Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1889.

Local Department.

"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING."—The scriptural injunction is to "owe no man anything," and we would respectfully, but earnestly, request those who "owe anything" to the *Spectator* for subscription, advertising, or Job-work to obey St. Paul's wise injunction, to "owe no man anything, but to love one another." The dates printed on their papers will enable subscribers to know how much they are owing on subscription account, as they show to what time payment has been made. The dates printed do not indicate the time *at* which payments were made, but the time *to* which their payments paid their subscriptions.

Their receipts show both the time of payment and the time to which their subscriptions are paid.

Tourists

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

PROTRACTED MEETING IN MONTEREY.—Rev. J. F. Latimer, Ph. D, D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, Prince Edward county, Va., will begin protracted services in the Presbyterian church in Monterey, Va., Thursday, to-morrow May 23, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Two services per day on succeeding days.

The Stonewall Brigade Band serenaded the Staunton Female Seminary last Thursday night.

Rev. Jno. H. Taylor will preach at Christian Creek school-house on the 4th Sunday evening, May 26th, at 4 p. m.

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In the storm of Saturday night, the 11th instant, Mr. Samuel Craig, of Red Mills, had two horses killed by lightning.

DROWNED.—On last Saturday, Robert Shelton, (colored), son of Robert Shelton, of this city, was drowned at Clifton Forge, Alleghany county, whilst bathing in Jackson's River.

Boys, your sweethearts want you to take them to Child & Shelton for cool and delicious soda, and a Maritana Cigar for yourself.

Maritana Cigar is a free smoke.

VIRGINIA FEMALE INSTITUTE.—In the Episcopal Council of Virginia in Lynchburg last Friday, the trustees of the Virginia Female Institute reported satisfactory condition of the school under the management of Mrs. Stewart, and referred feelingly to the death of Judge H. W. Sheffy, late one of their number.

MEETING OF THE V. M. I.—A meeting of the V. M. I. boys of Staunton, Augusta, and adjacent counties will be held in the council chamber room in the Opera-house next Monday, the 27th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization, and it is hoped that all who can will be present.

A Baseball Man Has a Victory.

Ralph Staples, first baseman for the Greenstockings, and Maude Keen, a dining room girl at the Reynolds House, boughta twentieth ticket in the Louisiana State Lottery in partnership, and at last Tuesday's drawing got $7,500 each.—*South Bend* (Ind.) *Weekly Times*, April 19.

DR. T. H. KELLAM, Dentist, late of Baltimore, Md., Office No. 117 East Main Street, opposite the Opera House, Staunton, Va.

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The annual concert at the D., D. & B. Institution, will take place on Tuesday, June 11th, at 8 P. M., and the closing exercises on the following morning at 10 o'clock.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a Strawberry Festival Monday (Court-day) May 27, from 11 A. M., to 3 P. M., and from 7 to 11 P. M., in the O'Connor building, on Augusta St., below New.

Maritana Cigar is hand-made.

THE BETHEL COMMITTEE.—The building committee of Bethel church was enlarged after it was originally constituted, by the name of Mr. Wm. Mish. In the report of the dedicatory services last week, his name was omitted, because the reporter was not then informed that he had been added to the committee. Mr. Mish was a valuable member of that body.

VALLEY SEMINARY AT WAYNESBORO.—The commencement exercises of the Valley Seminary will take place on May 29th and 30th inst. The annual address will be delivered on evening of the 30th by Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., of Union Seminary.

Hon. H. St. George Tucker will be present and assist in the exercises.

FIRE AND ROBBERY.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock last Friday morning the stable of Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart on the premises of the Virginia Female Institute was burned. The loss was small.

About the same time the office of the Staunton Gas Company was robbed of about $87, and the grocery store of Mr. J. N. Anderson was robbed of a small amount of money and a piece of meat. The thief was disappointed as the money was not where he expected.

Maritana Cigar is mild as a Cigarette.

BASEBALL AT LEXINGTON.—On last Saturday two games of baseball were played at Lexington between the boys of the University of Virginia and those of the V. M. I. and Washington & Lee University. The boys of the University of Virginia won both games easily—the score in the first being 19 to 5, and in the second 18 to 5.

The Lexington *Gazette* says:—

"Both sides did some excellent work in the field and at the bat, and, alike, had costly errors charged against them.

Taken all together the two games were the most interesting that have been played here for years.

The enthusiasm, music and many pretty young ladies, in bright costumes, made both occasions of more than ordinary interest, and all came away delighted with the sport."

Maritana Cigar is long Havana filler.

LITERARY NOTE FROM THE CENTURY CO.—The June number of *The Century Magazine* will contain an appreciative paper by Margaret J. Preston, the Southern poetess, on "General Lee After the War." She says, "Nothing could exceed the veneration and love, the trust and absolute loyalty, which people and soldiery alike had manifested towards him throughout the struggle. But it was after the war had closed that the affection of the people seemed more than ever a consecrated one." The writer lived near General Lee from 1865 until his death in 1870, and she relates many interesting and heretofore unpublished anecdotes of his life during that period.

WITH THE ROSES comes "Peterson," as fresh as the first blossoms of the month. The steel-engraving, and the full-page wood-illustration is each a gem in its way. The double fashion-plate presents a charming array of the latest summer costumes; and there are, besides numerous and various patterns for dress and needlework. The opening story, "Dick Morton's Messenger," is a capital sketch and fitly illustrated. Indeed the entire literary contents merit unqualified praise. Miss Elisabeth Scovil, Superintendent of the Newport Hospital, contributes one of her invaluable "Talks by a Trained Nurse," and Mrs. Lucy H. Hooper a letter full of the freshest Parisian fashion-gossip. Terms: Two Dollars a year. Address PETERSON'S MAGAZINE, Philadelphia, Pa.

GRADUATES OF THE AUGUSTA FEMALE SEMINARY.—The following are the graduates of the past session, now closing, of the Augusta Female Seminary, of which Miss Mary Julia Baldwin is the accomplished Principal:—

Literary Department—Partial graduate, Miss Minnie Bickle of Staunton.

Conservatory of Music—Graduates.—Misses Annie De Fras Child and Carrie Tipping of Staunton; Irma Jeter and Mary Hudson of Ark., Annie Creighton Wallace of S. C. Post Graduate—Janet Weimer Meetze of Va.

APPOINTMENTS OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—The State Board of Education, composed of Gov. Lee, Attorney-General Ayres, and State Superentendent Dr. Buchanan, have made the appointments of city and county Superintendents for the next term of 4 years. But few changes were made. Among the appointments are the following:—

W. W. Robertson, for Staunton; C. T. Jordan, for Augusta; Rev. S. F. Chapman for Alleghany, in place of Dr. Geo. B. McCorkle resigned; Geo. W. Simpson, for Bath; O. P. Chew, for Highland; J. Sidney Saville, for Rockbridge, and Geo. H. Hulvey, for Rockingham.

Shoe Factory.

As our readers are aware an effort has been made in the past two weeks to establish a shoe factory in this place by Mr. Sickles, of Pa. A meeting to advance the move was held last Monday night in the Wilkes building, which was very well attended by the citizens, notwithstanding the prevailing rain. At this meeting Mr. Isaac Witz was called to the chair, and Mr. Sickles introduced, who explained his connection with the enterprise. Mr. S is an experienced man in the business, and comes here in his own interest, and desires to locate here because that interest will be benefitted. He assured the meeting that the business would be profitable, otherwise he would not be willing to invest his capital and risk his reputation as a successful shoe man, and referred to the Shoe and Leather Association by which he had been endorsed as a good manager in that line. In response to questions, Mr. S. said he desired to locate here because he can get plenty of help; that with $30,000 capital he would work about one hundred hands—40 per cent of whom will be females; that ten or twelve boys will get work; that ladies', misses and children's shoes only will be turned out; that he can compete successfully with large Northern concerns, as he would have less foremen and book-keepers. He was opposed to starting business on less capital than $30,000, as it will take $10,000 for necessary machinery, and the pay roll will amount to about $500 a week. Of the force employed, ten or twelve will be experienced workmen, and the residue will be educated to the work from our own citizens. The wages will depend on the work done, and it is supposed will range from $6 to $18 per week. Females in doing piece-work earn from $3 to $8 a week—all work done by machinery. This enterprise, he assured the meeting, was no wild-cat scheme, but would be a profitable investment to the stockholders, a benefit to the community and advance business here generally. This is a desirable point, because it has good outlets and good freight rates can be obtained. As a result of the conference, several additional shares of stock were taken, and, on motion, the committee soliciting subscribers was enlarged by adding T. J. Crowder, J. T. Long and J. H. Wayt to the committee. Messrs. J. C. Scheffer, George C. Maslin, C. L. Weller and M. N. Bradley have heretofore been soliciting. About $14,000 are yet needed to complete the amount required.

Our citizens now have an opportunity of helping themselves and the city of Staunton by making up the small sum necessary to add a good business enterprise to our community. Another meeting in the same place will be held on Thursday night next.

Services at the Lutheran Church.

The new building erected on Lewis Street, by the congregation of "Christ's Lutheran Church," of Staunton, is now about completed, and will be consecrated on next Sunday morning, May 26th.

The services will begin at 11 o'clock with a "Te Deum" by the choir, followed by the regular consecration service as in use by the Lutheran Church, led by Rev. J. A. Snyder, of New Market, Va., Pres. of the Synod of Va.

The consecration will be followed with a duet, "In the Cross of Christ we glory," by Mr. Alfred Jaffe and Miss Jeanne Sellers, after which the sermon will be delivered by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., of Philadelphia, editor of the *Lutheran Observer*. The morning service will then close with the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.

At night of the same day the regular installation of the pastor will take place. The services will begin at 8 o'clock with a voluntary by the choir, followed by the morning service down to the reading of the collect for the day.

The installation sermon and charge to the congregation will be delivered by Rev. P. H. Miller, of Westminster, Md.; the charge to the pastor by Rev. J. A. Snyder. Then will follow the installation according to the Lutheran usage, conducted by Rev. Mr. Snyder.

All the friends of the Pastor and congregation and the public generally are cordially invited to attend these services.

H. F. SHEALY, Pastor.

If there had been any positive assurance that the work inside the building would be finally completed by Friday, the Pastor would have announced that he would be at the church from 10 to 12½ and from 3 to 6 o'clock, and would take pleasure in seeing there, during those hours, any who would desire to visit and inspect the new building, and regrets that he cannot make the announcement as it is feared the work will not be completed by that time.

Personal.

Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage of Brooklyn, N. Y., with her daughter Daisy, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Donnan in Richmond.

In noticing the removal of Mr. Roger B. Atkinson from Richmond, where he has been practicing his profession, to his former home in this city, says:—

"Mr. Roger B. Atkinson, one of the brightest young members of the Richmond bar, removes from this city to his former home, Staunton, where he will practice law. His many friends wish him success."

We welcome him cordially on his return to this city and hope his success will be equal to his deserts.

Mrs. Dr. H. H. Henkel left here last week to spend some time with her father in Missouri.

Mr. J. L. Grooms has been appointed postmaster at Mt. Sidney, Augusta, in place of A. T. Grooms resigned.

Mr. Joseph N. Woodward, who knows all about such business, will have charge of the management of the Healing Springs in Bath county the ensuing season.

The next "Coffee" of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., will be held at the residence of Mrs. B. F. Cootes, No. 23 S. Church street, tomorrow (Thursday,) from 5 to 7 P. M.

Gen. Thos. L. Rosser will be the orator on Confederate Memorial day at Staunton. As the 9th of June, the regular day for these ceremonies will be Sunday, they will take place on Saturday, the 8th.

Among those who called on the President last Friday, was Hon. Jacob Yost.

The friends and relatives of Mr. Frank S. Waddell, of Charlottesville, who disappeared suddenly in New York city on March 31st last, have heard nothing from him as yet, and his whereabouts is as great a mystery as ever.

H. A. S. Hamilton, Esq., of this county and Miss Grace A. Hannon of Charles county, Md., were married in Washington city on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

Miss Laura Perkins of Millboro is visiting Mrs. John Miller of this city.

To-night, at the Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., an old favorite of our citizens, will preach—services commencing at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Chas. T. O'Ferrall will deliver the address at the commencement exercises of the Richmond High School on Thursday night June 13th.

Mrs. Emma C. Folsom, mother of Mrs. Grover Cleveland, was married Monday at Jackson, Mich., to Mr. Henry E. Perrine, a merchant of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Cleveland was present. The groom is about fifteen years the senior of the bride, who is a well-preserved woman of 45.

ORGANIZING FARMERS' CLUBS.—It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the last meeting of the Fishersville Farmers' Club, published in this issue, that committees have been appointed to organize clubs in other parts of the county.

These committees consist 1st of J. W. Churchman and J. L. Wallace, who will go to Spottswoods 1st day of June, at 2 p. m.

2d, Capt. Capt. C. B. Coiner and James R Kemper to go to Waynesboro, June 8th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

3d, Messrs. P. T. Burkholder and W. F. Gilkeson to go to Churchville Monday night after May Court, May 27th.

A detachment of the Stonewall Brigade Band, under the leadership of Mr. Preston Dollin, every evening when the weather will permit, discourses sweet music on the parade grounds at Kable's Military Academy much to the delight of the residents of that neighborhood.

SOUTHERN PATRONAGE.—In the distribution of fourth-class postoffices First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson states that he does not propose to recognize one faction in the various States to the disadvantage of the other. He says he does not believe in encouraging factional fights within the party lines, and so far as he is able he proposes to deal out the fourth-class postmasterships to republicans without regard to their local differences. In speaking on this subject yesterday he said to a representative of "The Sun" that so far as he has been informed the administration has set down no fixed policy with regard to the patronage in the Southern states, and the claims made by certain factions that they are to control all appointments made in their respective states are without authority.—Washington Correspondent *Balto. Sun*.

Middlebrook News.

Mr. Peter Ellinger, an aged citizen of Summerdean in this county, died at his home there on the 14th instant. His remains were interred at Mt. Tabor on Wednesday, Rev. Spiggle officiating. We would suppose the deceased was about 75 years of age, and had resided there for many years. There seems to be considerable sickness in the vicinity at present, as our worthy Doctors seem to be almost continually on the go.

There is a lady in this place who, it is said, can take a jump from the back porch and clear eleven feet at a jump. Boys, who can beat it.

A hack full of Staunton ladies visited the family of Mr. John S. McCorkle on last Sunday a week ago. They were accompanied by Miss Maggie McCorkle, daughter of Mr. J. S. McC. She has been attending school in Staunton for some time.

We have been favored with fine rains lately, which freshened up vegetation generally. * *

A man once told us that when a man had wasted all his mental and physical abilities trying every other method of making a living he then beat about and either invented a washing machine, or went to peddling sulky plows, or putting up lightning rods.

A year or so ago, a firm in the far West sold a lot of plow sulkies to the farmers of this county for $35.00 a piece. The most of them are for sale now at greatly reduced prices. They would do well for a cart to break young steers to the yoke in. The most of the people who got bit on them, will hardly be bit again on any patent contraption of the sulky kind. A great many have concluded the old way is better than any, if they had been built here, they would never have been sold at all.

Sam'l B. Bowers is building a nice barn on his place near here, which will not only be a great convenience to him, but will add a great deal to the looks and worth of the property. He is an enterprising man.

It seems as if there will be some pretty hard canvassing done at the next election which occurs soon. There seems to be three candidates for Constable and they are all good men, so said, and each and every one of them expects to be elected no doubt. The present magistrate, Squire Hamilton, has consented to run for election again. He was appointed to fill a vacancy and has done well. Surely no more honest or conscientious man could hold an office than he.

Almost every man you meet now asks the question, Can I sell you some nice potatoes? Probably the crop will not be so large this year as the festive "bug" has made an early appearance and will cut the crop short. * * *

Mrs. Alex. Harris, residing near here, is reported very ill, as is also Mrs. Gus Greaver. They are estimable ladies, and we hope they may soon be restored to good health.

D. M. Smith was in Staunton Saturday last, and bought a baby carriage, ostensibly for the purpose of wheeling a large fat baby boy around in.

Your reporter interviewed Squire Hamilton to-day and he says he will not announce himself for office, but if his friends (which are legion) want him, they must vote for him, and, if elected, he will do the best he can. His opponent, Mr. Jas. E. Beard, a very highly respected citizen, will make the race somewhat exciting as both these gentlemen stand high in the church and also in society. Q.

Circuit Court.

The past week has been one of more than ordinary interest in Court proceedings. More people, suitors and witnesses and others interested, have been about the Court-house this term than ever noticed on similar occasions. Following are some of the cases disposed of:—

Martin *vs.* Williams, jury and verdict for defendant.

Geo. C. Hawpe, *vs.* Shenandoah Valley railroad, jury and verdict for plaintiff.

D. A. Witt's administrator *vs.* W. B. McComb, jury and verdict for plaintiff.

Geo. C. Hawpe *vs.* Geo. C. Williams, jury and verdict for plaintiff.

James T. Hill *vs.* Wm. Miller, jury and verdict for defendant.

Wm. B. Crawford *vs.* Samuel Byers & Son, jury and verdict for defendant.

Rebecca Skelding *vs.* Inter-States Life Association, transferred to this Court from Alleghany. Jury and verdict for plaintiff $3,000—the defendants withdrawing their plea.

Alex. Harman *vs.* City of Staunton; jury and verdict for plaintiff.

Lewis Kilce *vs.* Dan'l O'Rourk, for slander; jury and verdict of $2,701.63 damages for plaintiff.

Lucy A. Curtis by &c. *vs.* Adrian A. Curtis, suit for damages for alienation of her husband from her, now under trial.

The estate of J. P. Woodward and Jacob Miller were committed to the Sheriff for administration.

Roger B. Atkinson, Esq., qualified to practice law in this Court.

Judgments have been rendered in one hundred and nineteen coupon cases.

SURVEYING AND DRAWING.—The engraver and printer are worthy associates of the Surveyor and draftsman. We see many evidences these times in illustrating the locations and resources of properties, already in, or designed to be included in our progressive development of values which attest the truth spoken. In surveying and drawing therefrom a map of the Sweet Chalybeate Springs properly of over 2,000 acres in Alleghany county, our townsman, Mr. C. W. Oltmanns, C. E., has displayed a fine illustration of his attainments. He justly recognizes the accuracy of the engraver and the faultless work of the press as the *fac simile* were thrown off more rapidly than the ripened leaves of autumn gravitate to the earth. Long may education and culture and art and handiwork united to aid capitalists and investors in their investigation of the values of our land of wonderful resources be called into requisition.

AN ICE FACTORY FOR LEXINGTON.—Mr. Robt. A. Lord of York, Pa., is in town and has made arrangements to begin the erection of an ice factory at once. The council has agreed to allow him to use daily free of charge 15,000 gallons of water from the town supply and as much more as he may need when water is wasting at the reservoir. The water is to be taken at night when the town authorities so desire. Mr. Lord in consideration of the above binds himself to furnish ice to the citizens of Lexington at their houses when they so desire at the maximum price of fifty cents per hundred pounds when taken in as much as that amount, and at the rate of sixty cents per hundred when taken in smaller quantities, for to furnish it at fifty cents per hundred at the factory when taken in any quantity. This agreement lasts for five years.

Mr. Lord has purchased a lot from Mr. W. S. Hopkins near the depot and expects to have the factory completed in about four weeks.

Before the water right was granted Prof. Humphreys at the request of the town authorities made a careful measurement of the supply of water now wasting at the reservoir and found it to be 259,200 gallons daily.—*Rockbridge News.*

"CROWNING THE QUEEN OF FAME."—We call attention again to this entertainment by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. in the Opera-House Friday evening, 24th instant. The occasion bids fair to be a delightful one. The ladies are sparing neither labor nor expense in perfecting all the arrangements to assure success. The 30 or 40 misses who are to appear in some of the leading parts are in training, and the characters could not be better taken by veteran professionals. The costumes are varied and representative of every style, kind, and condition of womankind, regardless of cost. Tickets for sale by canvassers and at the drugstores. Seats can be reserved without extra cost by applying to Mr. Olivier, and having your tickets exchanged by him.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, in connection with the "Crowning of the Queen," will have the first Strawberry Cream of the season, both before and after the performance. The feast will be spread in the Y. M. C. A. room, commencing at 5 o'clock and lasting until midnight.

Go to Child & Shelton for the freshest drugs and finest fancy articles and best 5 cent cigar—Maritana.

SUNDAY HOURS AT THE POST-OFFICE.—Hereafter the Post-Office will be open only from 8 to 9 A. M. on Sundays. This was the regulation before the change of schedules and is now restored.

STORM IN TEXAS.—A despatch from Gainesville, Texas, dated last Saturday says:—

"A cyclone swept across northern Texas yesterday afternoon. At Forestburg a school-house was blown down and two children killed. Many others were seriously hurt, and three are still missing. General destruction was done to the crops. Communication is cut off. It is feared more lives have been lost."

MEETING OF FISHERSVILLE FARMERS' CLUB.

FISHERSVILLE, VA., May 18th, 1889.

The Fishersville Farmers' Club was called to order by Capt. C. B. Coiner, President, Roll was called and following members present: J. L. Black, F. M. Bell, P. T. Burkholder, A. J. Burkholder, C. B. Coiner, J. S. Caldwell, J. W. Churchman, Dr. S. H. Dold, W. A. Freed, F. H. Gilkeson, W. F. Gilkeson, Dr. D. W. Hanger, J. R. Kemper, A. H. McCue, J. W. Paul, W. B. Patterson and J. L. Wallace, Mr. J. C. S. Myers, President, and Dr. M. C. Hildebrand and B. F. Hildebrand, members of the White Hall Club were present and participated in the discussions. Election of new members being next business, the name of Mr. Z. S. Cecil, was proposed, and unanimously elected. Minutes last meeting were then read and adopted. Report of Committees being in order, buying committee reported that the twine had been purchased for the Club. The discussion of the fertilizer question was next called, and Mr. Myers, of White Hall Club, said he hoped the Committee of this Club would act with theirs, and purchase in quantity; that he wished both clubs to prosper and wanted them to stick together. We ought to begin now to feel the fertilizer markets, and it would probably be a good plan to send the Committee on to the Eastern markets and negotiate with manufacturers direct, if satisfactory prices can not be had from home dealers. Mr. Churchman said he fully agreed with Mr. Myers; that he knew of a case where amerchant advised a farmer not to join the Club, as he could buy as cheaply by himself, Mr. Myers said the Club not only saved money for themselves, but outsiders also, as the dealers would endeavor to undersell the Club prices in order to dissatisfy the members, and outsiders were being benefitted to some extent at least.

A resolution was then unanimously passed that this club, in connection with White Hall, should make every effort to establish like clubs throughout the county, and Mr. J. W. Churchman and Mr. J. L. Wallace were appointed to go to Spottswood, Va., 1st day June at 2 o'clock p. m. to organize a Farmers' Club, Capt. C. B. Coiner and James R. Kemper to go to Waynesboro, Va June 8th at 2 o'clock p. m. to organize a club. Mr. P. T. Burkholder and Mr. W. F. Gilkeson to go to Churchville, Va., Monday night after May County Court, to organize a club, it being the night of 27th May. These committees were instructed to correspond at once with acquaintances at the different places and also to post notices of the proposed meetings and to urge upon all farmers present the importance of organizing clubs. Mr. Myers of White Hall Club said their Committee would visit New Hope for the purpose of organizing a club. Dr. M. C. Hildebrand said he was very much opposed to the idea going out that this was a secret organization when it's nothing of the kind, and there is nothing done that could be the least objectionable to any person. He also said we should act together in the fertilizer purchasing and that our committee should visit the manufacturers in Baltimore and Richmond for the purpose of looking into markets and purchasing goods direct, if they deem it best. Mr. Churchman offered a resolution instructing our buying committee to act with White Hall Club in negotiating for fertilizers (adopted). Mr. Burkholder said it would be much more satisfactory for the committee to get bids from the dealers and manufacturers and submit them to the club at some specified time for their action and that one member could work more judiciously than more, and by all means to instruct them to buy for cash. Dr Hildebrand said a reference could be gotten from our banks as to the responsibility of our clubs and the committee could go around with that guarantee of business to unknown manufacturers to buy fertilizers for cash upon delivery. Mr. Myers said we should have some guarantee that the goods would come up to samples bought by, and that samples could be drawn from each car as it arrives and sent to Richmond for analysis by State chemist, which would avoid any fraud whatever in failure to send such goods as were bought. Dr. Hildebrand suggested that from this time on, as many members as possible should attend the meetings of each club, that we may all be kept well informed as to the reports of buying committees from time to time. On account of pressure of other business there was no general discussion of question. Mr. Churchman proposed the "proper cultivation of wheat" for discussion at next meeting. Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn. Adopted.

C. B. COINER, President.

JAS. R. KEMPER, Secretary.

EAST AUGUSTA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The 19th Annual meeting of the East Augusta Fire Insurance Company was held in this city last Saturday. The meeting was presided over by Hon. A. B. Lightner. The Secretary read the report of the President of the company as follows:—

Gentlemen: As we have again been permitted to meet in annual session, allow me to submit this the 19th report of the East Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Our enterprise during the year has enjoyed about its usual success and our loss so far this present year have been comparatively light financially; but personally we have sustained a great and sad loss to this Company by the death of its most estimable Treasurer, Jno. Firebaugh, who had occupied that position since the organization of the Company. The losses during the year of the Company have been just exactly the amount of the previous year—15 cents on each share of stock. The first levy of 5 cents per share was for the loss of Jacob Koiner's barn; the second was likewise 5 cents for the loss of Messrs. Quarles & Stout's barn and G. L. Obaugh's house, and the third and last levy was for the loss of F. C. Ott's barn, which was 5 cts, making a total of 15 cts per share of stock. We have 797 stockholders, who represent 19,718½ shares of stock. Net liabilities of the Company are $985,900. Gross amount of insured property is $1,314,533, and the gross amount of insured property during the year is $57,925. And I will also add that out of those levies were paid three other small losses, amounting to ——, and for which no levy was made. The incidental expenses of the Company, including the President's and Secretary's salary, will not exceed that of previous years, and which is not given in figures from the fact of the death of the Treasurer, which has made it inconvenient to obtain figures, but, suffice it to say, does not exceed, all told, $350 during the year. We are more than sorry to report that our mortality during the year has exceeded that of any previous year of our knowledge. Members who have died are as follows: W. A. Hanger, Prof. John J. Ladd, J. H. Dalhouse, J. E. Harnsberger, Frances H. Pilcher, James S. Harris, W. W. Strough, John H. Wilson and John Firebaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. LAREW, President.

But little change was made in the officers. J. J. Larew was re-elected President; Jno. Towberman elected Treasurer; R. N. Page re-elected Secretary; and the Directors were re-elected, except in the cases of S. M. Donald removed, and J. A. Bumgardner, who declined, and their places were filled by the election of J. W. Churchman and W. P. Mish.

UNCLE JERE.—"Uncle" Jere Rusk, the Secretary of Agriculture, is getting more notoriety than any member of the Cabinet. Last week he seized a scythe at the department grounds and put the workmen to shame by mowing more grass than any one else. This week he mounted a saddle horse in a team of four and drove forty-odd newspaper correspondents and Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, from the railroad station to General Agnus's country place, where the big dinner was given, and yesterday he went to the base-ball match and had an enjoyable time of it. "Uncle" Jere is the jolliest member of the Cabinet, and is what may be termed a "homespun" sort of citizen. There is no formality about the old gentleman, and this is said to be the secret of his great popularity among the masses in Wisconsin. Some people think it was extremely undignified in Secretary Rusk to have acted as teamster the other day, but he appeared to enjoy the novelty and doesn't care a fig for the comments made.—Washington Correspondent *Richmond Dispatch.*

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The excitement in Fredericksburg last night was intense over a dispatch received from Tappahannock, Essex county, announcing the arrest of Paul Keys, colored who committed an assault on a young woman of Fredericksburg several days ago. He at first defied arrest, and drew a revolver, but Sheriff J. F. Ferrell quickly covered him with a double-barrelled shot gun, and succeeded in placing him in the county jail at that place. A crowd of several hundred citizens gathered in front of the Mayor's office threatening to lynch the negro. Reports are current that several parties have started for Essex to take Keys from jail there. There is but one opinion in the public mind, and that is, that Keys must hang. The little girl is in a very critical condition. Keys was not brought to Fredericksburg this evening as was intended, but remains in Tappahannock all.—*Alex. Gazette*, May 18th.

STORM IN ILLINOIS.—A despatch from Rockford, Illinois, dated the 18th instant, says:—

"This city experienced the most terrific thunder-storm yesterday afternoon. Several houses were struck but no great damage was done so far as learned. A young man named Keeler who was fishing on a dam was knocked off by a bolt of lightning, and either killed by the shock or drowned."

Storm in Rockingham.

The storms of Saturday night and Sunday of the 11th and 12th instant, did a great deal of damage in different parts of Rockingham county. In the neighborhood of Mauzy and Lacey Springs on Smith's creek, the wind, rain, and hail did much damage in the destruction of fencing and wheat and corn.

A correspondent of the *Spirit of the Valley*, writing from Mauzy, says:—

"A terrific hail and rain storm passed over this place on Sunday evening last, doing a great deal of damage to the wheat, grass and fruit. It literally mowed some of the fields of wheat and grass, so that they look as if they will prove a total loss to the farmers. It also knocked off a great deal of the young fruit, and almost totally destroyed all vegetation growing in the gardens. The women folks are very despondent at the outlook for garden sass. It also blew down much of the fencing in the local ity, uprooting fruit trees, unroofing houses, etc. As far as heard from no person was injured, but some were badly scared. 'Tis said the storm was very severe about Lacey Springs, and did great damage to the orchards, blowing down a great many fruit trees. A great deal of the corn planted was washed out, and will necessitate entire replanting. The farmers and old people said they never had such a storm prior to this one in this section. The hail was not so large but was plentiful, and with the strong current of wind did the damage.—The storm came almost directly from the South."

Another correspondent says:—

"The storms of Saturday and Sunday did great damage in our county. The stable and barn of Mr. Perry Swank near Edom, was burned down, having caught fire from being struck by lightning. The stable was struck and the barn caught from the stable, as the wind was blowing in that direction.

Mr. Swank succeeded in saving his horses and most of his machinery.

We also learn that Mr. B. B. Miller lost five fine bays which were killed by lightning.

In many parts of the county fences were blown down and houses unroofed, while on Mr. Peter Pulse's farm alone sixty trees were laid low.

The neighborhood of Weaver's Church was visited by a severe hail storm which entirely destroyed some of the wheat fields.

We have no idea what the amount of loss in the whole county will be."

Another correspondent says:—

"A severe storm of thunder and lightning, accompanied with a most exellent rain, passed over this section of the county on Saturday night. A stable, formerly used for a tobacco house, the property of P. P. Shifflett, Esq., was burnt by a stroke of electricity on Saturday night last; also, the contents, a quantity of hay, wagon, &c.

The rains of Saturday night, Sunday and Monday morning have done an immense amount of good to the growing vegetation."

The *Shen. Valley* says editorially:—

"Passing across Rockingham county from Edom, the first farm and buildings, as well as we could learn, that were greatly damaged, are those belonging to Mr. Jacob K. Mauzy at Spartapolis. His fences were blown down, his buildings damaged, his wheat and grass fields badly washed and the crops covered with mud. His crops are damaged at least fifty per cent., and his losses will be from $300 to $500. Messrs. Abram Lincoln and Michael Mariz suffered similarly, though not so heavily. We have been informed that pretty much all the trees in Mr. Champ Jenning's orchard were blown down. Mr. Ashby O'Roark's new house, covered with tin, was party unroofed. Mr. Jacob Pickering's house was partly unroofed, and his fences and trees blown down.

Mr. Jacob Sellers suffered more by far than any one in that section from the ravages of the storm. About all his fences were blown down, his house unroofed, two of the chimneys partly blown off, and his crops very badly damaged. His losses will aggregate $800 or $1,000.

We doubt if any person in that locality ever witnessed a more furious storm; and, in fact, all the farmers in the course of the storm were more or less injured.

A STALWART FAMILY.—Our attention was called last Sunday to the fact that Mr. Joseph B. Hiner, who lives about a mile east of this place and was visiting one of his sons in Monteray, had his five sons near him, the youngest of which is thirty-five years of age—all beauty, stout men, with one exception. Mr. Hiner himself is seventy-two years of age, yet is more active and hardy than many men of forty. He informed us that he had broken the ground and planted several acres in corn, doing most, if not all, of the work himself.

The Hiner family is probably the largest and most extensively connected in this county of any other one family in any county in the State. They can all trace their genealogy back a few generations to John Hiner and wife, who settled near Doe Hill years ago. There was born to this couple twelve children, six boys and six girls, and they all grew to manhood and womanhood. Five of the boys remained in the neighborhood in which they were born and all raised large families and lived to a good old age. From these ancestors sprung the many of the name of Hiner that can be found in Highland county.

From the earliest recollection of them they have been known as a hardy, honest and industrious people, many of them serving the county and State in offices of honor and trust, from an early date up to the present time, and in no instance have they betrayed the confidence imposed in them.—*Highland Recorder.*

TAKING CARE OF THE FAMILY.—The Washington correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch*, under date of the 14th instant, says:—

"Some of the Republicans from Loudoun county were furious to-day when they heard that General Tyner had had his Democratic brother-in-law reappointed postmaster at Farmwell in that county. They condemn the appointment, but the Assistant Attorney-General for the Post Office Department is not paying any attention to the criticisms which are being passed upon him. This is an administration which is bound to make a record for taking care of "the family" wherever it can be done. One of the Saunders family of Nebraska got an appointment to day. Russell Harrison, the "Crown Prince" of the Administration, married into the Saunders family. His father-in-law, ex Senator Saunders, got a place last week which is worth $5,000 a year, with little or nothing to do, and now another Saunders is provided for. The Harrisons are not a bit backward in looking out for "the family" and all the connections. They double discount the Grants in this respect."

WHAT THOS. JEFFERSON THOUGHT.—In writing about the negroes in his time Thos. Jefferson said:—

"Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate, than that these people are to be free; *nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government.* Nature, habit, opinion have drawn indelible lines of distinction between them. It is still in our power to direct the process of emancipation and deportation, peaceably, and in such slow degree as that the evil will wear off insensibly, and their place be, *pari passu*, filled up by free white laborers. If, on the contrary, it is left to force itself on, human nature must shudder at the prospect held up. We should in vain look for an example in the Spanish deportation or deletion of the Moors. This precedent would fall far short of our case."

STORM IN NORTH CAROLINA.—There was a storm in North Carolina on Tuesday, the 14th instant, which was fatal at several points. The Raleigh, N. C., correspondent of the Rich. *Dispatch* says:—

"The roof of a warehouse was blown off at Kernersville, and Freer Williams, of Rockingham county, was instantly killed by the roof as it fell. A white man named Rich was dangerously wounded. The storm in Robeson county was accompanied by hail, which covered the ground to the depth of three inches. Two houses were wrecked, and the cotton crop in many cases was totally ruined. A great amount of replanting will be necessary. The storm in Sampson county was also severe, and the cotton was much injured.

Washington's Political Views.

We have it on the authority of the New York *Sun* that the letter of George Washington quoted in the now famous St. Paul centennial sermon in rebuke of the methods by which the present President reached office, was written by the great-grandfather of the President, Benjamin Harrison, who had asked Washington to give him an office. If this is true it removes all doubt about the purpose of the preacher, Bishop Potter, to deliver a personal lecture to great-grandson Harrison.

In the discussion which has followed upon the comparison drawn between old times and modern times, another interesting letter has been found written by the Father of his Country, which it must be confessed bears a strong odor of partisan politics. It was written to Timothy Pickering, Washington's Secretary of War, and is dated September 27th, 1795.

The paragraph referred to says: "I shall not, while I have the honor to administer the Government, bring a man into any office of consequence knowingly, whose political tenets are adverse to the measures which the General Government are pursuing; for this, in my opinion, would be political suicide."

That language boiled down and translated into modern political parlance, the *Sun* thinks, means just what William L. Marcy epigrammatically said, namely, "To the victors belong the spoils." The whole truth seems to be that the American Government cannot be conducted upon a purely non-partisan plan, except in its minor details, and this was as true in Washington's day as it is now. The great difference between that time and this, however, (and it seems to us that is what Bishop Potter was seeking to emphasise) is, that then men were not struggling so much after spoils—certainly Washington and those with him were not—as they are now. It may be true that men on the average were no better then than now, but their selfishness and greed were not so fully developed. The holding of public office in those days was an incident of political life and not the chief object of it, as it appears to be now. The administration of public affairs under Washington and Jefferson was normal and healthy; it was right side up with care, and not upside down, or oblique. Instead of being worse than it used to be or no better, our political system, if it is sound in principle and capable of indefinite development and expansion, should be far better than it was one hundred years ago; all of its evils and imperfections should have been long ago corrected, and there should not now be any room for difference of opinion about the criticism and comparison which has raised so much discussion.—After all, therefore, the question is not: are we as good as we used to be, but, why are we no better than at first;