Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1888.

Local Department.

HORSE BILLS.—The place to have horse-bills printed in the best style is at the SPECTATOR office.

The poems—"Love's Balance" and "The Ocean's Lament," received too late for this issue, will appear next week.

The Largest and Handsomest Line of Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs in town can be found at J. J. SHIRKEY'S.

Prof. D. C. Humphreys, of Washington and Lee University, will give a magic lantern exhibition and lecture at Bethel Church, on the the evening of the 27th of March, for the benefit of the new church building. Admission 25 cents.

On hand—a large supply of LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS, at
CHILDS' Drug Store.

SMOKE HOUSE BURNED.—The smoke-house and contents, including a thousand pounds of bacon, of Mr. Geo. W. Pilson, about three miles above Greenville, was burned. The fire was caused by putting a box of ashes in the smoke-house. His dwelling was saved with difficulty.

New Novelties in Spring Suitings, Tricots, French Flannels, just received at
J. J. SHIRKEY'S.

NIGHT ROBBERS.—The farmers, a few miles east of the city, on both sides of the railroad, have been very much annoyed of late by night robbers who are breaking into chicken-houses and laying their hands on pigs and carrying them off.

WILSON'S CHICKEN POWDERS, the best preventive of disease among fowls, at
CHILD'S Drug Store.

Syrup of Figs

Is Nature's own true laxative. It is the most easily taken, and the most effective remedy known to cleanse the system when bilious or costive; to dispel headaches, colds and fevers; to cure habitual constipation, indigestion, piles, etc. Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Company, San Francisco, Cal. For Sale by W. M. Allen & Bro., Staunton, Va feb. 15—ly

Don't fail to visit J. J. Shirkey's and see the New Novelties in Dress Goods as they come in. No trouble to show goods.

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

THE VERNAL EQUINOX.—The vernal equinox occurs to-day, March 21st, and the day and night are equal, 12 hours each, the Sun rising at 6 and setting at 6 o'clock. On this day the Sun crosses to the North of the equator, and it will continue to travel North till the Summer solstice, the 21st of June, when it will enter upon its return to the South again.

For the convenience of our friends and especially the ladies, we keep postage stamps.
CHILD'S Drug Store.

DINNER AND SUPPER.—"The Mite Society" of the Second Presbyterian Church will serve dinner and supper next Monday as Kruger's old stand, next to Marquis's Marble Yard, on Main Street. We hope the ladies who have the matter in charge will be amply rewarded for their services by a large attendance and a liberal and generous patronage.

Remember, Ladies, since the change in the firm, J. J. Shirkey is selling anything in the winter stock at a great sacrifice to make room for Spring stock.

If you want anything in the way of Winter Goods, now is the time to buy of J. J. Shirkey. He is selling them at bottom figures for Cash.

MUSICAL SOIREE.—Another of the musical soirees, which occur at intervals at the Augusta Female Seminary, took place on the night of the 16th instant. It was entertaining as usual and witnessed by a large and well-pleased assemblage.

The best Chilled Plow on the market for sale by Baker & Brown.

The Most Agreeable

As well as the most effective method of dispelling headaches, colds and fevers, or cleansing the system, is by taking a few doses of the pleasant California liquid fruit remedy, Syrup of Figs. mar 21—1m.

Bear Lithia Water in bottles and on draft at CHILD'S DRUG STORE.

I suffered from a very severe cold in my head for months and used everything recommended but could get no relief. Was advised to use Ely's Cream Balm. It has worked like magic in its cure. I am free from my cold after using the Balm one week and I belive it is the best remedy known. Feeling grateful for what it has done for me I send this testimonial.—Samuel J. Harris, Wholesale Grocer, 119 Front Street, New York.

Two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm cured the wife of a well known U. S. A. General and also two army officers in Arizona of catarrh.

☞ A car-load of Iron-beam Double-shovel Plows, Single-shovel Plows and plow steels, just received by Baker & Brown.

Strange But Nice are Fortune's Ways.

To buy or not to buy was the question that three ladies, Mrs. H. De Laup, 377 St. Ann st., Mrs. Honore Piotte, 281 Bayou Road, and Miss Mary Henry, 208 St. Philip st., asked when Mrs. V. Gilly, 209 St. Philip st., a vender of Louisiana State Lottery tickets, called upon them with the last tenth ticket she had. A mutual investment of a quarter of a dollar was resolved upon on one-tenth of ticket No. 71,575, the number that, in the Grand Monthly Drawing, Feb. 7, 1888, drew the capital prize of One Hundred and Fifty Thou and Dollars, and Mrs Gilly presented the ticket last Thursday and received therefor a check. Nice, wasn't it, for a 25-cent investment each.—New Orleans (La.) *Picayune*, Feb. 12.

Call on Baker & Brown for Flax-seed Meal, (old process,) for stock. Cotton-seed Meal, for stock.

LITERARY NOTE FROM THE CENTURY CO.—MR. KENNAN'S Siberian papers, illustrated by Mr. G. A. Frost, who accompanied Mr. Kennan on his trip through Asiatic Russia, will begin in the May *Century*. Their appearance has been deferred on account of the author's desire to group in preliminary papers—the last of which will be in the April *Century*—an account of the conditions and events in Russia directly related to the exile system. This system is now to be minutely described and elaborately pictured; and by way of preface to the first illustrated paper Mr. Kennan will, in a brief statement, answer the question as to how he came to enter upon his arduous and somewhat perilous investigations, and why he and his companion were accorded such extraordinary facilities by the Russian Government itself. In the April *Century* Mr. Kennan will write of "The Russian Penal Code."

Headquarters for new Lake Herring at Baker & Brown's.

THE MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—Australia celebrates the centenary of her settlement by a grand International Exhibition at Melbourne, commencing August 1st next, and continuing for six months. Congress has appropriated $50,000, will appoint commissioners to represent the United States, and it is hoped that very many private firms will make exhibits. The government of Victoria controls the exhibition and gives space and steam for motive power free. The exhibition building and annexes will cover twenty-four acres of ground, and the display, both local and from foreign countries, will be the largest ever seen in the southern hemisphere. Goods for exhibition are admitted duty free. Australia is a rich and growing country. American goods sell well there, and the comparative nearness of Australia to America should inspire our business men to control her markets. Mr. John M. Ives, who for the past three years has been in the antipodes as manager for the well known Safe Cure House of H. H. Warner & Co., has just returned with letters from the chief secretary and commissioners; also blank applications for space, which he will be pleased to send free on application to him at Rochester, N. Y. Applications should be made at once, as goods must be in position not later than July first next.

Fertilizers for the spring crops for sale at low prices by Baker & Brown.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

IRELAND FOR EVER.

THE DAY CELEBRATED WITH POMP AND SPLENDOR.

THE CATHOLIC HIBERNIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND.

THE PROCESSION AND INCIDENTS.

Fathers McVerry and Kelly and Aged Members of the Society in Carriages.

During the morning hours of the 17th, the principal streets of the city, decorated by the rich display of green and gold in graceful folds and entwined in wreaths around the "harp," and the motto "Erin Go Bragh," indicated that Saint Patrick's Day was to be celebrated with the enthusiasm of the Irish heart.

The "Catholic Hibernian Beneficial Society,"—whose principal object is to dispense benefactions, and is also the repository of history wherein is embalmed with filial affection the patriotism and the inbred love of liberty which characterizes the "Sons of Erin,"—is a strong organization in this city, and is distinguished for its devotion to duty and the success with which it carries forward its noble purposes.

At an early hour in the afternoon the hall of the Society on the spacious grounds of the Catholic Church on Augusta street was well filled with its members, sixty strong, each one bedecked in the new rich regalia of the order, of green with gold trimmings.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND,

which never fails to respond to every deserving call for its contribution to the public interest, came down from their hall on Main street above Augusta and took up the line of march, playing an inspiring Irish air and halted in front of the hall of the Society, where the procession was formed, in which were several

CARRIAGES CONTAINING REVEREND FATHERS AND AGED MEMBERS

of the Society—to-wit: Fathers McVery and Kelly, and Captain J. J. Stack and Messrs. M. McAleer, Thomas Wholey, Timothy Hounihan, Patrick Carroll, Dennis Fenton and others. As the Society filed down the lawn to the street, the long line, in the vivid colors of the regalia, and the lively step as the members took their places, impressed the observers of the scene, who could but regret that the bright rays of an evening's sun were obscured by leaden skies, but on this day so sacredly interwoven with Irish spirit and resolution, its festivities were not to be broken by any obstacle or disappointments their devotion to its associations could overcome.

THE PROCESSION—LINE OF MARCH.

The Marshal, Mr. Thomas Kivlighan, formed the column with the Band in front, then the Society with its President, Mr. Daniel Crimmins, at its head, after which came the carriages. The Marshal in full regalia was mounted and his spirited sided wore trappings suitable to the occasion.

The Band stepping off, the column moved out Augusta street to Pump; thence to Lewis; down Lewis to Frederick; up Frederick to Green; thence to Main and Fayette to the Staunton Female Seminary; thence to the Wesleyan Female Institute; thence to Church, up Church to Main; down Main to Augusta, and to the C. & O. Depot; returned by Augusta to New Court-House; thence up New street to Frederick, and along that to Market; reending Main, the line of march was up that to Augusta, and to the hall of the Society, where it was dismissed.

Irish airs—"Wearing of the Green," "Pat Maloy," and other favorite pieces of Irish melody, with several of Professor Webb's own composition, rendered by the Band, enlivened the whole march.

CONCLUSION.

There was not, as is often the case, a social gathering at night around the festive board, where the "Hibernians" and their friends and fellow-citizens are wont to mingle in song and speech. The celebration, as it was, revived fully all the associations of the day, and numbers another year in the tide of time which is carrying us along its current. May its next celebration find us with the same heart and the same pride of country and the endearments of home, bound to each other by the ties of christian philanthropy, and patriotic brotherhood.

MR. SIDNEY GRADED SCHOOL.—Roll of Honor for the month ending March 14th, 1888. Requirements for roll of honor,—present every day, no tardy marks, perfect deportment, and an average of 90 per cent. on all studies as shown by monthly examination.

1st Grade—Principal's Department.—Alice Puffenberger, 99; Henry Coffman, 99; Chas. T. Hamrick, 99; Noah Shreckhise, 98; John W. Wenger, 97; John Johnson 95; Effie Landes, 94; Homer Shumate, 93; Nannie Landes, 94; Perry Wenger, 94; Nannie Shumate, 94; Ernest Landes, 93; Frank Crawford, 92; Mike Flavin, 91; Allen Johnson, 90.

Intermediate, 2nd Grade.—Miss Lowman's.—Rosa Vanfossen, 98; Bertie Moore, 97; Mary Johnson, 95; Rosa Coffman, 95; George Moore, 98; Ada Moore, 92; Lucy Kirby, 92.

Primary 3rd Grade.—Miss Johnson's Department.—Samuel Shumate, 98; Stewart Johnson, 95; Lucy Vanfossen, 95; Minnie Bell, 94; Sallie Vanfossen, 94; Edgar Crawford, 94; John Vanfossen, 94; Luther Moore, 93; Kittie Shumate, 93; Maud Landes, 93; Willie Parish, 92.

The order in which the names occur indicate the class rank of each pupil.
P. J. OREBAUGH, Principal.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.—The following appointments were made by Washington Conference (Colored,) at its recent session in Baltimore, for this, the

Staunton District.—W. T. Harris, P. E.—Augusta, J. D. S. Hall; Charlestown, S. A. Lewis; Deerfield, C. H. Foreman; Frankford, J. T. Hill, Front Royal, John Barnett; Harrisonburg, J. W. Waters; Hedgesville, Benjamin Myers; Hillsboro, B. T. Perkins; Jefferson; John Jenkins; Lewisburg, Elijah Ayres; Lowmoor, Wm. R. Davis; Loyola, A. C. Steptoe; Lurky, A. Hogsett; Martinsburg, F. F. Wheeler; New Market, G. D. Nickens; Rockingham, Henry Cellers; Red Sulphur Springs, W. A. Claxton; Rouceverte, M. A. Dyer; Shepherstown, Richard Lanc; Staunton, J. A. Holmes; Talcott, W. F. Patterson; Union, W. H. Dunson; White Hall, Winstead Calloway; Winchester, T. A. White; Woodstock, J. W. Meredith.

D. Aquilla goes to Huntington; F. F. Sawyers to Motley's, Va.; S. Hammond to Waynesboro', Va.; and B. H. Robinson to Mount Vernon, Washington. The next session of this Conference will be held at Parkersburg, W. Va

ROLL OF HONOR OF BURKE'S MILL SCHOOL.—The following named pupils of Burke's Mill School had the highest standing in recitation, deportment and attendance for the school month ending March 15th, 1888:

Principal's Department.—Bertie Hanger, Stella Ruebush, Robert Smith, Georgia Pace, Howard Tutwiler, Halcie Linn, Samuel Byers, Homer Parker, Charles Plecker and Ashby Byers.

Primary Department—Miss Bertie Roller, Teacher.—Charles Pace, Hattie Calhoun, Willie Hanger, Moffett Dice, Nannie Snow, Watts Pace, Rinker Van Pelt, Walter Parker, Hugh Linn and David Piner.

The names are given in the order of merit, beginning with the highest.
M. LINDON, Principal.

CLINEDINST AND BODELL SET FREE.—The trial of Chas. E. Clinedinst upon charges well known to the public were brought to a close late in the afternoon of the 14th instant. Eleven of the jury were for acquitted and one for conviction. The Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. Braxton, stated that it seemed useless to entail further cost on the State—that he could not present the case any stronger in the future than he had done, and therefore he asked to enter a *nolle prosequi*, which Judge Grattan ordered. He further stated that the failure to convict Clinedinst was conclusive that Bodell would be cleared, and therefore asked that he should be set free also.—which was done.

Information was received last week of the death, on the 13th instant, of Col. Osceola Kyle, of Wetumpka, Alabama. His mother was originally Miss Janetta McClung, of Staunton. In his boyhood, Col. Kyle spent some time here with his uncle, the late Capt. James A. McClung. At the beginning of the war, he entered the Confederate service as Captain, being then only about 23 years of age, and before the close of the war, was Colonel of an Alabama regiment. For many months he was a prisoner at Johnson's Island. He was a gallant soldier. After the war, he practiced law successfully till his health broke down. His talents and manners were highly popular, and he won and retained the warm regard of all who knew him. He left a widow and five children.

New Ginghams, Percales, French Satteens. Just opened at J. J. SHIRKEY'S.

Terra Cotta Works in Prospect.

Observing on exhibition at the Fair last Fall specimens of fine brick and sewer-pipes made from material which Mr. John H. Connell discovered on his farm two and a half miles west of the city, the enquiry was natural to learn of him concerning the further development. He has had the material analyzed by a scientific expert in Philadelphia. The clay now most in use for the manufacture of fire bricks, sewer-pipes, Terra Cotta work, &c., is found in Ohio, where there are many extensive factories. The two chief and valuable parts of the material for such purposes are Silica and Alumina. Of these, Mr. Connell's mine shows Silica seventy-six per cent. and Alumina thirteen and a half. At two of the best mines in Ohio nearly seventy per cent. of Silica and twenty-four per cent. of Alumina are found at one, and, sixty-two of Silica and ten and a half of Alumina at the other. There are several other ingredients in this class of clay, such as magnesia, potash, lime, &c., which are omitted.

Mr. Connell has been in a very quiet way investigating as to the resources of the mine, the value of its products when in commercial shape, the cost of a plant, and demand for the manufactured articles. The raw material is in great abundance, and he has several opinions expressed as to the value of the manufactured product of a highly satisfactory character.—Among them are two from Mr. James W. McBurney, connected with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, which company, as all do, have use for fire bricks, and culvert and sewer pipes in large quantities.—He pronounces the material, and the showing made by it in manufactured product, the very best, and especially for Terra Cotta work, the finest he ever saw.

The estimate for a plant which would turn out a good quantity of product per day is $5,500. The expense for mining it would be for 1000 fire bricks $3.65, 1000 feet 3 inch drain pipe $3.65 and for 1000 feet 3 inch sewer pipe $4.63.

Referring to the standard schedules of wholesale prices at factories, it is found that the 3-inch pipe is quoted at 15 cents per foot which, it would seem, gives a handsome profit to the manufacturers.

The resources for an establishment for making fire-brick and Terra Cotta products exist right here in the suburbs of Staunton, and deserve further investigation. It would seem that there is a germ for a valuable and profitable industry at that locality.

Personal.

In Harrisonburg, Mr. J. A. Nicholas has been appointed policeman in place of Ed. E. Cordel, resigned.

Miss Bell Hulvey, who has been teaching the primary department in the Mill Creek School for the past term, returned to her home in Mt. Sidney, Monday. Whilst there she made many friends in school and out.

Mr. M. A. Hope, President of Staunton Post of Commercial Travelers, is in Richmond on business connected with that organization.

The Hinton, (W.Va.) *Independent* of the 16th, says: "Our foreman, Mr. A. Floyd Heck, is the happiest man in town—Mrs. Heck and her two interesting little boys arrived here Friday night. We hope Mrs. Heck may enjoy Hinton life."

Mrs. Garfield, widow of the late President Garfield, authorizes the announcement of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mollie Garfield, to Mr. J. Stanley Brown, who was her husband's private secretary.

Bishop A. M. Randolph conducted the service at the Episcopal Church on Sunday last. A large and attentive congregation listened eagerly to every word uttered by this distinguished divine. His remarks, based upon Gal. vii: 6.—"Whatsover a man soweth that shall he also reap,"—were of peculiar power. His remarks had been well elaborated, and were clearly and earnestly delivered. Scarcely a thought was set forth that did not impress itself forcibly on the minds of all. Fortunate indeed were all that heard this eloquent effort.

In the afternoon he held service at the Verona Chapel.

Judge S. G. Whittle, of the Danville Circuit, whose residence is at Martinsville, Henry co., was in a critical condition during Monday, in consequence of atropia being injected into his arm through mistake for cocoaine. A special to the *Dispatch* says his condition occasioned great excitement in the community, all the medical ability repairing to his assistance. Judge Whittle is one of the most promising young men in the State, and has taken a high rank in his profession and on the bench. He is a brother of our esteemed townsman, Mr. C. McN. Whittle, who received a letter last night assuring him that the Judge was out of danger.

Grand Spectacular Play—"Michael Strogoff"—One Night Only.

To-night, Wednesday 21st, will be the first and last opportunity our citizens will have of seeing this renowned play, "presented," as the bills say, "with such a strong Dramatic cast, such a large and brilliant ballet, such attractive and costly costumes, such perfect properties, such appropriately brilliant scenery, such faultless appointments, such captivating girls and such clever men."

The Press speaks in the highest term of this performance. The Detriot *Free Press* says:—

"There was a large audience at the initial performance in this city of the spectacular play of "Michael Strogoff." The play was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, and the expression of their pleasure was at times very decided and emphatic."

The *Puck* say:—

"Niblo's Garden now holds "Michael Strogoff" and the grand drama, with the fetes at Moscow and the Emir's camp. The battle scene and the burning of Irkutsk, with the woes and triumphs of Michael Strogoff delights thousands. No one has an excuse for living in New York, who does not see this show, unless he is blind or an inmate of some public institution where there is no charge for board or lodging."

The Peoria *Transcript* says:—

"Seldom has it been the pleasure of a Peoria audience to witness as fine a play as "Michael Strogoff" proved to be last night. The house was crowded, and the play throughout was greeted with enthusiastic applause. Aside from the spectacular portion, in which is a fine ballet, the play itself is strong, and the story well told."

The Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday says:—"Jules Verne's novel "Michael Strogoff," as dramatized, was ably rendered by the Charles L. Andrews Company at the Theatre last night. The house was a good one and thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Michael Strogoff is somewhat spectacular, and that, interspered with a powerful dramatic representation, makes the play one of great interest.

Jules verne in his other stories has drawn largely on the imagination, but in his Michael Strogoff there is a reality throughout. Mr. Andrews's cast is well selected, and the piece is well put on the stage, giving, it is said, a very faithful representation of Russian and Siberian life. The ballet was good and went through their drill with precision."

Novel Performance at OPera House, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights.

Prof. D. M. Bristol will give exhibitions of his trained horses, mules, and ponies in the Opera-House next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, and a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

From a notice of the Charleston (S. C.) *News and Courier*, we making the following extract:—

"The performance was made up of three acts, in the first of which the horses and ponies were shown at school, and were put through the various feats and antics in which most pupils delight. Exhibitions of swinging, rocking, jumping, seesawing and balancing were given in the second act, and were followed in the third act by a military drill, in which the horses deported themselves as model soldiers, marching, countermarching, wheeling and falling into line with a precision indicative of wonderful sagacity and training."

In speaking of the matinee there, the same paper says:—

"There have been matinees and matinees in Charleston, but rarely such a one as yesterday's matinee. By actual count of the tickets, there were over 1,200 people in the house, not counting children in arms, the receipts being about $600."

In speaking of the Band, the same journal says:—

"There are few bands that have visited Charleston superior to the Bristol Band, sometimes called the Behr Brothers' Band, accompanying the Equescurriculum. Those who were near the Academy of Music last night heard one of the most exquisite of open air concerts. The familiar Tower Scene from "Trovatore" was most artistically rendered, Mr. H. M. Woolfe leading with the cornet."

We have just received a new piece of music, called "Silver Bell Waltz," by the popular composer, Charley Baker, which we can recommend to our readers as very good, it not being too difficult and at the same time very showy. It can be played on the Piano or Organ, and will be sent at the special price of only 11 2c. stamps. Address J. C. GROENE & CO., 30 and 46 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT.—The committee of Bethel Church, after having an architect to examine the old building, have concluded to build a new church instead of having the old one repaired. The building committee consists of A. A. Sproul, J. W. Gilkeson, Matthew Pilson, H. J. Williams, R. F. Larew, W. Cochran, W. F. Smith.

IN 1889.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TUNKER CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES—THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Four members of the Committee of the Tunker Church—Reverends Samuel Driver Levi Wenger, J. P. Ziegler and S. F. Sanger, the first two from Augusta and the others from Rockingham—visited the location offered near Waynesboro' and the Fair Grounds near this city yesterday for the purpose of making examination and ascertaining a suitable place for the great meeting and encampment of the membership in the United States in 1889.—They were accompanied to the Fair Grounds by Jno. W. Todd and G. Julian Pratt, Esqs., of the Board of Directors, Judge Grattan and several other gentlemen and members of the City Council. Capt. J. C. Dame and Major P. H. Woodward, of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway were also with the Committee at Waynesboro' and Staunton.

In the afternoon the Committee was in session at the City Council Chamber, where they were called upon by a large number of gentlemen who were in position to give information and to aid them by making replies to such enquiries as might be made. It turned out that the Committee did make a number of enquiries and it was fortunate that so large a number of representative citizens were present at the time. Judge Grattan, Capt. Pratt, and Messrs. Jno. W. Todd, A. C. Gordon, Henry C. Tinsley, Heber Ker, Lewis Harman, Ed Burke, J. D. Crowle, C. Bargamin, F. B. Berkeley, Colonel W. L. Bumgardner and others representing the city, the Fair, Chamber of Commerce the Press, the Livery accommodations, &c. The mails and express matter, Mr. Burke, Postmaster, and Mr Eskridge, Express Agent, informed the Committee would be delivered at and taken from the encampment.

The information furnished was noted by the Secretary of the Committee. Whilst that was going on the matter was discussed a good deal by the large number of gentlemen in the Clerk's office adjoining the Council Chamber and much information in relation to these large annual assemblages drawn out, which had been derived through the interviews then going on between the committee and the parties in attendance.

There will probably be fourteen thousand persons present. The Rotunda at the Fair Grounds will seat over three thousand people. The other buildings were found desirable. Excursion trains will be run daily and perhaps the Rotunda would seat all that might at any one time desire it. Water, light, tents, police, &c., were discussed and every requisite provided for.

This Committee will make their report on the preferred location on the 19th and 20th April to a District meeting which will be held somewhere in the lower end of the Valley, and in about thirty days the location chosen will be announced.

The time for the encampment will be the first Tuesday after Whitsunday in 1889, and it will continue about eight days. The general Conference is held during the meeting.

City Council.

The second regular meeting for the month of the City Council was held last night. All the members present except Messrs. Oberdorfer President, McQuaide and McMahon. Mr. Bell was called to preside.

The application of Mr. Ad. Hovelle to rent the Opera-House was reported upon adversely by the Committee, for the reason that it was considered inexpedient to allow the property to pass from the direct control of the Council. The report was agreed to.

Mr. Teabo from the Committee on the Fire Department reported that rooms for the Newtown Hose Company had been provided according to the directions of the Council.

Mr. Bargamin offered a resolution providing for the temporary placing of electric lights, the presence of a police force, and also a supply of water if necessary at the Fair Grounds, and for improving the roads leading thereto, if the Tunker Annual meeting shall be held here in 1889. The same was unanimously adopted, and the Clerk directed to inform the Committee of the Church now in session in this city.

On motion of Mr. Bell, the Council proceeded to elect two School Trustees to supply the vacancies by expiration of term of service, of Messrs. Thos. A. Bledsoe and Joseph B. Woodward, and thereupon both gentlemen were re-elected and are their own successors for the term of three years.

Mr. Craig, from the Committee to enquire into the propriety of purchasing a lot for the Newtown Fire and the Hook and Ladder Companies, reported adversely, for the reason that the owner of the lot in view who had offered it for $800, now asks $900. Agreed to.

Wm. D. Runnels and other citizens of Sunnyside section of the city, asked for electric light, fire plugs, pavements, &c. Referred. Mr. Bargamin reported that the fire plug had been put in position.

On motion of Mr. Tams,—in reply to the enquiry of the City Treasurer in relation to the compensation to be allowed his deputies for collecting Commercial Electric-light bills—2½ per cent was fixed as the amount.

Adjourned.

Waynesboro' Items.

Last Thursday, there were shipped from here for the Philadelphia market, sixty head of as nice cattle as ever left Augusta county, at one time. They were raised and fed by the following gentlemen: Jno. F. Leonard, nine head, averaging 1,593 lbs, one weighing 1,868 lbs; Jno. J. Harner, twenty head averaging 1,251 lbs; Geo. K. Koiner, eleven head, averaging 1,250 lbs, and twenty head averaging 1,372 lbs, purchased by J. W. Ellison from Messrs. E. L. Brower, Marion Koiner, and Marion Leonard. It certainly seems that to feed good cattle pays our farmers, as these gentlemen "struck" a good market.

The Waynesboro' Gun Club have now two traps, and are doing some good shooting, especially since they have the gold and leather medals. Mr. E. G. Fishburne was the first to have the honor of wearing the gold medal for the best shot, and Dr. Fox wears the leather medal, but no doubt they will lose both at the next match.

Sam. Spradlin, a young man about twenty-one years of age, dropped his over coat in town one day last week, and his pistol which was in the pocket went off, shooting him through the knee, inflicting a very painful wound, but he is getting along as well as could be expected. Dr. J. S. Myers was called in and did what he could to relieve the sufferer.

Last week about two miles from Crimora Station, Ed. Alford visited his brother's (Marion Alford's) family and accidently dropped his pistol which went off and killed a child about two and a half years of age, in its mother's arms, scattering the child's brains in the face of its mother, and the bullet passed through the mother's neck inflicting a very dangerous wound. Dr. W. J. Jones was called in and rendered the necessary attention.
LAURENCE.

Parnassus.

REVIVAL AT UNION CHURCH AND OTHER ITEMS.

The evangelistic services held at Union Presbyterian church, and conducted by Dr. Dinwiddie, closed on the 15th instant. The interest had not abated in the least. The closing service was attended by a large and attentive audience. At this great religious awakening, 47 persons have professed faith in Christ; Christians have been revived and strengthened, and 45 have united with this church. On last Sabbath, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lafferty, administered the ordinance of baptism to 20 persons.

A meeting was commenced on the 16th inst., at Elk Run German Baptist church, Rev. Martin Miller, of Rockingham, conducting the meeting.

Rev. R. C. Walker preached at Mossy Creek Church last Sabbath.

Prof. C. S. Dovel, of Indiana, who taught a class in penmanship at this place with success, is, at present, instructing a large class at Churchville. He teaches the Spencerian system with rapid movement.

C. C. Wheat has a fair coffee at 17c, 3 lbs for 50 cents.

COUPON CASES UNDER THE "CRUSHER."—We are informed that a number of tax-payers in Augusta county who tendered coupons, and against whom actions have been instituted by Commonwealth's Attorney White, are paying up in money. The tax-payer makes application to County Treasurer J. N. McFarland for a statement of the taxes for which coupons were tendered, and pays to the Auditor of Public Accounts at Richmond the amount said taxes in money. The Auditor then furnishes the tax-payer a certificate setting forth the payment of said taxes in money, on presentation of which to the Commonwealth's Attorney, together with the receipts of the Circuit Clerk and the Sheriff for their fees, and the payment to the Commonwealth's Attorney of the fee prescribed him by the statute, the tax-tickets are turned over to the tax-payer with endorsement showing how paid, and the suit against him in the Circuit Court is dismissed. This payment before judgment prevents the accruing of additional costs against the delinquent tax-payer.

Roasted Coffee at C. C. Wheat's for 20c per lb

Ammonia in Baking Powders.

[From the Scientific American.]

Among the recent discoveries in Science and chemistry, none is more important than the uses to which common ammonia can be properly put as a leavening agent, and which indicate that this familiar salt is herafter to perform an active part in the preparation of our daily food.

The carbonate of ammonia is an exceedingly volatile substance. Place a small portion of it upon a knife and hold it over a flame, and it will almost immediately be developed into gas and pass off into the air. The gas thus formed is a simple composition of nitrogen and hydrogen. No residue is left from the ammonia. This gives it a superiority as a leavening power over soda and cream of tartar used alone, and has induced its use as a supplement to these articles. A small quantity of ammonia in the dough is effective in producing bread that will be lighter, sweeter, and more wholesome than that risen by any other leavening agent. When it is acted upon by the heat of baking, the leavening that raises the dough is liberated. In this act it uses itself up, as it were; the ammonia is entirely diffused, leaving no trace or residuum whatever. The light, fluffy, flaky appearance, so desirable in biscuits, etc., and so sought after by professional cooks, is said to be imparted to them by the use of this agent.

The bakers and baking powder manufacturers producing the finest goods have been quick to avail themselves of this useful discovery, and the handsomest and best bread and cake are now largely risen by the aid of ammonia combined, of course, with other leavening material.

Ammonia is one of the best known products of the laboratory. If, as seems to be justly claimed for it, the application of its properties to the purposes of cooking, results in giving us lighter and more wholesome bread, biscuit and cake, and it will prove a boon to dyspeptic humanity, and will speedily force itself into general use in the new field to which science has assigned it.

At C.C. Wheat's you will find powdered mixed herbs for fish and poultry dressing.

VENIRE TO 2ND DAY OF MARCH TERM OF COUNTY COURT.—W. H. Bailey, Jr., Stewart Bolling, Samuel M. Donald, James H. Fauver, W. F. Gilkeson, Geo. A. Coiner, Jas. H. Hamilton, Geo. W. Guthrie, Geo. E. Schmucker, Jno. M. Coiner, James W. Southards, A. J. Burkholder, R. M. Sutler, S. T. Clemmer, Adam H. Shuey, John A. Lightner, Geo. A. Hanger. Attendance required at the Court-house, Tuesday, March 27th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty has recently been on a visit to Florida, and he is glad to get back into "ole Virginny," for the hotels in the "land of flowers" levy duties "for revenue only," and they seem to want all the revenue at once, and any one but an editor.—who always has plenty of funds.—would be reduced to poverty in a week's time.

Instantaneous Cream Chocolate, Alkethrepta Cocoas, &c., at C. C. Wheat's.

Dr. Geo. K. Gilmer John S. Wise, and Wm. Mahone.

Dr. Geo. K. Gilmer, late Republican Postmaster of Richmond, joins John S. Wise in his opposition to the policy of Mahone, and in the Richmond *Dispatch* of the 18th publishes the following letter:—

MARION HILL, March 16th, 1888.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Will you allow me a short space in your valuable columns to publicly thank Hon. John S. Wise for his very able and timely letter given to the public by you this morning?

He strikes from the shoulder, and delivers Herculean blows, such as every one in this State who is truly Republican must regard as well deserved.

As my friends well know, from 1869 to 1887 inclusive, whenever General Mahone essayed to lead my party I have modestly followed, asking no other assurance than that the public good alone was sought, and not the mere aggrandizement of any man or set of men.

Much has been done in these years that I did not approve, and that I have, in fact, condemned as most unwise and uncalled for; but so long as I believed only the public good was aimed at I was willing to overlook minor faults in the effort to secure the greater public benefactions promised by success. But after the contest of last fall, which had degenerated before its close into a mere conflict between General Mahone and the Democratic party, I resolved no longer to assent to what my judgment condemned, but to aid those who had been wiser than I in their efforts to overturn an organization which is at once of the most arbitrary, dictatorial, tyrannical, and absolute character, and which had resulted in defeat after defeat and left us without hope for anything better. And to this end I have labored ever since, and expect to labor to the end.

I have had no personal quarrel with General Mahone. If he has not profited by my counsel it has not been because it has not been freely given, for I have striven with all earnestness to have him abandon a course of policy that would result in nothing but disaster to his party. Freemen are not to be conscripted and compelled to vote in obedience to the command of any one man or set of men. Slaves and conscripts can be drilled and driven, but freemen must be consulted in regard to any proposed rule of action before they can be expected to give it their support.

The pyramid to be builded must have its foundations laid deep down on the solid of the consent of the people, or it is sure, sooner or later, to topple to its fall.

I will say nothing of the "secret circular," nor of the resolutions given therewith, nor of the so-called "address" to the National Committee. They have all gone down the corridors of time, unwept, unhonored, and unsung, and the veil of charity should be thrown over them to hide them out of sight forever.

Respectfully, &c.,
G. K. GILMER.

DEATH OF AN AGED COLORED MAN.—"Uncle" Willis Lewis died in Lewisburg yesterday evening, aged (as he claimed) 101 years this week. He was doubtless correct about his age, because when a boy he lived on an adjoining farm to that of General Washington in Virginia and remembered to have often seen the old General walking and riding about his farm. As Washington died in 1799 "Uncle" Willis must have been at least ten or twelve years old to have realized who the celebrity was. Through the war of 1812 he was the body servant to one of the Herndons, and came to the White Sulphur with Mr. James Frazer when that whole boundary was in woods. All who ever stopped at the Frazer Hotel in Lewisburg in *ante bellum* days carried away with them pleasant remembrances of "Uncle" Willis. By the will of Mr. Frazer freedom was granted to "Uncle" Willis, and in accordance with the law as it then stood, that all manumitted slaves were to leave this and settle in one of the free States, he went to Ohio. But it wasn't long before he came sauntering back and said he "would a good deal rather live as a slave in Virginia than as a free man in Ohio. You know, master, I have always been treated like a gentleman among our folks here, and I couldn't stand it to stay in Ohio." He was then put up and sold for a small sum to Col. Samuel S. Thompson. He will be buried to morrow.—*Greenbrier (W. Va.) Independent, March 15th.*

Senator Sherman's tariff views have undergone a sort of indurating process during the past twenty years. As he has grown richer—and he has grown very rich since he has been in public life—his ideas have narrowed and contracted until even his own original conceptions of the subject look strange and distorted to him. For instance, twenty years ago he said: "The wit of man could not possibly form a tariff that would produce $140,000,000 in gold without ample protection to American industry."

This is just as true a statement now as it was then, but Mr. Sherman by his actions utterly repudiates it. The average sum collected from customs during the past five years has been about $217,000,000 in gold, and the estimated receipts for the current fiscal year is $228,000,000, yet Mr. Sherman, instead of living up to his convictions, is sitting in the Senate to oppose a judicious reduction of tariff duties although the Treasury is overflowing with the proceeds of surplus taxation. But, as was illustrated in the amusing discrepancy between his Nashville and Springfield speeches last fall, which he is now trying to explain away, consistency isn't one of the redoubtable John's virtues.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

Heavy Snows and Big Blockades to Railroad Travel.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. March 13.—The train which left Rochester yesterday morning is stalled about five miles east of here. About fifty members and Senators were on board. No provisions could be obtained for the snowbound party until this morning, when they feasted on ham and potatoes. A Rochester millionaire and a Buffalo statesman cooked for the hungry passengers until all were provided for. This morning a relief train brought the passengers to Schenectady, where five trains are stalled, with no prospects of getting out soon. A stock train is snowed in near Rochester and the stock were all frozen to death last night.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 13.—The storm is still raging. Its equal has never been seen in this vicinity. The streets are completely blocked. Only 23 out of 160 members of the Legislature were present. No trains are running.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 13.—Forty inches of snow have fallen here. The wind is blowing from all points of the compass. The snow has badly drifted.

TROY, N. Y., March 13.—It has been snowing here forty hours, and the ground is covered to the depth of four feet.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., March 13.—In this city the snow is nearly four feet deep. In some places the drifts are twelve to fifteen feet. Snow is still falling and the wind is blowing hard.

OTTAWA, March 13.—No business was transacted to-day on