Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1888.

Local Department.

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

On last Wednesday night, the smoke-house of Mr. A. Blauth of Greenville was robbed of 13 prices of bacon.

Crushed Bone, Oyster Shells and Imperial Egg Food are very necessary for laying hens. They will produce double the quantity of eggs and keep fowls healthy. Try them. To be had at CHILD'S Drug Store.

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY.—Lexington Presbytery will meet at Tinkling Spring Church on Tuesday, the 10th of April at 11 o'clock, A. M.

AID FOR DISABLED EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—The Clerks of Courts have been furnished with blank forms for applicants for aid under the recent law of the Virginia legislature giving a certain amount of money to disabled Ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors.

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

ENTERTAINMENT AT TINKLING SPRING.—On to-morrow evening the ladies of Tinkling Spring Congregation will give a delightful entertainment consisting of music, readings, recitations, &c., after which a bountiful supper will be served.

Some of the best musical talent of this city will take part in this entertainment.

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. C. T. U.—The Annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Lecture Room of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday, March 30th, at 7.45 P. M. The exercises will consist of a Reading upon "Our National Sins," Recitations, Singing, Reports, &c.

The public are cordially invited.

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

MAPS BY MAJOR JED HOTCHKISS AT RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.—The Ashland correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch* says:

"A very valuable addition has been made to the college in the form of large maps, showing the geological, mineralogical, and hydrographical conditions of the State. They were designed by Major Jed Hotchkiss, of Staunton, Va., and were drawn for exhibition at the New Orleans Exposition, At present they adorn the walls of the lecture building."

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

PROHIBITION ELECTION IN ROCKBRIDGE.—The vote will be taken in Rockbridge county on the 24th of April on the question of license or no license for the sale of liquor as a beverage in the following districts:—Natural Bridge, Walker's Creek, Kerr's Creek, and Lexington. The other two districts—Buffalo, and South River—have prohibition now.

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

How $1 Made Lucky John Trimble Tremble.

John Trimble, No. 334 S. Broadway, is the most contented man in Aurora, Illinois, for he has in the bank $4,995, the profits of his investment of $1 in The Louisiana State Lottery. He was seen by an *Express* reporter and acknowledged that he had received the above amount and that it was his intention to use the money, he having lately purchased the cut stone business of Isaac Edwards. The ticket which drew the $50,000 prize was number 73,185.—*Aurora*, (Ills.) *Express*, Jan. 30.

White-wash Brushes should be in demand now. Call and examine goods and prices at CHILD'S Drug Store.

For all forms of nasal catarrh where there is dryness of the air passage with what is commonly called "stuffing up," especially when going to bed, Ely's Cream Balm gives perfect and immediate relief. Its benefit to me has been priceless.—A. G. Chase, M. D., Millwood, Kansas.

The bottle of Ely's Cream Balm that I obtained of you last summer has entirely cured my little boy of a severe attack of catarrh.—Mrs. Sallie Davis, Green Office, Ala.

C. C. Wheat has evaporated peaches, apples, and apricots.

SUMMER HOMES ALONG THE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY.—Mr. H. W. Fuller, Passenger Agent, Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, has issued a circular to Agents to receive from all parties along the line indending to open summer resorts or entertain summer boarders a statement of their purpose to do so, naming the stations nearest to such localities. The station agents will furnish the enquiries to be answered, and all who want to be included in the publication, which the General Passenger Agent will make, should call on their station agents without delay. If postponed till after the first of April, they will not have the benefit of the advertisement which will be made.

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

GRAND CAMP, CONFEDERATE VETERANS.—The military camps in Virginia, which met by representatives in Richmond in December and January, formed a Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, the object of which is to aid all worthy Confederates who are indigent and in distress, and to organize new camps as a means thereto.

General Jno. B. Cooke is Grand Commander and Arthur A. Spitzer, Assistant General.

All Confederate organizations are requested to send delegates to the Grand Annual Camp which is to be held at Richmond on the second Tuesday in May.

Information will be furnished by Arthur A. Spitzer, Assistant General, Richmond.

Staunton should have a Camp. There is time to organize it and select representatives who can attend the State meeting in May.

Will you paint this season? Before buying, look at ready-mixed paint at CHILD'S Drug Store.

A good opportunity to see your friends and show them this section of Country.

The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. has arranged for the sale of excursion tickets to Lexington, Harrisonburg and Staunton, at the rate of one fare for the round trip, from all points on its system of lines west of the Ohio River and from points on the line of connecting roads in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. The tickets will be sold April 9th and 23d; they will be good for 30 days, and valid to stop off at any station on the B. & O. R. R. east of Parkersburg or Wheeling.

Now is the time to write your friends and acquaintances who may be contemplating a visit to this section and show them the advantages offered for locating in our valley.

Every business man in our city should be well represented in our new Staunton Directory with a large, well displayed advertisement.

Another Opportunity to visit Washington.

Notwithstanding the unusually severe weather that prevailed at the time of the last excursion to Washington, the patronage it received further demonstrated that the opportunities for cheap travel extended by the B. & O. Company are fully appreciated by the general public.

The fourth of the popular series of Washington excursions is therefore announced to be run on Tuesday, April 10th.

As this excursion will probably close the series, every one who can spare the time should take advantage of it.

The train will leave stations as given below, —the rate of fare annexed:

Leave Mint Spring, 8:53 A. M., $4.75.
" Folly Mills, 8:57 A. M., $4.65.
" Staunton, 9:28 A. M., $4.50.
" Fort Defiance, 9:47 A. M., $4.50.
" Mt. Sidney, 9:51 A. M., $4.40.

The tickets are valid for return passage until Thursday, April 19th, inclusive, on all regular trains.

Parlor cars will be attached to the train and run through to Washington.

Be sure and secure a prominent space for your advertisement in our new city Directory.

IMMIGRATION.

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE OF AUGUSTA—A VALLEY LAND AND IMMIGRATION SOCIETY.

The discussions and movements which have of late taken place in respect to the desire of farmers in the West and Northwestern States to settle in Virginia, as well as a general desire of the people of Augusta to promote such a purpose, a public meeting, which was well attended, was held at the Court-house last Monday. Reverend Samuel Driver called the meeting to order, and proposed Judge Chas. Grattan for Chairman, which was unanimously agreed to.

Judge Grattan, in explaining the object of the meeting, which was to form a land and immigration society in the Valley, delivered one of his clear and forcible speeches so eminently characteristic of his investigation and researches in all things pertaining to our chief industry—agriculture. Now was the time to secure an instalment of new settlers, who would gladly come with their capital, energy and thrift, if we would open the way to receive them. This we ought to do and do it at once. During his address, he read a letter received by Hon. A. C. Gordon, President of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce, from a gentleman of one of the Northwestern States now in the lower Valley in search of farming lands for settlers whom he represents in his State.

Mr. Gordon offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to apply to Judge McLaughlin for a charter incorporating "The Land and Immigration Society of the Valley of Virginia," which was discussed by Messrs. C. F. Nelson, P. A. Baylor, and W. A. Burke. Mr. Baylor made many statements from observation whilst visiting the West and Northwest last Summer, and he was sure a large emigration from that country to this would occur if the merits of the Valley of Virginia were made known and our people offer proper inducements for them to settle here.

The Chesapeake & Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad lines, with their Western connections, are now inaugurating excursion trips with special reference to meeting the desire of the Western people to visit Virginia in search of new homes. These facilities and many other topics in connection with the objects in view were discussed and explained. Judge Grattan, at this stage of the proceedings, also referred to the great convention of the Tunker Church denomination which takes place in the Valley in 1889 when there will be a great many Western people here, and urged that this society ought to be in full activity before and at that time. The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the following named persons were, by the Chair, appointed the committee:—

Rev. Samuel Driver and J. A. Patterson, Jr., Augusta; A. C. Gordon and B. F. Eakle, Staunton; George Chrisman, John Lincoln, and Rev. Samuel H. Myers, Rockingham; William Miller, Edward Rice and Samuel Shirley, Shenandoah; J. P. Moore, W. B. F. Leech, and J. C. Shields, Rockbridge; Rev. D. C. Moomaw, Roanoke; Col. Ed. Dillion, Botetourt; A. A. McAllister, Alleghany; A. F. Withrow, Bath; J. B. Bradshaw, Highland; Hon. Wm. Milnes, Page.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Driver, Judge Grattan was added to the committee.

Mr. Gordon called attention to the general movement in the south favoring immigration, to be made at a convention to be held at the Hot Springs, in North Carolina, on the 25th April. This movement includes all the States east of the Mississippi and south of Maryland, taking in this state, and on Mr. Gordon's motion, Mr. Grattan was appointed a delegate from this meeting.

There was every manifestation by all participating in the meeting, as well as by the people of Augusta and other counties, who were in large numbers on the court green, of favoring the movement for attracting to the Valley enterprising farmers and others for the development of our resources. If this work is carried forward as it deserves to be there is no estimating the large benefits.

Mr. Driver, the Chairman of the Committee to prepare the application for a charter gives notice that the committee will meet in Staunton at the City Council Chamber, Saturday, April 8th at 11 a. m. He hopes that the publication of this notice through the papers will be sufficient to insure a full attendance.

COUNTY COURT.

During the past two days of the present term of the County Court, Judge Stout despatched a large amount of business.

The following estates were committed: That of Andrew Robertson to Thos. M. Smiley, administrator; George Smith, to J. Newton Wilson, adm'r; Jno. W. Priest's and John Garber's to Levi Myers. John Miller's will recorded with Peter S. Miller, Ex'or, and Samuel Hays' with Wm. H. Fix, Adm'r with will annexed. Polly Smith's with A. B. Lightner, Adm'r, with will annexed.

Jno. W. Churchman was appointed Justice of the Peace in South River Township in place of Wilson M. Brown resigned.

Application were made under the late Act of the Legislature allowing pensions to ex-Confederate soldiers as follows: George Almarode, Abram Mathews, Jno. S. Kennedy, George Spiers, James S. Way, Jno. M. Meek, Jacob H. Dull, Jas. S. Argenbright, Elijah Bateman, which were passed, and those of W. E. Vanfossen, J. W. Terrill, Jno. H. Whitesell and W. C. Smith are pending.

Application for liquor-licenses were made and docketed as follows: Wm. H. Rodgers, foot of Shenandoah Mountain, bar-room. For retail, Wm. Sedgwick and J. W. Speice at Buffalo Gap.

The horse-thief who stole Mr. Thornton Stout's mare a few weeks since, had his trial yesterday. The Commonweal'th's Attorney, M. F. White, Esq., prosecuted, and Geo. S. Lightner, Esq., Counsel for the prisoner. He was indicted and found guilty, wearing a long title as John Mills alias Ratcliffe alias Miller. During the investigation, it came out that he is an old offender and known hereabouts notwithstanding his reticence in relation to himself. He was identified by Geo. A. Hutcheson; Edward Echols, J. Frank Davis, and Jacob T. Parrent. Several years ago he was arrested in Augusta county for stealing a horse, and pending trial was called for in Rockbridge, having stolen a horse previously in that county from Marion Parrent, on Timber Ridge. He was taken there, tried and sent to the penitentiary. He then sported the name of Smith. It having been established that he had been a convict for the same offence for which he is now indicted, the jury gave him the full amount of 8 years. His real name is Gisse and is from Campbell county. He once lived in Greenville.

Personal.

Mr. J. Scott Funkhouser of Mineola, Texas, is on a brief visit home.

Our popular Sheriff T. R. N. Speck, will lead to the hymeneal altar, in Baltimore, on the 18th of April, Miss Mary Willie Condon, daughter of Mr. D. Condon.

Mr. W. C. Straughan, having concluded to remove back to the city, has purchased from Mr. J. E. Graham a new house erected by him on Winthrop street on Sears's Hill, which he will soon occupy as a residence.

Capt. John N. Ople and family have removed from the county into the city, and have their residence on Lewis street in the house formerly occupied by Dr. George S. Walker.

Mrs. Charles F. Nelson has purchased the residence next to that of Judge Stout's on Frederick street.

Dr. V. Quesenberry, a native of this State, and an eminent physican and surgeon died at his residence in Hinton, West Va., on the 16th instant.

Gen. John H. Oley died in Huntington, West Va., on the 11th instant. The Hinton (W. Va) *Independent* says:—

"He was agent of the General Land Company at Huntington and had been the leading spirit in the building of the city. He had also been the Recorder and Treasurer ever since the formation of the city. He was a gallant soldier, a good citizen and a christian gentleman."

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

EASTER.—This year Easter will fall on the 1st of April, nine days earlier than last year. The earliest possible day for Easter is the 22nd of March, and it fell on that day in 1818, for the last time in about two hundred years. Easter is never before the 22nd of March or after the 25th of April. In 1913 Easter will fall on the 22nd of March, as it did in 1845 and 1856. The last time Easter occurred on the 25th day of April was in 1886, and it will not fall on that day again until 1913.

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

DEAD BODY OF A NEGRO MAN FOUND.—On Thursday evening last, the body of Jas. Lee, a colored man, about 75 years of age, who lived on Shflett's Hill on the Churchville road, was found in the woods near there. As Dr. J. M. Hanger, who accompanied Coroner Cushing to the place, decided that death resulted from a natural cause, no inquest was held.

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

Sad Death of a Stranger.

On Thursday, the 22nd instant, a man apparently about 40 years of age, of rather low stature and round body, entered the office of Drs. A. M. & H. H. Henkel, on Frederick street, and addressing the first-named as Dr., stated that he was cold and desired medical help. The Doctor invited him to take a seat by the fire, and observed that his clothing was comparatively good, but too light for the season, and that he had neither overcoat nor wraps of any kind. But few words passed before the Doctor was satisfied that his mind was wandering, as all he would say about himself was incoherent, giving no connected or intelligible account of where he came from or where he was going. His manner was more that of one suffering from delirium occasioned by intoxication, though otherwise the Doctor did not observe anything which would make it conclusively so. After doing all he could for his relief in the way of kind words and advice, he gave him a small dose of bromide of potash, after which he left the office.

Captain Waters, Chief of Police, saw him afterwards, and conversed some time with him, and he, as well as Dr. Henkel, thought he was when in his right mind and at business a machinest in iron work.

At Buffalo Gap, twelve miles west of Staunton, there is a village. Mr. John King resides there. His residence is near that of the telegraph operator at the depot of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway whose name is Stone. Mr. King was not at home Thursday night. About 3 o'clock Friday morning Mrs. King was awakened by violent rapping at the door, the person asking permission to enter the house, saying he was suffering from cold. The hour at which this occurred, and the manner, of course, frightened Mrs. King and the other inmates of the house—being ladies and children. Mr. Stone, the operator, was in a house near by, and Mrs. King called to him for protection. He went immediately, and when he opened the door from the inside the man attempted to rush by him. This Stone resisted, pushing him back and slapping him in the face. The man dropped his hat, retreated quickly, and no more was then seen of him.

This is the account of the affair as well as it could be gathered from parties who have heard the circumstances narrated since. It is Stone's statement and is substantiated by Mrs. King and the persons in her house.

Saturday night following, a little son of Mr. William King observed a dead man lying in the spring branch on the Craigsville road a short distance from the depot. The point at which he was found is about 20 feet from the road, and partially obscured by weeds and briers. The discovery soon brought people to the place. There were no marks of violence but indications that the man had stumbled and had fallen into the branch. He was taken to a house, and the operator notified the county authorities in the city. Esquire J. M. Lickliter, as Acting Coroner, and Dr. A. M. Henkel went up to the Gap Sunday. Dr. H. identified the deceased as the man who was in his office the previous Thursday. He made a close examination, and could see no traces of violence on his body, or anything which indicated foul play, therefore Justice Lickliter did not deem an inquest necessary.

Upon his person was found a pocket-knife, a purse with 52 cents in it, and some papers which identified him as Daniel Tiner, a member of Lodge No. 56, Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, Indiana. He had also a Knight of Pythias signet (a very pretty one) and neat little watchchain charm. His dues to his Lodge were paid to 31st of March, 1888. These effects were turned over to Mr. C. C. Wheat, who, for the Pythian Lodge in this city, took charge of the body, provided a coffin, and brought the remains to the city and placed them in the undertaking room of Bickle & Hamrick.

The receipts from his Lodge were signed by M. F. Milhollan, who was telegraphed to, and soon proper answers were received, saying his wife was in Cincinnati, and to await her instructions.

Subsequently another telegram was received from Indianapolis requesting the Pythians to bury the deceased here, and soon another message came from Cincinnati, saying his wife had left for Staunton. The afternoon Eastbound train was several hours late, but she did not arrive. The Staunton Pythians were in consultation before and after the arrival of the train, and concluded that if the widow of the deceased did not reach here by this morning's East-bound train then they would proceed to bury him. From the first information given out that the poor unfortunate stranger was a member of the Knights of Pythias his brethren here were unremitting in proper attention, and will continue to render the kindly offices of brotherhood till their whole duty is done and the last rites of Christian sepulture are performed.

Letter From Afton.

AFTON, VA., March 22rd, 1887.

Ed. Spectator:—At last we are going to have a larger and more convenient building, with better facilities of comfort for the public, and for the increased patronage of our Hotels. The N. N. & M. V. Co., which will soon change its name to the Chesapeake and Ohio Valley company, are now erecting a building just west of the old office at this place, to accommodate the travelling people with better reception rooms, Ticket and Telegraph office, which will be completed by the time summer travel sets in, "a long felt want" for Afton Depot.

The tan-bark people are laying their plans and getting ready to again enter into the business as soon as the "sap rises," and from what we learn there will not be many trees left standing.

Nearly all the land-owners in this section will get bark this year—besides, Messrs. Deford &c., of Luray Va., propose to work 200 hands during the "peeling season" on hump-back mountain.

Our farmers are a little backward in their plowing for corn and seeding of oats, owing to the wet weather and the late blizzard.

News scarce—Measles, Diphtheria, "bad colds," too thick,—no marriages—no deaths, and few happenings in Mrs. Gamp's line.

Politics in *statu quo*—gathering force for the Spring and Fall campaign, Democratic ticket for 1887—Cleveland and Gray, For Congress, 10th District ———; State—Anderson of Rockbridge, Tucker of Augusta, Smith of Nelson, Berry of Amherst, and Patterson of Cumberland. Give us your views. H.

An advertisement placed in our new Staunton Directory will be one of great value to the merchants of our city.

CALLED SESSION OF LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY.—A called session of Lexington Presbytery was held in this City on the 21st instant, Rev. Alfred Jones, of Rockbridge, Moderator.

The Presbyterian church at Wytheville in the Montgomery Presbytery sent up a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. F. J. Brooke, pastor of the church at Clarksburg, West Va. Rev. S. R. Preston, Principal of the Plumer Memorial Female Institute at Wytheville and the former pastor of the church at that place, and Mr. D. A St. Clair appeared as commissioners urging that the call be placed in the hands of Mr. Brooke. This the Presbytery declined. Mr. Brooke is a minister of extensive influence in West Virginia, and a withdrawal of him from that field would be detrimental to the immediate interests of the church as well as retard the plans of the Presbytery for the enlargement of the denomination in that region. This view was strengthened by representatives of the Clarksburg church who were also present to advite against the removal of Mr. Brooke.

Roasted Coffee C C. Wheat's for 25c per lb

BABY BUNTING AGAIN.—One of the greatest literary hits of the season is the story of "Baby Bunting; or, the Alphabet of Love," by Laura Jean Libbey, which is at present being published in the columns of the New York *Family Story Paper*. The paper containing the opening chapters of this wonderfully popular romance appeared on the news stands this morning. The tremendous rush for that number by the young ladies of the town shows clearly that the publishers have struck a bonanza. The *Family Story Paper* is for sale by all newsdealers, or will be sent to any address four months, postage free, for $1.00. Norman L. Munro, Publisher, 24 and 26 Vandewater St., New York.

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

The Library Magazine for March comes out in a new dress which is highly creditable to the high-class literature which it embodies. It is certainly a very extraordinary dollar's worth of literature, the nearly 2,500 pages per annum which this Magazine gives to its subscribers. Those who see it are not surprised at such very emphatic endorsements as given, for example, by Prof. Perry of Williams College, in a recent letter to the publisher: "I do not know when my subscription to the Library Magazine expires. Please renew it. I do not intend it shall expire at all so long as I am able to read."

Dangerous Food Adulteration.

THE FRAUDULENT USE OF ALUM AND LIME IN CHEAP BAKING POWDERS.

If consumers prefer to buy an adulterated article of food because it can be had at a lower price they undoubtedly have a right to do so, provided the adulterants are not of a character injurious to health. If such articles are not falsely sold as pure and the customer is not deceived as to their real character, the transaction is not illegitimate.

But the great danger in the traffic in adulterated food arises from the deception that is practiced by the manufacturers usually classing such goods as pure. This is almost invariably done when the adulterant is one that is injurious to health. For instance, manufacturers of alum and lime baking-powders not only fail to inform the public of the real character of their goods, but carefully conceal the fact that they are made from these poisonous articles. Most of these manufacturers also claim that their articles are also pure and wholesome, while some go still further and proclaim boldly that they are cream of tartar goods, or even the genuine Royal Baking Powder itself. No consumer will buy alum baking powders knowingly, for it is well understood that they are detrimental to health. The sale of lime and alum baking-powders as pure and wholesame articles is, therefore, criminal, and it is satisfactory to notice that several persons engaged in such sale have already been brought to justice in the courts.

The official analysts have recently been active in the pursuit of these dishonest articles. The baking powders of several States have been carefully and critically examined. The officials are surprised at the large amount of lime and alum goods found. It is a suggestive fact that no baking powder except the Royal has been found without either lime or alum, and many contain both. Dr. Price's baking powder has been found to contain nearly 12 per cent of lime; Cleveland's 11 per cent, of impuritits; the phosphate powders over 12 per cent. of lime.

The chief service of lime is to add weight. It is true that lime, when subjected to heat, gives off a certain amount of carbonic acid gas, but a quick-lime is left—a caustic of most powerful nature. A small quantity of dry lime upon the tongue or in the eye, produces painful effects; how much more serious must these effects be on the delicate membranes of the stomach, intestines and kidneys, more particularly of infants and children, and especially when the lime is taken into the system day after day, and with almost every meal. This is said by physicians to be one of the causes of indigestion, dyspepsia, and those painful diseases of the kidneys now so prevalent.

Adulteration with lime is quite as much to be dreaded as with alum, which has heretofore received the most emphatic condemnation from food analysts, physicians and chemists, for the reason that, while alum may be partially dissolved by the heat of baking it is impossible to destroy or change the nature of the lime so that the entire amount in the baking powder passes, with all its injurious properties, into the stomach.

The large profits from the manufacture of lime and alum baking powders has placed many of them in the market, They are to be found in the stock of almost every retail dealer, and are urged upon customers calling for baking powders upon all occasions. Because of their well known detrimental character it is desirable that prompt means be taken to suppress their manufacture.

Pure baking powders are one of the chief aids to the cook in preparing perfect and wholesome food. While those are to be obtained of well-established reputation, like the Royal, of whose purity there has never been a question, it is proper to avoid all others,

"CHANCE TO SELL."—We invite attention to the advertisement headed "Chance to sell," by Messrs. Charles F. Nelson & Co., Real Estate Agents of this city, and would recommend those having lands for sale to engage that agency for the purpose. The farmers in the frozen and blizzard-swept Northwest are now looking to our more favored climate for investments and the purchase of homes. Virginia, and particularly this portion of it, is truly a favored land, and is, as our Commissioner of Agriculture says, "a safe country, the best average country for 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'" God has made. Blizzards from the Northwest and cyclones from the Southwest have frittered themselves away on our great Appalachian barrier, and now the ocean storm lately laden with snow and rain, nearly wrecks the east from Boston to Baltimore, but it only shakes the vessels in our great harbor, and spreads harmlessly over our tide-water woods and marshes. We read of the terrors of the storms of other states and lands, but we have never in Virginia heard the wails of sorrow or seen the bitter tears that tell of the passage of fearful storms across the broad prairies. Virginia has no prairies for countless herds of fat cattle, but she has the velvet green valley for the dairy farm, where the cattle graze safely all the day long. She cannot make 100 bushels of corn to the acre, but her sons can sing in the open air moonlight at Christmas at the corn-shucking.

Our State has riches in it, but we are too poor to get them out just now. It takes hard work to bring up our war-impoverished fields. We have to work hard, but we have the best climate, the clearest water, the purest air, the brighest skies, beautiful, and above all, the safest lands between the oceans. What do we want? People, male and female; good people to buy good, quiet, safe, homes and help us hold up the blue flag of the old dominion."

Long Needed in Staunton.

We are pleased to state to our readers that E. F. Turner & Co., have placed a force of experienced canvassers at work preparing the information for the publication of a City Directory of Staunton. It seems strange that a city the size of Staunton has never had a local directory, for it is a book which should be found upon the table of every well regulated family, and is one that is largely handled by real estate brokers and tends to boom up the real estate interests. Messrs. Turner & Co., who are preparing our city directory issue city directories for Danville, Va., Charlotte, N. C., Winston and Salem, N. C., and many other prominent and thriving South'rn and Northern cities. The work for this city will be thorough and reliable, and will contain the names of all residents, property-owners, renters and business men, and will be elegantly printed and bound and sold from door to door by the canvassers when they are taking up the information, and it is earnestly hoped that our citizens will not depend upon their help to give the information to the canvassers, but *do so personally* when called for. The advertising department of the work is meeting with great success as a large portion of our merchants have already availed themselves of the advertising pages of the work. The following notices go to show how their works are spoken off in other cities:

"Turner New Directory of the city of Charlotte has been issued, and is a work of considerable interest and value to our people. The men who prepared it have had a great deal of experience in the business and they have issued the best directory of the city that Charlotte has ever had."—*Observer, Charlotte, N. C.*, May 8th, 1887.

A great evidence that our city directory is a first-class advertising medium is that not one of the old patrons of the work have discontinued their advertisement or subscription to the work so far during the canvass, and many new orders have been added to the list.—*Danville (Va.) Register*, Jan. 22nd, 1888.

We are in receipt of a copy of Turner's Harlem Railroad Directory just from the press. The work contains a general directory of all residents along the line of the road between N. Y. and Chatham. It is neatly printed and bound, and reflects much credit upon the publisher, E. F. Turner, the publisher of our directory, and which gave such satisfaction.—*Argus, Mount Vernon, N. Y.*, Jan. 5th, 1888.

IT WAS MR. JOE TURNER AND NOT REV. JOB TURNER.—The Macon (Ga.) *Telegraph* of the 22nd published the following from a despatch from Lumber City, Ga., of the day before:—

"Mr. Joe Turner, of Virginia, and a Mr. Neible, of Indiana, were killed in the storm, and a saw mill destroyed. This mill was in the locality with the turpentine still."

Some supposed it was Rev. Job Turner now on his mission in the Southern States to the deaf-mutes; but the following, which we received on a postal card from him, shows that it was not he, and that the victim of the storm was named Joe and not Job Turner:—

MACON, GA., March 22nd, 1888.

DEAR SIR.—I see in the papers that *Mr. Joe Turner, of Va.*, was killed by the violent cyclone day before yesterday. I was *sleeping sweetly like a baby in Atlanta then.* Yesterday a telegraph was sent to Atlanta about me, and I telegraphed that I was safe. I am on my way to Florida and Texas. I officiate this P. M.

Yours truly, JOB TURNER.

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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—1y

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Restoration to the true line of an American progressive commercial policy moves slowly along. During President Arthur's administration it was proposed to take up specifically the consideration of closer commercial relations of the United States with the nations of Central and South America, and a Commission which he was authorized to appoint made a report of the condition of our international intercourse as it was and what it might be under a different and liberal policy. A bill has passed the House of Representatives providing for an American Congress to assemble in Washington on the 1st of April, 1889, and it is stated that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will report the bill favorably to that body. This movement is in accord with the Centennial Celebration, to be held at Washington in the following May, of the adoption of our Federal Constitution, and that of 1892 of the discovery of the Continent. The latter is to be the basis of the establishment at the seat of Government of a perpetual international exhibition of the products, resources, &c., of all the Americas. Following are the provisions of the bill referred to:—

First, a code of international laws and a mode of arbitration to settle disputes which may hereafter arise between the several American nations without appeal to arms; second, a uniform system of weights and measures, custom-house regulations and methods for the appraisement of imported goods; third, a uniform code of copyright and patent laws, for the purpose of preventing the sale of fraudulent imitations of American manufactures; fourth, a customs union, under which the peculiar products of each country shall be admitted free into the others; fifth, direct and regular lines of communication between the several nations; sixth, a common silver coin for trade purposes, to be issued and redeemed by each nation in proportion to population.

The President is authorized to appoint twenty-four delegates on the part of the United States to attend the Congress, and each of the other nations may appoint a like number or less, provided that no nation shall have more than one vote in the disposition of the questions.

The total values of the imports of merchandise into the United States during the second, eight and twelve months ended February, 1888, as compared with the similar imports during the corresponding periods of the preceding year were as follows:—

	1888.	1887.
Two months ended February	$125,390,394	$111,168,921
Eight months ended February	476,728,591	445,948,498
Twelve months ended February	723,101,861	670,434,851

The values of exports were as follows:—

	1888.	1887.
Two months ended February	$119,734,828	$126,310,728
Eight months ended February	504,645,808	512,103,875
Twelve months ended February	708,725,144	728,821,600

A ship fitted out at Rockland, Maine, in the most complete fashion, with steam launches, seine-boats, and expert fishermen has sailed from that port for the Alaskan waters, and will engage in catching and canning salmon.—The vessel is 700 tons register.

General Bragg, the recently appointed Minister to the Mexican Government was banqueted in the city of Mexico on the 22nd inst. He delivered a significant speech which was well received, and which, it is presumed, reflects the views of President Cleveland respecting the commercial policy of the United States towards that country. He said that the United States wanted no more territory, and only desired for Mexico a continuation of its liberal government. He said the United States would be opposed to any attempt to overthrow free institutions in Mexico, and intimated that so long as liberalism was predominant in the Mexican administration, only the most cordial good will would be shown this country, but the people of the United States, enjoying free institutions and their resultant blessings, would not look favorably on reactionary movements here. He hoped to see the commercial relations of the two countries grow closer and closer, and good feeling continue to exist between the nations, which must forever be neighbors.

The speech made a profound impression, and was hailed with delight by the liberal administration which is in power. Mexico, be it remembered, is not wholly free from the influences of a reactionary or monarchical party.

It is stated that Mr. Ingalls, the new President of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, is arranging for the erection of a large storage house for flour at Newport News. It will be used to store flour brought over his lines and connections from Milwaukee for foreign shipment. He has contracted with the millers of Milwaukee for this freight, giving them more favorable rates than offered by Northern lines. The Virginia route is the shortest between Milwaukee and the seacoast.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE,
Staunton, Va., Mar. 27th, 1888.

Monday was County Court day and brought in a fair quota of people, but nothing like the number which would have been present had the weather been favorable. It was a cold, rainy, harsh day.

A horse-market, drawing sellers and buyers in much larger numbers than was until lately the case, is now a monthly feature of our trade, which has already reached good-sized proportions and is destined to become one of superior interest. Court-day is the customary, and becomes the formally established time for the operations on Change or the Bazaar as the trade shall determine to style the busy scene around Thornburg's "Big Barn," along "Spring Lane," and at Burke's and Harman's livery establishments. A registry would facilitate enquiries and bring sellers and buyers quicker together as well as furnish correct information of the amount and value of the trade.

The sales were fully one hundred, running from $100, to a few at $200, a-piece. The offerings were larger, a few being left over as not suitable to the demand.

The buyers were principally from Washington and Baltimore, and a few from the interior of Maryland. The city buyers are in the ice-trade principally; a few, however, were wanted for street railroads. The largest number bought will go on the market at Washington.

The exhibit was highly creditable, and would have been larger had the day been favorable. It added to the evident progress Augusta farmers are making in improving their horses as they are also doing in rearing other kinds of live stock, and are especially in that respect to be commended.

With the horses for sale there were other features in the horse line at this season of special interest. In noting this feature full justice may not be done for the wapt of a registry to which a reporter or enquirer can have access.

It having been announced that Messrs. Sterretts and Thompson, of Lexington, would have on exhibition their imported French Stallion "Fleuron," the promise was fulfilled, and a constant stream of people, during the entire day, paid their respects to him at his quarters at Burke's stables. He is a sorrel of good size and faultless form—that is about, in a word, what was said of him. His owners speak of him further in the SPECTATOR through its advertising department.

Mr. Charles Lightner had two or more fine Stallions at Thornburg's. They attracted much attention.

The grain- and hay-trade is without any special interest—indeed may be classed as dull. Wheat has further declined.

There are no changes to note in wholesale-grocery lines.

Butter and eggs are in demand and quotations for both are advanced.

[*The quotations are wholesale, not retail.*

Country Produce.

APPLES—green per bush	90c
" —dried per lb	5c
BACON—country cured.	
Hams	11c
Shoulders	8c
Sides	9c
BEES WAX	20@25c
BUTTER	23c
CORN	58c
CORN MEAL	60c
CHERRIES—dried, ℔ pound	9c
EGGS	14½c
FLOUR—Patent	$5.00@5.25
New process	$5.00
" " extra	$4.50
Country—Family	3.75@4.00
" Extra	$3.60@3 80
" Superfine	$3 25@3 30
FEATHERS	50c
LARD	8c
OATS—shelled	33c
POTATOES—Irish new	65@70c
PEACHES—pealed ℔ pound	15c
" unpealed " "	9c
RYE	53c
TALLOW	4c
VINEGAR—pure apple	16c
WHEAT	86@88c
WOOL—unwashed	28c

Groceries, etc.

BACON—country, see country produce.	
Western, canvas hams	13@14c
" " long clear sides	8½c
" " short clear sides	8½@8¾c
" ", bellies	8½@8¾c
CANDLES—adamantine	8@11½
Paraffine wax	25c
CHEESE	10½@14c
COAL OIL	8¾@13c
COFFEE—Rio	15@18c
Laguayra	15@18c
Java	25@28c
Mocha	30c
COTTON YARNS—℔ bunch	92c
FISH—Mackerel	$12@20.00
Potomac Gross Herring	$4.25@4.50
Lake Herrings, 100 lbs, ½ barrel	$4.25
" " 70 lbs, ½ "	$3.25
" " 50 lbs kits	$1.65
N. C. Clipped Herring	$5.25
FUSE—℔ 1,000 feet	$2.50@$7.00
LARD, Western—Trs., ½ bbs., and tubs	7½@8½
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	$2.00
RICE	5½@7c
SALT	$1.40
SPICES—Pepper, grain	18c
" ground	18c
Allspice, grain	10c
" ground	12c
SUGAR—Cut loaf	8c
Granulated	7¼@7⅜c
Powdered	7⅜c
Standard a	7@7¼c
Off a	6½@6¾c
Yellow	5¾@6¼c
Common	5½@6⅛c
TEA—Black	50@75c
Breakfast	75c
Japan	50c
Gunpowder	40@90c

Hay, Plaster, Lime, &c.

HAY—Timothy, ℔ ton	$13.50@14.00
Mixed	$10.00@11.00