Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1889.

Local Department.

The 105th session of the Baltimore conference M. E. Church South, will commence in Alexandria on next Wednesday, the 13th.

LAPPINE promotes the growth of the hair and eradicates dandruff, manufactured only CHILD & SHELTON.

HARTFORD LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY.—Mr. A. S. Berkeley has been appointed agent at Staunton for the above named life insurance company.

If you are troubled with dandruff or your hair falling out, use "Lappine." CHILD & SHELTON.

DEATH OF A BLIND MUSICIAN.—A dispatch from Boyce, Va., says that Mr. J. M. Allison, the blind musician, who has been living in Frederick county, Va., dropped dead in Millwood on the 27th ulto. He was visiting Mr. W. H. Joliffe at the time. Mr. Joliffe is also blind. Their acquaintance began at the Blind Institute, Staunton, Va., where they were educated before the war.

"Eayer's Almond Cream," an elegant toilet preparation. CHILD & SHELTON.

DEATH OF JAMES N. VOWLES.—Mr. Jas. N. Vowles, a highly respected citizen, of Alleghany county, died at his home, near Covington on Saturday night, Feb. 23d, 1889, at the age of 64 years. Deceased has been a resident of the county for about 40 years and has been held in high esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a large family who have the sympathy of our people.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

A large stock of perfumery and toilet soap at low prices at CHILD'S Drug Store.

DRUGGISTS—NEW FIRM.—Mr. Geo. H. Bell, as heretofore announced, has purchased the interest of Mr. A. G. Robinson, one of the former firm of Hughes and Robinson in the Drug business, and hence the present firm is that of Hughes & Bell.

These gentlemen are so well known that it is unnecessary to say anything in commendation of them. Mr. Hughes has been in that business a long time, and Mr. Bell has had an experience of five years, and is not only proficient in that line of business, but his deportment and pleasant manners and accommodating disposition make him very popular with all his acquaintances and customers.

OFFICERS OF THE W. C. T. U.—On the 28th ult., the following were elected officers of the Woman's Christian Temperane Union:—

President, Mrs. A. H. Fultz; General Vice President, Mrs. D. A. Risk; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Sarah Summerson, Mrs. Jacob Hanger, Mrs. M. E. Perrin, Miss E. Smith; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Goode; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Newton; Treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Powers and the following superintendents of department work: Jail and Almshouse, Mrs. Rob Powers; Flower Mission, Miss Josie Pemberton; Juvenile work, Mrs. A. H. Fultz; Literature, Mrs. J. W. Newton; Committee on Gospel Temperance meetings, Mrs. D. Risk, Mrs. J. W. Newton, Mrs. A. H. Fultz, Miss Annie Goode.

EAYER'S ALMOND CREAM softens and beautifies the skin, prepared by CHILD & SHELTON.

A LARGE EAGLE CAUGHT.—A very large eagle has been seen for several years in the neighborhood of Letcher, Bath county. It has in that time killed several lambs, geese, etc. Last week the eagle caught a goose from the flock of Mrs. Landes, and before it could be scared away, killed the goose. Mrs. Landes at once set a steel trap, placing it beside a stump, the goose was tied on the stump as bait. Soon his eagleship returned for his goose, and in the struggle to tear it loose, was caught by one toe in the trap and immediately dispatched by Mr. J. L. Landes, who sends us a claw of the great bird. The eagle measured seven feet from tip to tip, and his claw would almost make a derrick hook.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

Not Bulk, But Business!"

is the way a Western man put it in expressing to a friend his complete satisfaction in the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. So small and yet so effectual, they bid fair to supplant entirely the old-style pill. An ever-ready remedy for Sick and Bilious Headache, Biliousness, Constipation and all blood disorders. Mild in action, wonderful in effect! Put up in vials, convenient to carry. Their use attended with no discomfort! These sterling merits account for their great popularity.

For chapped hands and rough skin use EAYER'S ALMOND CREAM, prepared only by CHILD & SHELTON.

Two Lucky Dayton Boys Drew $15,000.

Two of the luckiest young men in the city of Dayton are Edmond C. and George C. Albert, who held the one-twentieth of ticket No 56,521, which drew the first capital prize of $200,000 in the November drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. George is eighteen and works at the shops of the National Cash Register company, while Edmond is twenty and at Stoddard's Machine shops. Both are honest and hard working. Their father, Casper Albert, a respectable barber died several years ago, and they have had hard and uphill work, assisting their widowed mother to support the family. They now own their cozy cottage home on Mable street; and the lift the prize they have won has given them places them in comfortable circumstances.—*Dayton* (Ohio) *Democrat*, Dec. 6th.

A good time to paint—while lead and oil are cheap. Examine the stock at CHILDS' Drug Store

Earthquake in Staunton.

Last Tuesday evening, about the time of the arrival of the western bound train, those who were on the streets at that hour heard a deep thud as of distant thunder, followed by a crash such as the people of Staunton never before heard. Cheeks blanched and hearts throbbed tumultuously, cellars and other places of safety were sought, but as the noise continued and no cause became apparent for the unusual occurrance, the people cautiously ventured from their hiding places to determine the cause of the tumult, when, finding that it was caused by the immense fall in the price of new Spring Goods of all kinds arriving daily at Denny & Shirkey's their fears were turned into rejoicing, knowing the fall had come to stay, and as an evidence of this fact give this young firm a call and see for yourselves. "Short profits and quick sales" is the motto of this firm. Don't forget the place. DENNY & SHIRKEY.
22 East Main Street, Staunton, Va.
feb 13—tf

HOW'S THIS!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O
E. H. VAN HOESEN, Cashier, Toledo National Bank, Toledo, O

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.—An evil that threatens women is the bad literature of the day. Ninety-nine novels out of a hundred are injurious. A woman should never read a fictitious story which misrepresents life; she should beware of the sensational book and any book that inflames the mind by its passion. Obscene pictures which are passing through our postoffices every day should be anathematised in every way possible. I am sometimes tempted to believe that amateur photography is a curse.

In modern society one-half of the society men are wondering how in the world they can get the wives of the other half. This may bring smiles to some faces, but it will bring tears to the eyes of others in this city. Clubs and hotels are becoming dens of corruption. I know a man in New Haven whose hand one half of the people of this city would be proud to grasp. Yet I know that this man has two families living in different parts of this country. There may be others of the same sort whom I do not know.—*Rev. A. J. Wheeler*

When will the average citizen stop spending his hard earnings on cigars and tobacco? Give it up. Well, when he finds he can do without tobacco and cigars, but not without Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Salvation Oil, the greatest pain-cure on earth is compounded of the purest drugs. It is guaranteed to contain nothing of a poisonous character. Ca 25 cents.

Deaths.

Mrs. Henrietta F. Stribling, relict of the late eminent Dr. Stribling, died at her residence, in this city, at an early hour on the morning of the 28th ultimo, in the 76th year of her age. She was one of the oldest members of Trinity Episcopal Church. Whilst her physical strenth was not sufficient for the outward work of the long christian life she adorned, her faith and zeal were blessed in the experience and assurances of the happiness which awaits the rest for the saints. The funeral service was from the church on the afternoon of the 1st inst.—Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, Rector.

Mr. George F. Elick, who, from early manhood, had been a highly respected citizen of Staunton, and by his quiet and retiring and uniform life seemed to have almost an assurance of many years yet to live, died suddenly shortly after 7 o'clock p. m. on the evening of the 27th ult.mo. He was at his store as usual on the day of his death. About noon he was suffering with a violent pain in his left arm and shoulder. Afterward the pain was transferred to his left side and region of the heart. Applying to Dr. A. M Henkel, one-eighth of a grain of morphia was inserted into his arm, which gave him temporary relief. He returned to his home about 6 p. m., ate his supper and immediately retired. His wife left him for a few minutes, but immediately returned, and found that he was dead. He died from neuralgia of the heart.

He was a native of Woodstock, Va., and, as stated, came to Staunton when young. He served through the war as a member of the West Augusta Guards. Before and afterwards he conducted the saddle and harness business. He had a fine custom and accumulated a handsome competency. He was in the fifty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Elick leaves a wife but no children.

The funeral services were at his late residence on the afternoon of the 1st inst., Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, of Trinity Episcal Church, officiating.

THE COUNTY JAIL—THE JAILOR AND SHERIFF SPECK.—It is again necessary to refer to the proceedings which have taken place in the County Court relating to the jail and its keepers.

The report of the examining committee pronounced the premises in bad order. The court thereupon made a rule against the Sheriff who under the law is jailor, to show the court why he should not be fined, &c. The Sheriff, as is usual, employed a keeper, taking from him bond for the correct discharge of the duties of jailor. In this case the jailor so taking charge was Logan Turner. He says that during his long sickness and confinement to his room the premises became out of order. The Sheriff, as soon as he could do so, properly relieved Mr. Turner, and has placed the jail in the hands of another jailor, Milton Bucher, and the rule has been dismissed.

Sheriff Speck, as is known to the entire county, is a careful, methodical officer, and should not suffer in public estimation as is evidenced by the fact that the rule has been dismissed, and the long and painful affliction of Mr. Turner should, to a proper extent, relieve him of the change of wilful neglect of his duties.

EMMA JUCH.—Our city was more than pleased Monday evening with the skilfully rendered music of the Emma Juch concert company. Miss Juch was well supported. Miss Helene Von Doenhoff, contralto; Mr Wm. J. Lavin tenor; Mr. Jos. Lynde, baritone assisted as vocalists; while Miss Aus Der Ohe with the piano, and Mr. Victor Herbert on the violoncello made the company complete. As far as our judgment goes, the company is the best that has ever visited Staunton. Each performer in it is an artist of power.

Miss Juch is, and has been for some years, one of the first vocalists on the American stage. She has been under the management of Theodore Thomas, and has fairly shared the highest honors of the stage in such company as Nilsson, Patti, and Materna. Her voice has a strength, a sympathy, and a silvery clearness that will enrapture any audience. She impersonated Marguerite in Gounod's Goethe's Faust.

Mr. Lavin, as Faust, came up to the most extravagant expectations of all. Mr. Lynde, as Mephistopheles, and Miss Von Doenhoff, in the double role of Siebel and Martha attracted much attention to their beautiful and graceful renderings.

The instrumental parts were rendered with as much grace and harmony as it has ever been our lot to see. Miss Aur Der Ohe made us forget our surroundings by her exquisite rendering of the great composers. She may well be called a pupil of the great Liszt. Mr. Herbert is a musician of great reputation and has left many warm admirers in our midst. Altogether, the concert was one of the best that tact and talent could bring upon the stage, and our people may well congratulate themselves at their good fortune in hearing such artists.

Personal.

Messrs. Chas. K. Hoge and A. G. Robinson have been appointed to clerkships at the National Valley Bank, and entered upon their duties.

At his saw-mill at Daniel M. Hale's on the 27th of Feb., Samuel C. Neff, of Long Glade, had his left leg broken.

Mr. Ad. W. Cadwell, the well known and tasty job printer, is now located at the SPECTATOR job office.—*Augusta Argus*

Mr. Wm. M. Blackley succeeds Mr. Hoge in the office of the City Treasurer, where also Mr. Harry Haines is now clerking.

The marriage of Mr. J. Oakley Hudson, of Charlottesville, and Miss Lula H. Parker, of this city, will take place to-morrow, in the M. E. Church, South.

The oldest citizen of Staunton, the respected and venerable Geo. M. Cochran, senior, is now in his 92d year—Thursday last being the 91st anniversary of his birth. He is feeble in body but his mental faculties are still vigorous.

A. H. Shepherd, son of Capt. Sam. Shepherd, United States Revenue Collecter, has been selected as the Clerk of Anniston (Ala.) City Court, a new tribunal.

Mrs. Governor Lee, of Virginia, and Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, were among the guests at a lunch given by Mrs. Senator Hearst, of California, in Washington, last Friday.

General George B. Williams, of Indiana, has been decorated by the Emperor of Japan with the order of the Rising Sun. General Williams was at one time United States minister to Japan, and later organized a financial system for that country.

Hon. W. L. Wilson, of W. Va., will deliver the graduating address before the Virginia Medical College, at Richmond, on the evening of April 1st.

Rev. L. H. Paul has been on a visit to Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., where he was pastor before being called to Mossy Creek Church, in this county. He was very warmly greeted by the members of his former congregations in that county. The "Mountain News" of that place says: "He was beloved by everyone while with us and his absence but intensifies the feeling."

The venerable Rev. A. A. Eskridge, who became an itinerant minister 59 years ago, and is now the oldest member of the Baltimore Conference M. E Church South, was 91 years old on Friday last, the 1st instant. His physical and mental faculties are wonderfully preserved for one in his advanced age. He is blessed with good health, and, when the weather permits, walks out on the streets, and enjoys conversation with his numerous friends.

THE WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNORSHIP.—To satisfy several inquiries on the subject, we state that on the 4th of March Gen. Goff will take the oath of office as Governor of West Virginia, and will then demand the possession of the office. This demand will be resisted by Gov. Wilson, who claims that under the circumstances and the law it is his duty to hold over until the contest between Gen. Goff and Judge Fleming is decided. We presume that Gen. Goff will then apply to the Circuit Court of Kanawha County for a writ of *quo warranto*, requiring Gov. Wilson to show by what authority he holds the office. The decision of the Circuit Court will be at once appealed from, and the Court of Appeals will then decide the matter.—*Charleston* (*W. Va.*) *Gazette.*

ELECTORAL BOARD OF STAUNTON.—At a meeting of the Electoral Board of Staunton on last Thursday, Geo. M. Harrison was elected a member in the place of J. A. Cochran, dec'd. The following officers of election were appointed:—

1st Ward—W. L. Olivier, E. Staples and J. B. Coiiell, Judges; Jas. A. Hutcheson, Registrar; 2d Ward—W. H. H. Lynn, A. T. Gilkeson and Chas. Prufer, Judges; Taylor Bissell, Registrar. The following constitute the returning board: W. L. Olivier, E. Staples, W. H. H. Lynn, A. T. Gilkeson, and Chas. Prufer.

Stuart's Draft News.

[Correspondence of the SPECTATOR.]

March 4, '89.

A telegram was received several days ago stating the illness of Miss Mary Forror who is visiting her brother in Herrington, Kansas. Her recovery is doubtful. Her sister, Miss Kate Forror near this place, is also quite ill.

Mrs. J. T. Maupin is very ill and from last report was no better.

Harry Black who left here several weeks ago, returned last Saturday. Harry is back on business for one of the large manufactoring establishments in Florence, Alabama, where he expects to locate permantly in a short time.

L. P. Ott, formerly merchant at this place and now of Harrisonburg, Va., is here on a visit.

An old colored man in our part of the county who has always been a warm Democrat was told by one of the leading Republicans last fall during the champaign that if he would vote for Harrison and Morton and Yost he would pay his car fare to the inauguration on March 4th provided Harrison was elected (which was the case.) The old darkey has been making big preparations to go to the capital city, and several days ago went to his republican friend told him he was ready to go and to get his ticket, when the republican told him he could go to the d—l for all he cared, that he had his vote and elected his man, and the old man could go to the d—l for his ticket.

Uncle Tom says he is a democrat from this day nence and that no republican can buy his vote again.

An oyster supper will be given in the storehouse formerly occupied by Mr. L. P. Ott for the benefit of Calvary Chapel on March 7th. All are invited to come with a full purse and buy largely.

Miss Minnie Houser, of Greenville, is visiting Mrs. Alexander.

We are still having plenty of rain and mud. The county roads are bottomless. BOY.

City Council.

The Council was in regular session last night, all the members present except Messrs. Craig and Summerson, President Berkeley in the chair.

Omitting matters not of general importance, the paid fire department was again considered on Mr. McQuaide's motion to reject the petition of the Augusta Fire Company asking a reconsideration of the purpose of the Council to establish a paid department. The motion to reject was unanimously adopted.

The obstruction of streets and side walks as now practiced was to some extent authorized by an ordinance. Mr. Butts was of that opinion, and caused to be read a communication to himself of the City Attorney sustaining that view of the question, and on his motion the Ordinance Sec 27 of Ch XLIV was repealed.

This now brings the privilege of extended signs across the space above the pavements and placing boxes, barrels, &c., on the pavement under the control of the Mayor.

Mr. McQuaide called up the report of the Special Committee on establishing a paid fire department [which was published some weeks since] and, on Mr. Bell's motion, considered by sections. It was adopted as reported by the Committee with a few alterations and then unanimously agreed to. The matter, therefore, concerning the fire department is concluded.

The Special Committee was continued and directed to proceed with all necessary measures to put it in operation.

William Irvi g, long a faithful man in the service of the city whose hand was disabled two months since by the rock-crusher, petitioned for some relief for his necessities during disability. The Finance committee were instructed to take action in his case.

On motion of Mr. Armentrout, the hour of meeting for the future was changed to 8 P. M.

The chief of Police reported $81 collected for fines and costs from offenders during the month of February.

The City Treasurer's report showed on hand Feb 1st	$3,578 86
Receipts for "	2 704 06
	6,282 92
Disbursement	$5,956 11
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	6,282 92

The J. C. Duff Comic Opera Company, from the Standard Theatre, New York, will appear at the Opera House in a grand spectacular production of opera comique, next Monday, March 11th, in Von Suppe's charming opera comique, "A Trip to Africa."

"A Trip to Africa," after its distinct New York success, with a co. that contains such a grand quartet as Laura Bellini Willett Seaman, Agnes Stone and Harry Brown, will be sure of a large welcoming audience in "A Trip to Africa," as it is put on the stage by the Duff Comic Company. It is very handsomely mounted and costumed. The Oriental dresses of the chorus are rich in harmonious color, choruses of charming dance music, sung in good time and tune, and scenery upon which both artistic taste and ingenuity have been expended, all contribute to charm the senses with surprise or pleasure and to please all tastes. In the second act the scene is laid in the region known as the "Banks of the Nile." The audience looks due south up that interesting river as far as the Albert Nyanza, over which a full moon is rising. Presently, upon the order of Titania Fonfani, who is most amply personated by Miss. Laura Bellini, the water begins to rise. Gradually the stream swells into its banks, and by the time the chorus turns to inspect its work it has become the brimming river indeed. It is really a very nice piece of stage effect, and it took by surprise as keen an old stager in theatrical management as ever deserved the thanks of an audience. "Bless my soul," said he, as he had recourse to the glasses he consents to wear only in private, "that river seems to be widening!" And so it certainly was. The piece is full of life because Harry Brown is in it; of beauty and melody because Laura Bellini, in spite of all attempts to make herself look sweet seventeen, is all there; of chic and comedy because the talented Miss Agnes Stone has a scene and a song all to herself in the second act. Willett Seaman looks and sings magnificently, as we know all people on the "Bank of the Nile" usually do when they are not playing tragedy, and he dresses gorgeously. The sale of seats is now open at Olivier's Book Store.

MENU AT THE INAUGURATION BALL.—The following was the menu at Harrison's Inauguration Ball:—

Blue Points on Ice.
Steamed Oysters. Oysters a la Poulette.
Chicken Croquettes. Sweetbreads,
Pate a la Reine.
Terrapin, Philadelphia.
COLD.
Assorted Roll Sandwiches.
Mayonnaise of Chicken. Lobster Salad.
Cold Tongue en B[illegible]
Cold Ham a la Montmorency.
Boned Turkey a la American[illegible]
Breast of Quail a la Cicero[illegible]
Pate de Fois Gras a la Harrison.
Terrine of Game a la Morton.
SWEETS.
Assorted Ice Cream. Orange Water Ice:
Roman Punch.
Pyramid of Nougat Renaissance.
Bonbons Republican.
Pavilion Rustic. Assorted Fancy Cakes.
Fruits, Desserts, Coffee.

POLLY AS A REFORMER.—Last summer there was a parrot on Third avenue that used to stay out of doors the greater part of the day. In the next house was a scolding woman. She used to scold every minute, either her husband, or the children, or the cat, and soon the parrot began to mimic her. Between the two, the neighbors nearly went distracted. But pretty soon the woman stopped. She could hear the parrot mocking her. Cries of "Stop your noise, Shut up, Mind me, sir! I'll strap you," made the air vocal, but as soon as Polly found out that she was having the fun all to herself she stopped, too. Now, not a word of scolding is heard in the Third street house, and Polly sings and whistles her old time ditties. She is looked upon as an apostle of peace by the neighbors.—*Detroit Free Press.*

She scolds, and frets,
She's full of pets,
She's rarely kind and tender;
The thorn of life
Is a fretful wife—
I wonder what will mend her?

Try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Ten to one, your wife is cross and fretful because she is sick and suffering, and cannot control her nervousness when things go wrong. Make a healthy woman of her and the chances are you will make a cheerful and pleasant one. "Favorite Prescription" is the only remedy for woman's peculiar ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. See guarantee on bottle wrapper. Large bottles, $1. Six for $5.

WASHINGTON CITY.

[Correspondence of the SPECTATOR.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3, 1889.

This being inaugural on week all other topics become insignificant and I am very sorry that this letter, in order to reach you in time has to be written before the great pageant takes place. To those who are familiar with the looks of Washington, it presents a strange spectacle now. Everything seems changed, every one seems to be a stranger and always in a hurry. The buildings along the line of march are completely hidden beneath a mass of bunting and private viewing stands. Every available foot of ground has been utilized to build stands upon, and the erection of private stands has been carried on to a greater extent than ever before. These stands are useful, not ornamental, they are simply hideous in appearance, and destroy all the beauty of Washington architecture, but they utilize the air for the accommodation of spectators, and to that extent relieve the crowded pavements. They are thus a benefit, not a disadvantage, even to that part of the public which cannot afford to occupy them. The decorations of the various public buildings are very fine, those of the War, State and Navy Departments being probably the finest. President-elect Harrison has been the lion of the week, and he seems to have carried everything by storm by his quiet, unassuming manners. He has been beset by friends and would be friends from every quarter, but this is nothing compared with what is in store for him after the 4th.

The numerous visitors have been eager to catch a premature glimpse of the ball room; many have succeeded, many have not but they will be given a chance after the affair is over.

With about fifty brass bands about town thumping and blowing for all they are worth, no one here can complain of not having music enough. Troops and organizations are arriving by every train and the civic portion looks as though it might be snowed under. With the great number of sight-seers, come the usual numbers of fakirs with every sort of contrivance to sell the people, and the pickpocket has not forgotten to be present, and if they prove as successful as they did last time they will relieve a number of persons of their valuables and give them something to remember, by taking something away. To protect against these crooks, four hundred extra policemen have been commissioned, but these to a great extent consider themselves as mere ornaments and are usually more in the way than otherwise. They present an amusing sight as they walk down the street with an assumed air of dignity that would do credit to a justice, attempting to twirl their baton like the old regulars, but they need no tickets to tell they are "greenies."

A handsome dinner was given last week to Gen. Beaver, the grand marshal of the inaugural parade, by the members of the executive committee. Warriors of both the north and the south were gathered around this festive board and the showing of the hearty good feeling existing now between the men who fought each other, formed a pleasant feature of the evening.

Mr. Morton has also arrived but has not been given the same amount of attention as Mr. Harrison.

Congress, though working as hard as possible will not be able to dispose of all the bills before it. Every night last week one House or the other was in session, and the President has called an extra session of the Senate for March 4th in order to swear in the Vice President. The members certainly cannot complain about small audiences this week, for on account of the strangers the galleries and corridors have been packed to overflowing, and the constant buzz and bustle has at times interfered with the even flow of legislation. Mills and Randall are doing the great mouse and cat act both sitting at their desks silently watching each other, waiting for a movement, and neither willing to make it.

After Monday all cabinet rumor and guessing will cease and what will the gossips do then, poor things?

When Harrison came to Washington he brought with him all the rumors regarding the political family, and it is difficult to pass through the hotel lobbies without gathering some information upon the subject.

A Remarkable School.

In September, 1883, the Shenandoah Normal College was organized. It is a private school, and without the aid of church organizations or any assistance from the state, the enrollment has never been less than one hundred. This year the attendance will exceed that of any preceding year. Some of the reasons for the success of the school are: The Faculty is composed of experienced and Normal trained teachers; students can enter at any time and select their own studies; the instruction is by the most approved normal methods and no one is held back on account of the idleness of others; the school having no endowment fund depends entirely upon the merit of the work done for success; the members of the Faculty are personally interested in the success of each student, while the instruction is of the best, the expenses are so low that it places a practical education within reach of all; there are special classes for teachers and those desiring a business education.

Terms of the Normal begin March 26th, June 4th and July 9th. No vacation until August 24. Students can enter at any time and find classes to suit them. Tuition Ten Dollars per term of ten weeks.

Board with room in private family $2.50 per week. Young men can secure good board in clubs at $2.00 per week. $49 00 in advance will pay for tuition, board and room rent for fifteen weeks. There are classes in all. No extra charge for vocal music, elocution and bookkeeping.

The best instruction in instrumental music at reasonable rates. Students furnishing their own instruments receive instruction in the Normal Cornet Band free of charge.

Honest, industrious young persons can make arrangements to attend the Normal during the Summer and pay part of their expenses afterwards. Tuition will be refunded to any one who is not pleased with the school. For full particulars address,

G. W. HOENSHEL, Principal,
mr 6—2t Harrisonburg, Va.

Prof. Hurlburt's troupe of Horses and Dogs are trained to a high degree of proficiency in drills, marches and other interesting performances. The horses are handsome, thoroughbred animals. The cost black horse *Crown Prince* is probably the most intelligent and best trained equine ever seen here. He seems to understand the conversation addressed to him by the Professor, answering questions by nodding and shaking his head. He also indicated the left and right side by turning his head in either direction. One of the best acts done by this wonderful horse was in this wise: Prof. Hurlburt tied his handkerchief around the left fore and hind legs of the animal and he untied it with ease. The horse then hung the handkerchief on a rope that is stretched across the stage. "Now you won't forget where you left the handkerchief, will you?" asked the Professor. The horse shook his head—meaning no. The performance went on for some time, when the Professor wanted his handkerchief to wipe the horse's nose and mouth. He began to search his pockets for it without success, and while he was thus engaged *Crown Prince* went to the line, took the handkerchief off and carried it to his master. His troupe of Dogs did excellent work in the way of riding horses, leaping, etc. His two Clown Dogs are very funny and keep the audience in an almost constant roar of laughter.—*N. Y. Journal.*

A Cigarmaker's Luck.

HE WINS A PRIZE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY.

A short time ago Theodore W. Fricke, a young cigarmaker, doing business at 244 South Broadway, purchased one-twentieth of ticket No. 40,789 in the Louisiana State Lottery. That ticket drew the second capital prize of $100,000 on January 15, and one day last week Mr Fricke received a check on the New Orleans National Bank for $5,000. Mr. Fricke was seen yesterday and seemed to bear his good fortune with becoming modesty. He said he received the check last Thursday evening through the money-order department of Adams Express company. He has not yet decided what to invest it in. His little cigar store has been thronged for several days with friends inquiring the best number to play on and other details. Mr. Fricke has been investing in Louisiana State Lottery tickets for six years, and in all that time the money expended has not exceeded the sum of $60, for which $5,000 in hard cash is a good return.—*Baltimore* (Md.) *Herald*, Jan. 28.

MRS. CLEVELAND NOT GOING TO DO LITERARY WORK.—Mrs. Cleveland received the representative of this paper in the Red Parlor Saturday afternoon.

"It has been rumored," said the reporter, "that you are about to write a book giving your White House experiences."

"Oh, dear no! I never thought of such a thing. It would hardly be in good taste; and then I am not literary, and do not aspire to be. I have had a pleasant and happy life in the White House, but that is no excuse for 'rushing into print'—isn't that what you journalists say? I have always had a fondness for reading, and, for a busy woman, read much, but I have not the remotest idea of devoting myself to literature or literary pursuits, either now or at any future time.—*Washington Post.*

Mrs. Cleveland and the Conductor.

HOW SHE MADE A RAILROAD MAN HAPPY BY SENDING HIM SOME OF HER WEDDING CAKE.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

As the excellent lady, whose bright presence has been such a charm in the White House, is now about to retire therefrom, with the regrets of all, who having met, have admired and esteemed her, every incident respecting her may still be of interest to the people. A few weeks since, in a private interview with the President, I said to him: "At some time I should like a presentation to Mrs. Cleveland, for I have a lovely story to tell her respecting herself."

"Well," he replied, "if the story is about herself, then it must indeed be a very lovely one." Subsequently, at Secretary Whitney's, I was introduced to the lady, who cordially granted me the privilege of an interview at the mansion for telling her the story. It was this! I give it as I told it to her:

"In the June after your marriage, while waiting at Syracuse for a train. I saw a conductor of the Lehigh Valley road sit down on a truck beside a brakeman, to whom he said: "Do you want to see something nice I have here?" taking out of his pocket a little box, narrow and long, covered with silken tissue paper, and tied with satin ribbon, 'some wedding cake sent to me personally by Mrs Cleveland.'

"'Oh, pshaw,' said the brakeman, 'that's too thin. You can't gum me in that way.'

"'But,' replied the conductor, 'it is right down true. I used to attend upon Miss Folsom when on our road going to Wells college, at Aurora; and so, remembering this, she has sent me, you see, this piece of her wedding cake. Now don't you think she is a very kind lady,' and here the moisture came to his eyes, 'so to think of a poor obscure conductor among all her friends.'

"But the brakeman was unbelieving, and fellows started the story that it was all a put-up job.

"Now, Mrs. Cleveland," I asked, "is this story true?"

"'Oh, yes,' she said. 'I sent him the cake. What was his name? I remember now, it was Carey. He was indeed always very kind and attentive to me. From his home in Ithaca he wrote, saying that the boys all made fun of him as trying to impose on them; and so he begged that I would write a letter to him confirming his story. I did this and he has the letter now.'"

Perhaps other great ladies of the land are as kindly considerate as this one of the lovely and obscure, but the record thereof is not given. CARLOS BUCCLEECH.

VITAL STATISTICS OF NEW YORK—Forty thousand one hundred and forty-two deaths in 1888.

Consumption led the death list, 5,215 persons having succumbed to that fearful disease.

Pneumonia followed with 4,247 victims.

There were picked up in the streets of the city 167 foundlings.

Two hundred and thirty-three persons took their own lives.

Of these 80 perished by poison.

The bullet carried off 75.

The knife or razor was chosen by twenty four of the suicides.

The rope was selected by thirty-one of the self-slayers.

The homicides for the year aggregated fifty-three.

Two persons suffered death on the gallows.

The firemen were called upon to battle with 3,202 fires, which did damage aggregating $1,566,401.

A large number of immigrants came to this country in 1888.

The total was 383,595.

SUICIDE OF PIGGOTT.—Piggott, the author of the forged letters furnished the London *Times* in reference to Parnell, fled from England to Madrid, Spain, where he committed suicide by shooting himself last Friday. A despatch from London Saturday says:—

"His identity has been fully established by the officials of the British embassy. Thursday the interpreter showed Piggot the sights of Madrid. On that day Piggott sent a telegram addressed "Ponsonby" to the office in London of Mr. Soames, the Times's solicitor. This telegram announced his safe arrival in Madrid and gave his address. It is inferred that the English Government learned from this telegram that Piggott was in Madrid. It is reported that the note-book, containing the addresses of a number of persons in Ireland, was found on his body. Piggott's suicide has caused a profound sensation throughout England. Witnesses have started from Paris for Madrid for the purpose of formally identifying the body. The Madrid police authorities intend to hold the effects of the suicide pending an order from the Court relative to their disposal.

It is learned this afternoon that the telegram Piggott sent from Madrid on Thursday to Soames's office, in this city, was addressed to Shannon, the Times's Dublin solicitor, not to "Ponsonby," as at first reported. On receipt of the telegram Soames notified the police of the whereabouts of Piggot. The telegram read as follows:

"Please ask Mr. 'S' to send me what you promised. Write.

"ROLAND PONSONBY.
"Hotel de Ambassaduers, Madrid."

UNHEALTHY SCHOOL ROOMS.—Those of us who remember that every disease of our childhood days was caught by attending school, and those whose children are now subject to similar catching business will rejoice at the discussion before the American Medical association of a paper on "The School Room as a Factor in the Production of Disease." The author of the paper states that in Switzerland, school houses are built on the tops of small hills, but in America they are often dumped in spots good for nothing else. School houses, he insists, should invariably be built in parks. This is right, both as to cities and country. Surely we can afford ground enough and money enough to secure the lives, health, comfort and beautiful development of our children. In every part of the country wealthy citizens should at once take this matter in hand. Bear in mind that our schools breed cholera, consumption, eye affections, etc.—*St Louis Globe Democrat.*

A REUNION AFTER FORTY YEARS' SEPARATION.—Wm. M. Dent, C. P. Dent, J. O. Dent, Harvey Dent and Pleasant Dent met last Friday at the home of Pleasant Dent, near Spring Hill, Kanawha county, and celebrated a reunion. These five brothers are the only ones now alive out of eleven boys, all of whom were natives of Virginia, and who separated Feb'y 8, 1849—forty years ago—to seek their fortunes. There were originally eighteen children—seven of whom were girls—all born to one mother. The father and seven sons, brave soldiers, were in the Confederate army, and were engaged in the battle at Carnafix Ferry, on Gauley river. The reunion, after two generations, is one of the most pleasant events of the lives of these five venerable gentlemen.—*Charleston Gazette.*

SAVED MRS. HARRISON'S DRESS.—An Indianapolis special says: Robert Riley, a messenger boy employed in the dry goods house of L. S. Ayres & Co., of this city, had a desperate struggle with a burly negro this evening in an attempt to save one of Mrs. Harrison's dresses. The dress, a fine silk pattern, was packed in a large box and given to the boy to deliver. It was not finished until late in the evening and it was 7 o'clock before he reached the corner of First and Delaware streets on his way to the General's residence.

Just as he turned the corner a negro man made a grab for the box and jerked it out of the lad's hands. The latter was taken by surprise, but seized the negro's coat and held on to him, screaming at the top of his voice as the negro dragged him along. He managed to get hold of the box again, and continued his screaming until the negro released his hold upon the treasure and ran. The lad did not mention his experience at the Harrison residence, and the coming mistress of the White House does not know how near a sneak-thief came to getting possession of one of her dresses.

If your hens don't lay try the "Imperial Egg Food" to be had at CHILD'S Drug Store.

An old Slave's Precious Secret.

HE KNEW OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SILVER MINE AND BEQUEATHED HIS SECRET TO HIS SON.

Moorefield, W. Va., February 24.—Silver mining upon an extensive scale is to be begun in the mountains near here as soon as the weather will permit. In connection with the beginning of this industry there is an interesting and somewhat unusual story. Almost from the period of the first settlement of the country there has been a popular belief that a silver mine of considerable richness existed somewhere in the middle mountains, but although searching parties have tramped over almost every foot of the territory, beginning their operations long before the war, no trace of the vein was ever found by white men. About 1858, however, a slave named Gaiter accidentally found the silver-bearing ledge, and took the story to his master, with the offer to reveal the location if he could be assured of the freedom of himself, wife and son. The master, thinking it was only a ruse on the part of the colored man to get a way to the North, refused to take any stock in the alleged discovery, and the John Brown raid, together with the outbreak of the war, caused the silver legend to be completely lost sight of. Gaiter and his family moved to Mount Pleasant, Penn., where he died a few years ago, but not before he had confided his secret to his son Henry. Henry made a number of trips to the secret mine and secured a considerable quantity of the metal. A short time ago he visited this place and entered into negotiations with local capitalists. They were so impressed with the story that they consented to purchase a large tract of wild land in the mountains a few miles south of the town. As soon as that was accomplished they entered into an agreement with Gaiter to give him one-fourth of the net proceeds of the mine. This Gaiter assented to, and the old slave's son is now here overseeing the preparation of the papers. The company formed has ample backing, and active operations will be begun as soon as the agreements are completed and signed. Gaiter has with him a silver brick and a number of specimens of ore taken from the mine, and the rock is rated at an exceptional richness. The affair has created much excitement since it became public.

A Southern Romance.

AN ALABAMIAN'S SEPARATION FROM HIS WIFE—EACH MARRIES AGAIN.

F. M. Cooper, a farmer, who lived in Shelby county, Ala., at the breaking out of the war, has turned up, after an absence of twenty-five years, to find his wife married again and the mother of five children by her last husband. She has been as true to her first love, however, as Cooper, as he has a second wife in Texas, where he has been living for twenty years. When the war broke out Cooper was living on his farm, a few miles south of Calera, in Shelby county. Mr. Cooper was then a young man, and had been married only five or six years. He had two children—a son and daughter. Cooper joined a company and went to the front. A short time after Mr. Cooper went to the war a second son was born. Only once did Cooper obtain a furlough and visit his family. His second son was then an infant. After a few days with his family Cooper returned to the front, and soon after the bloody battle of Franklin, Tenn., his wife heard that he had been killed. Nothing more was heard of