dr. Green, the General Agent *pro tempore*, on the 29th of August last, in appointing Wm. H. Payne, Professor of the science and the art of teaching in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Stearns. This action was approved and ratified unanimously by the Board, and it gave satisfaction in Tennessee as evidenced by the facts that he was unanimously elected Chancellor by the Trustees of the University, and unanimously elected President of the Normal College by the Tennessee Board of Education.

The vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Gov. Aiken was filled by the election of Hon. Wm. A. Courteney, of Charleston, S. C.

The Board gave authority to Mr. Winthrop, the Chairman, under the advice of the Executive Committee, to appoint a General Agent whenever he may think it best to do so. The indications point clearly to the re-appointment of Dr. Curry, who, it is believed, will agree to accept.

The Chairman, in his address, was very emphatic as to the necessity of education to preserve the free institutions of our country, and how highly he appreciates the services in that direction of our distinguished and honored citizen, Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, may be seen from the following extract:—

"The admirable and unanswerable report of our worthy associate, Mr. Stuart, of Virginia, which will be remembered to his honor long after he and we all shall have passed away, and which was presented to Congress, with the unanimous sanction of our Board, nearly eight years ago—has thus far secured no national aid for this special need of the South."

In the appointment of Standing Committees Mr. Stuart is made Chairman of the Executive Committee.

From the report of Hon. Samuel A. Green, General Agent *pro tempore*, we learn that in the new apportionment of Nashville scholarships, 14 is the number assigned to Virginia and 8 to West Virginia.

The shorlarships represent $200, each; and the amount for their support is sent directly to the President of the College, who distributes it among the students receiving the benefit, at the rate of $25 a month, from October until June.

The appropriations of the Peabody Fund to Virginia for the year 1886 '87 were as follows:

Scholarships, Nashville Normal College, $2,800; Normal School, Farmville, $2,000; Normal School at Hampton, $500, and Institutes $2,000 The cost of the Institutes 1887 was $2 230 08; there being a cash balance from 1886 of $325; leaves a cash balance of $94.92 after using the $2,000 from the Peabody Fund.

City Council.

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

The amount of certain taxes improperly levied and paid were refunded to Geo. A. Newham.

The account of H. H. Wallace for work on sidewalks was ordered to be paid.

The rent of the Opera-house due from the Ladies' Auxiliary Y. M. C. A. was remitted.

The balance due on the salary of the late Dr. Phillips was ordered to be paid to Mrs. Phillips, administratrix.

On motion of Mr. McQuaide, Dr. John W. Harris was appointed City Physician in place of Dr. Phillips, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Tams, the City Treasurer was directed to advertise delinquent real-estate in the payment of taxes if not paid before the 31st January, when it should be sold.

Mr. McQuaide moved that the resolution adopted at the last session of the Council directing that a new pavement be put down in front of Mr. Julius Scheffer's property on Augusta street (Harman's Livery Stable) be reconsidered. Mr. McQuaide explained that the pavement as at present was according to the requirements of the Ordinance, and that it would be unjust to the owner of the property to require him to put down another and a different kind to that provided for by the Ordinance. It was agreed to.

Mr. Bargamin offered a resolution directing the Street Committee to put down a pavement of brick set on end in front of Harman's Livery Stable, which was agreed to by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Bargamin, Craig, McQuaide, Crowle, Teabo, 5. Noes, Messrs. Oberdorfer, Tams and Butts, 3.

Mr. Crowle introduced the matter of a street-railway.

Mr. Tams was of opinion that the City Charter did not confer authority upon the Council to issue a grant for that purpose, and, upon his motion, a resolution was adopted to appoint a committee to consider the matter and apply to the legislature for an amendment to the charter properly covering the subject. This was adopted, and Messrs. Tams, Craig, and Bell were constituted said committee.

Mr. Bargamin presented the petition of Mr. J. L. Massey, owner of Sherwood Female Institute property, asking that taxes be remitted as in the case with other institutions of learning in the city—referred.

A lengthy communication from the Board of Health signed by two members.—Drs. H. H. Henkel and B. M. Atkinson,—setting forth that the lot known as the Market-house lot, corner of Frederick and Water St., was not a suitable place to erect a school house for the colored population, was read and referred.

ROLLER FLOUR.

The popular qualities of roller flour are coming rapidly into notice in Europe, and limited portions of other foreign countries not possessing as large advantages for learning its merits, are also obtaining a partial knowledge of the progress which American genius and skill have contributed to the process of making good bread. An examination of the kinds of flour exported from American parts exhibits the rapidly-growing demand for the roller brands and demostrates that neither the Trieste nor other millers of the most advanced commercial centers in the old country have been alive to this new process in manufacturing flour. The consumers, however, are making known their preferences, and as the plants producing the machinery are as yet mainly American enterprises, there is no telling the numbers of orders from abroad, which may soon pile up, giving employment to the skilled artisans and workers in improved machinery in this country.

The facts thus briefly grouped have been observed by one of our own merchant-millers, Mr. Andrew Bowling, who has given a wide reputation to the flour manufactured by him at the Augusta roller mills. How much, if any, from the three roller mills of Augusta county, contributes to the exports is only conjecture, as the home-demand seems to be equal to the supply. In speaking of home-demand, it is understood, of course, to be of wider range than local, but at the same time in the interior of portions of the country in trade relations with Staunton the roller flour is a new element in the good living all desire. Some such for the first time have had their new experience with that manufactured by the Augusta Roller Mills, and the only drawback to this class in falling in with the progress of the merchant-milling system in preference to the old usages of delivering wheat for custom-grinding, is the long wagon-transportation to which it is subjected.—The effect will be contentration of energy and capital resulting in more of the roller- and fewer of the burr-grinding flour-mills.

The Gallego Mills Campany, Richmond, will add to their present burr-grinding capacity roller flour machinery, which will turn out 300 barrels per day, thus making the entire output from ten to twelve hundred barrels per day.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS.

A portion of the large Christmas trade which is now centered in Staunton can be ascertained by an occasional glance at the receiving department of the Adams Express. The variety and number of packages going out to far and near points are immense, and as early and safe delivery is a chief object the parties go where they know it is to be secured.

Mr. Bev Eskridge, the Agent, and his attentive assistants, are busy night and day at the office, and have wagons connecting with eight trains every 24 hours running North, East, South, and West.

Mark plainly and deliver in time at the office on Main street, opposite the National Valley Bank, and your shipment will go safe and sound and be received as desired.

Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.

We have received a copy of the annual report of the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind at Staunton, to the General Assembly for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1887, from which we are gratified to learn, as we felt assured was the case, that that beneficent State Institution is most admirably conducted in every respect, and is doing a great work for the unfortunate classes for which that school is designed. It is a good and pleasant home as well as a most excellent school for Deaf and Dumb and Blind pupils, where they are well educated, and where even the dumb are taught to speak, and to understand what speaking persons say from the motion of their lips.

In communicating the report of the Principal—Capt. Thos. S. Doyle—and accompanying documents to the Governor of the State, the President of the Board of Visitors—Isaac Witz, Esq.,—says:—

"It is gratifying to me, as the President of the Board of Visitors, to be able to say that the Officers and Teachers of the Institution have performed their whole duty, and that the education of the mutes and the blind of our State is up to the standard of any similar institution in this country."

As the Institution has now as many pupils as it can accommodate, and as there are applications in excess of the capacity of the buildings to accommodate, the Principal asks for an appropriation of $15,000 to erect additional buildings, and the Board of Visitors recommend that such an appropriation for that purpose be made.

The number of pupils present during the fiscal year was 158—mutes 93; blind 60. Discharged during the year 24—mutes 13; blind 11. Actually present Oct. 13th, 1887, 134—mutes 85; blind 49.

The health of the pupils during the year was very good, there being not a single case of serious sickness among them, and there was but one among the officers—that of Capt. Funsten, the Steward, who was attacked in April with inflammatory rheumatism of so violent a character that, for a time, his recovery seemed impossible. After being sick for four months he recovered sufficiently to resume his duties, which he is now discharging with his usual efficiency. The finances of the Institution have been well managed. On October 1st, 1886, there was a balance to credit of Board of Visitors of $634.18. Received from the State during the fiscal year ending Oct. 1st, 1887, $35,000. Received from shops, tuition, &c., $617.77, making a total of credits from all sources $36,251.95. The disbursements during the year amounted to $35,261.27, leaving balance to the credit of the Board of Visitors of $990.68, to which, the Report says, should be added that of the Principal $808.41—making a total balance in favor of the Institution of $1,799.09.

That our readers may learn not only what is taught in this Institution, but how well it is taught, we give in full the Report of the Committee that conducted the final examinations of the pupils as follows:—

STAUNTON, VA., June 3rd, 1887.

To the President and Members of the Board of Visitors:

Gentlemen:—The committee invited to conduct the examinations met at the Institution on the 2nd instant, and, with the teachers of the several classes, examined the pupils in their various studies.

The chairman of the committee, with Mr. Thomas Williamson, assisted in the examination of the blind pupils and of one class of deaf mutes—at least, those who had been mutes until their skilful teacher, Miss Grimm, unlocked their tongues and gave them voice.

Mr. Charles L. Cooke (a former teacher of mutes himself) examined the classes in the deaf mute department, and his report is appended thereto. Examinations thorough and searching were made in the following studies: Spelling and defining, etymology, history of United States and of France, geography, grammar, reading, arithmetic, physiology, algebra, natural philosophy, oil painting and drawing, both free-hand and crayon. The examination gave the plainest evidence of thorough training on the part of the teachers and of *real* acquirement by the pupils.

The classes showed especial excellence in history, geography (taught with raised maps), and grammar.

The higher branches of mathematics showed a high order of teaching. One pupil, in particular, solved complicated examples in algebra in his head, and often faster than the pencil of an examiner could record the different transformations of the equations.

The classes in arithmetic did well, and showed careful instruction.

In geography, rivers, mountains, lakes, towns and cities were located; routes were traced and direction noted in a manner comparing favorably with similar work done by folk who can see.

Your committee were especially impressed by Mr. Humbert's classes in history and arithmetic; by Miss Kerr's classes in history, geography and grammar; by Mr. Ryan's, in geography and etymology; by those of Professor Poyntz in algebra, arithmetic and physiology.

Miss Grimm's classes in articulation and lip-reading gave a wonderful exhibition of what can be done by patience and unusual skill.—Pupils, born deaf and dumb, wrote, at dictation, sentences on the board, and read them articulately and distinctly enough to be understood by strangers. This dictation was partly by the teacher and partly by the examiners, the pupils watching the lips and expression of the one dictating. The writing of the deaf mutes was legible and rapidly written, and their spelling excellent, notwithstanding the fact that they are taught by observing the varying shapes of the mouth and the movements of the lips and tongue and the positions of the organs of utterance of their teacher, so that words of the same sound, though spelled differently, would necessarily give the same shape, position and movements—as, for example, the words "won" and "one."

Mr. Euritt's graceful use of the sign language was unintelligible to two-thirds of your committee, but was evidently well understood by his pupils.

Specimens of oil painting by pupils of Professor Talbot Coleman did credit to both teacher and taught.

Miss Gay Trout's class in crayon drawing will compare favorably with similar classes in other first-rate schools.

That calisthenics are well taught is known by all who have seen the graceful evolutions and movements of Miss Augusta Hurman's pupils.

To sum up, the school shows evidence of good discipline, thorough teaching, and a degree of development in the pupils reflecting great credit upon them and their instructors. Their knowledge compares favorably with that found in schools whose pupils have no natural avenues to learning closed, but have all their senses.

[Just here the full committee desire to present the report of Mr. Charles L. Cooke, who was appointed a committe of one to conduct the examinations in the deaf mute department.]

"*Gentlemen:*—Your committee of one, appointed to examine the deaf mute department, takes pleasure in stating that, while he has performed that duty upon other occasions, it was never more pleasantly and agreeably carried on than upon this.

"A thorough examination was made of all the classes in one of their studies, and he can say, with perfect truth, that the advancement of the pupils was even greater than he expected to see, and gave evidence of careful and skilful training on the part of the efficient corps of teachers.

"He was particularly impressed with the perfect harmony existing between teachers and pupils—an element very necessary to progress and improvement. It is unnecessary to go into details of the examinations; but he must call special attention to the classes taught by Messrs. Euritt, Yates, Dr. Turner, Bear, and Miss Shackleford; also, to the good order and bearing of the pupils in all the classes.

"The primary classes taught by Mr. Williams and Mr. Berkeley gave evidence of good training and advancement, of which future years will show the outcome.

"Your committee must add one word in commendation of the *grading* of the several classes. It was his pleasure to examine, two years ago, the deaf mute department of this Institution, and he finds very marked improvement in this respect.

"(Signed) CHARLES L. COOKE."

The musical department has been under the able and efficient control of Professor A. J. Turner, assisted in the vocal and instrumental instruction by Mrs. Hammond, and in instrumental by Mr. John C. Ryan. Their pupils have made more than their usual progress during the session just ending.

Your committee also examined the workshops and saw specimens of the pupils' actual work in shoemaking, printing and setting type, tailoring, carpentry (comprising models of houses, bridges, and details in construction of buildings,) mattresses and brooms, and chairs cane-seated.

In closing their report, your *whole* committee feel constrained to add one word, expressing, inadequately, their favorable judgment upon Superintendent Doyle's very successful management of *all* the departments of the Institution for the session of 1886-87.

J. EMMET GUY, Chairman,
THOMAS WILLIAMSON,
CHARLES L. COOKE,
Committee.

"DEAH LOVES A SHINING MARK!"—How forcibly is this thought presented in the death of Mrs. T. J. Shickel, who died at her residence, in this city, on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. The deceased was formerly Miss Alice Hiser, second daughter of Capt. Hiser, of this county. She was widely known throughout the community, and being a most lovely and superior character, was a general favorite. She had been in declining health for nearly three years, and in the last few months her sufferings were intense, but she bore them all with Christian fortitude, and often expressed the desire to be taken home to Heaven, and while this sadly bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of many friends, they also have the blessed consolation that their loss to her gain. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Sydney T. Riser, from her late residence, on Thursday morning, after which the remains were taken, by her request, to the country, and laid beside her aged grand-parents, who preceded her but a few short years. The pall-bearers were Rev. Willis, Dr. Harnsberger, Messrs. M. P. Funkhouser, Charles Curry, L. Hallman and J. E. Whitmore.

Ladies, for Xmas Presents, go to Shirkey & Taylor's, and you can find what you want. Everything marked specially cheap.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE,
Staunton, Va., Dec. 20, 1887.

Though the English markets are reported dull for grain and flour, the influence is not felt on this side of the Atlantic, where, as stated in former reviews, local causes are controlling quotations.

The visible supply of grain continues about as last week, showing large deficiencies in wheat and corn as compared with last year.

In all our leading grain markets we note firmness and upward tendency which is responded to by our Stannton dealers, who are paying 85 cents for wheat, an advance during the last week of 2 cents.

Sugars are quoted higher than last week.

Poultry is in good supply and prices remain as quoted two weeks since.

The demand for dressed pork has increased, and readily sells for $5.50 to $6 per hundred.

Irish potatoes are quoted higher and in demand. So also are cabbages, which sell in large lots at from 5 to 7 cents per head.

[*The quotations are wholesale, not retail.*]

Country Produce.

APPLES—green per bush	60c
" —dried per lb	4c
BACON—country cured.	
Hams	10c
Shoulders	10c
Sides	10c
BEES WAX	20c
BUTTER	17@18c
CORN—	40@44c
CORN MEAL	50c
CHERRIES—dried, ℔ pound	9c
EGGS	@23c
FLOUR—Patent	$4.75@5.00
New process	$5.50
" " extra	$5.25
Country—Family	3.75@$4.00
" Extra	$3.55@3.60
" Superfine	$3.25@3.30
FEATHERS	50c
LARD	8c
OATS—shelled	30@33c
POTATOES—Irish new	75c
PEACHES—pealed ℔ pound	10c
" unpealed " "	6c
PORK—Dressed	$5 50@$6 00
RYE	50c
TALLOW	4c
VINEGAR—pure apple	16c
WHEAT	@85c
WOOL—unwashed	28c

Groceries, etc.

BACON—country, see country produce.	
Western, canvas hams	13@14c
" " long clear sides	8½c
" " short clear sides	8½@9c
" " bellies	8½@8¾c
CANDLES—adamantine	8@11½
Paraffine wax	25c
CHEESE	10½@14c
COAL OIL	8½@12c
COFFEE—Rio	20@22c
Laguayra	21@22½c
Java	25@28c
Mocha	30c
COTTON YARNS—℔ bunch	92c
FISH—Mackerel	$18@20.00
POTOMAC GROSS HERRINGS	$4.25@4.50
N. C. Clipped Herring	$5.25
FUSE—℔ 1,000 feet	$2.50@$7.00
LARD, Western—Trs., ½ bbs., and tubs	8¼@8¾
MOLASSES—Syrups	30@38c
New Orleans	25@58c
Porto Rico	25@32c
West India	36@40c
POWDER—Rifle, F. F. F. g, 25 ℔ keg	$5.00
½ "	$2.75
¼ "	$1.50
Blasting Powder, keg	$2.15
Ducking, ¼ keg	$3.00
RICE	5½@7c
SALT	$1.40
SPICES—Pepper, grain	18c
" ground	18c
Allspice, grain	10c
" ground	12c
SUGAR—Cut loaf	7¾c
Granulated	7¼@7½c
Powdered	7½c
Standard a	7⅛c
Off a	6@6¼c
Yellow	5¾@6c
Common	5½c
TEA—Black	50@75c
Breakfast	75c
Japan	50c
Gunpowder	40@90c

Hay, Plaster, Lime, &c.

HAY—Timothy, ℔ ton	$11@$12
Mixed	$8.00@11.00
Clover, ℔ ton	$7.00@8.00
PLASTER—Ground, ℔ ton	$7.00
LIME—℔ barrel	$1.00
MILL FEED—℔ ton	$19.00
BRAN—℔ ton	$15.00

Canned Fruits.

APPLES—2 ℔ cans ℔ doz	$1.20
TOMATOES—2 lb	1.10@1.15
CORN,—2 lb	1.15
PEACHES—3 ℔ " "	$2.00@2.50
" 2 " " "	1.25@175

Seeds.

TIMOTHY	$3.00
CLOVER	$3.00@4.05
Orchard Grass	$1.20
Herds Grass	$1.00@1.20

Lumber.

FRAMING—heart pine, assorted,	$13.50, $15.00, $17.50
Common	$11.00@15.00
FENCING—Common	$14.00@15.00
Sap	$13.50 @14.00
JOISTS, as to lengths and sizes	$14.00@15.00
FLOORING—heart	$30.00@40.00
Sap	$25.00@30.00
LATHS, ℔ 1,000	$2.25@2.75
SHINGLES	$3.75@4.50

Hides, Leather, &c.

HIDES—Wet salted	7@8c
Dry salted	10c
Dry flint	11@11c
Green	5@6c
LEATHER—Rough leather	20½@25c
City finished harness leather	30@33c
Country finished harness leather	25@30c
Hemlock sole	19@25c
TANNER'S OIL	45@50c

Liquors, Wines, etc.

WHISKEY	$1.50@3.00
BRANDY—Apple	$2.00@5.00
PORTER AND ALE, ℔ doz	$2.25

Iron, Steel, Nails, etc.

IRON—rolled, ℔ lb	2½c
Hammered	5c
STEEL—Cast	11c
NAILS, ℔ keg	$2.24
HORSE SHOES, ℔ keg	$4.25
BARBED WIRE	4¾c
GRIND STONES, ℔ lb	13½c
SHOT—℔ bag of 25 lb	1.55

Baltimore Live-Stock Market, Dec. 15.

AT CALVERTON YARDS.

Beef Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows:

Best	$4 25 @ 4 65
Generally rated first quality	3 62 @ 4 00
Medium or good fair quality	2 75 @ 3 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 00 @ 2 50
Extreme range of prices	2 00 @ 4 65
Most of the sales were from	2 75 @ 4 00

Total receipts this week 2317. Total sales 1030. Of the receipts 530 came from Virginia.

The wholesale trade this week was as active at it was last week, with prices equally as high, but the retail sales show a decline of ¼a ½c from last Thursday. The general average of the offerings was not as good as last week, though there were among them some very superior Kentucky steers (sold on private terms) which were unequaled by any seen here for months past. A large majority of the offerings were of an indifferent order.

Sheep and Lambs—There was a light offering of Sheep on the market this week, with a fairly good demand. Prices were fully ½c higher than last week, independent of the quality, which was better than it was then. We now quote butchers' Sheep at 3a3½c, with a few extra at 5c, and Lambs at 4a5½c per lb gross. Receipts this week of Sheep and Lambs were 2010 head.

New York Live-Stock Market, Dec. 19.

Beeves—Receipts today were 100 carloads for the market, 76 for slaughterers, and 60 carloads for export. The trading was moderate and steady at an advance of 15 cts per 100 lbs live weight on all desirable offerings; very common to very choice native Steers sold at 3 60a$5 50 per 100 lbs, fancy and premium do. at 5 75a$6, and dry Cows at 1 75a$3 50. Exports 3820 quarters of Beef. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 11,600; market firm for good to choice grades, dull and weak for inferior stock; common to choice Sheep sold at 3 50a$5 50 per 100 lbs, premium do. at 5 75a$6 20; common to extra Lambs at 5 50a$7; Christmas Lambs from Canada, 112 lbs average, at $7 25 per 100 lbs. Hogs—Receipts 8800; nominally higher for live Hogs at 5 60a$5 90 per