Staunton Spectator.

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Local Department.

We would remind candidates for office and their friends that all communications in behalf of candidates are chargeable. This is the only way in which newspapers can be protected against a flood of such communications.

Job-work of all kinds, from the smallest to the largest, is done in the best style and at the lowest price at the *Spectator* office.

H. Pforr has a full line of pipes and cigars, and Queen Esther Chewing Tobacco.

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers, the California Fig Syrup Company.

Go to D. A. Snitseman for choice melons, fine groceries and Queen Esther Chewing Tobacco.

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INCREASE OF TRAVEL.-The Highland *Recorder* says, "Each year we notice an increase in the travel over the Staunton and Parkersburg turnpike. Every day from five to six vehicles pass either going east or west, and 25 years back it was a rare thing to see a buggy or wheeled vehicle of any kind."

J. M. Williams & Co., sole manufacturers of Queen Esther Chewing Tobacco, Lynchburg, Tobacco.

C. H. B. S.—The annual outing of the Catholic Hibernian Beneficial Society, which was postponed recently on account of the weather, will take place on the 21st instant at Fort Defiance. All the regulations, including railroad travel first made, continue in force for the postponed occasion. The committee having it in charge have left nothing undone to make it one of the social events of the season, and promise all who attend a day of rare enjoyment and recreation.

BERLIN—THE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE GERMANS.—We invite attention to an interesting letter on the first page, written by one of our citizens, who has been some weeks in Berlin, giving a description of the manners and customs of the Germans in the grand capital of that great empire as they appear to an American visitor. In science and learning the Germans are probably in advance of other nations.

DEATH OF MR. CHAS. CAMDEN.—The Lexington "Gazette" says that "Mr. Charles Camden, a resident of the lower end of Lexington, died at his home, near the Virginia State Fish Hatchery property Friday evening of cancer and was buried Saturday morning from Neariah church at South river." He suffered for months, daily growing worse till death came as a welcome messenger to terminate his sufferings.

For Hay Fever

"Give Ely's Cream Balm a trial. This justly celebrated remedy for the cure of catarrh, hay fever, cold in the head, &c., can be obtained of any reputable druggist, and may be relied upon as a safe and pleasant remedy for the above complaints and will give immediate relief. It is not a liquid, snuff or powder, has no offensive odor and can be used at any time with good results, as thousands can testify, among them some of the attaches of this office."—*Spirit of the Times.*

Wheat & Summerson sell choice Groceries and Queen Esther Chewing Tobacco.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION TO LEXINGTON.—The Baptist Sunday School of this city will make an excursion to Lexington on Tuesday, the 20th instant. Those who wish, can visit Buena Vista and return to Lexington in time to return with the excursionists to Staunton, as the train to Buena Vista will leave Lexington at 1 p. m., and return to Lexington at 5:30; and the train will leave Lexington for Staunton at 6 p.m. The train will leave Staunton at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 20th. It will be a pleasant excursion, and we hope many will avail themselves of it and have a day of rare enjoyment. Round-trip tickets $1.25, children under 12 years 60c.

C. O. Herring, Grocer, will sell you Queen Esther Tobacco.

"The Old Homestead."

The August number of *The Old Homestead*, publishep at Savannah, Georgia by Davis Bros., the fourth since its inception, is an indication that the purposes of its projectors have been carried out. Its aim was to encourage southern literature, to develop southern talent, and to stimulate those domestic virtues that inherently and inseparably belong to southern homes. The publication has for contributors some of the best and most gifted writers in the south, and the faith the people have in it has been demonstrated by the phenomenal growth of its subscription list, which now foots up 20,000. Facinating serials, complete stories, entertaining sketches, poems, children's page, puzzle department, and select music constitute its attractions. There is no handsomer magazine published, and the subscription price—fifty cents a year—enable every family in the south to have it in its home. The September number will contain the opening chapters of the purest, most refined, and fascinating serial ever published in the south. It was written for *The Old Homestead* by Miss M. E. Dicken of Baltimore, the authoress of "The Beautiful Icicle," which delighted thousands of readers of the *New York Weekly*. The number will also have contributions from several of the most noted writers in the south on literary, domestic, and educational matter. A sample copy will be sent to any address on application. As the price is only fifty cents a year all lovers of southern literature should subscribe for it. Address Davis Bros., publishers and proprietors, Savannah, Ga.

An Oft-told Tale of Daring.

Here is the result of the 239th Grand Monthly Drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery, which took place at New Orleans, La., on Tuesday, July 16th, 1889. Ticket No. 42,758 drew the First Capital Prize of $300,000. It was sold in fractional parts of twentieths at $1.00 each, sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. Two went to Herman Fisher, St. Louis, Mo.; one to a correspondent through Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank, San Francisco, Cal.; one to Ike Lurie, Chicago, Ill.; one to a depositor Union National Bank, New Orleans, La.; one to Eugene Caretien, Jr., 425 Chartres St., New Orleans, La.; one to Amanda Fisher, 291 Champlaine St., Detroit, Mich.; one to Abraham Weinger, 401 Canal St., Chicago, Ill.; one to Preston National Bank, Detroit, Michigan; one to Manufacturers' National Bank, Boston, Mass; one to F. Miles James, Boston, Mass.; one to First National Bank, Cheyenne, Wy. Ter.; one to Bank of Cozad, Cozad, Nebraska, etc., etc. Ticket No. 58,657 drew the Second Capital Prize of $100,000, also sold in fractional twentieths at $1.00 each: one to Hugh T. Carlisle, 262 Magazine St., New Orleans, La.; one to George N. Davenport, Springfield, Ill.; one to Henry Luce, Mint Saloon, Salt Lake City, Utah; one to F. C. Paff, Bellows Falls, Vt.; one to C. H. Briggs, Galion, Ohio; one to H. G. Kerschner, Bethlehem, Pa.; one to a correspondent through Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank, San Francisco, Cal.; one to S. Well, Meridian, Mississippi; one to Reutschler & Greashaber, Reading, Pa., etc., etc. Ticket No. 15,165 drew the Third Capital Prize of $50,000, also sold in fractional parts; five to Max Stadler, 401 Broadway, New York, N. Y.; five to Clark & Anderson, 634 S. 13th St., Omaha, Neb. Any further information can be had on application to M. A. Dauphin, New Oleans, La.

HAND MASHED.—The Coal Valley, (W. Va.) *Plaindealer* of the 8th instant, says: "A colored boy about sixteen years of age and said to be a tramp from Staunton, Va., was beating his way on a through freight last Monday.—When at Kanawha Falls he went to jump off and fell with his hand on the rail, and the front trucks of a freight car passed over it crushing it in a horrible manner. He was brought to Coal Valley on the local freight and the mangled fingers amputated by Drs. Hoover and Cease. They did a neat job, and the boy was able to start for his home on Wednesday morning."

County Democratic Convention.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL BE NOMINATED SEPTEMBER 3RD.

Pursuant to notice, the Augusta County Democratic Committee held a meeting on the 10th instant for the purposes of perfecting the organization of the party and providing for the time and manner of selecting candidates for the State Senate and House of Delegates.

Colonel John H. Crawford called the committee to order, and Mr. W. L. Olivier was appointed secretary *pro tem*, the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Kinney, being absent.

Mr. Robert G. Wright was chosen to fill the vacancy on the committee from South River District in the place of J. A. Patterson, Jr., removed from the State, and Mr. W. H. Moorman that of Colonel Jno. H. Crawford resigned for the Middle River District.

The county committee as now constituted is as follows:—

Beverly Manor—S. C. Brown, J. C. Whitlock.
Riverheads—M. T. McClure, T. M. Smiley.
South River—W. A. Abney, R. G. Wright.
Middle River—Albert H. Roller, W. H. Moorman.
North River—W. H. Gamble, J. H. Todd.
Pastures—D. F. Hoover, W. C. Craig.

STAUNTON.

Ward No. 1—W. L. Olivier, W. G. Kinney.
Ward No. 2—W. H. H. Lynn, Jno. N. Ople.

Mr. W. H. H. Lynn is the President, and Mr W. G. Kinney, Secretary of the Committees.

COUNTY CONVENTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday, September 3rd, at the County Court-House, was selected as the day, and at 12 o'clock M., the delegates elected to it as hereinafter provided for, will assemble in convention to nominate a candidate for the State Senate, and two candidates for the House of Delegates.

The election of delegates and alternates to the convention will be by district meetings in the county, and in the Wards of the city of Staunton at the following named places and hours on Saturday, the 31st of August.

Beverly Manor, Court-House, at 3 o'clock P. M.—10 delegates and alternates.

Riverheads, Greenville, at 3 o'clock P. M.—14 delegates and alternates.

South River, Waynesboro', at 3 o'clock P. M.—14 delegates and alternates.

Middle River, New Hope, at 3 o'clock P. M.—11 delegates and alternates.

North River, Mt. Solon, at 3 o'clock P. M.—10 delegates and alternates.

Pastures, Buffalo Gap, at 3 o'clock P. M.—8 delegates and alternates.

STAUNTON, *Ward No.* 1, Wilkes's Hall, 8 o'clock P. M.—8 delegates and alternates.

Ward No. 2, Mayor's office, 8 o'clock P. M.—7 delegates and alternates.

A full meeting of the democratic party at the respective places for the appointment of delegates and alternates to the convention is earnestly requested.

The Coming Fair.

The first four days of October have been chosen for the annual exhibit of the Baldwin District Fair. We have, during the year, so repeatedly endeavored to impress our people with its importance, and the necessity of much local effort, that it is unnecessary again to go over that ground. The City Council and the Chamber of Commerce encourage the people to action. There is no question of a prompt and hearty response in bringing out the largest and best trades' display we have ever had. The committees of these bodies, Messrs. John McQuaide, Wm. P. Tams, Charles L. Weller, C. Bargamin and W. F. Summerson of the Council; and Alex. Hart, M. B. Hamrick and E. M. Cushing of the Chamber of Commerce, will work up the trade's display and every other popular feature which will add interest to the occasion. They have already commenced work and we are assured in advance of entire success.

Correspondence has been opened with Captain John S. Wise, the President, and Mr. Grundy, Secretary, of the Virginia Field Sport Association, with the view of securing the annual meeting of that body here during the Fair week. Mr. Summerson, Major John M. Kinney and others of this vicinity, who are members of the Association, can add much by their efforts, and the preparation they can make to add novelty and a new interest to the days or relief from toil, and increase the enjoyment of an agricultural Fair occasion with all its diversified attractions.

Success of a Staunton Boy.

HE WINS HONOR, FAME AND FORTUNE.

"Little Johnny McChesney," as he was familiarly and affectionately called in this place a few years ago, a son of the late Dr. Wm. S. McChesney, went in his youth to the far West to make his fortune in the world, and his friends are gratified to learn that he has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations not only in acquiring wealth, but what is far more valuable, an enviable reputation for integrity and enterprise, and the implicit confidence, friendship and esteem of all who know him. He will remove from Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he has lived for the past eight years, to Chattanooga, Tenn., though he will retain his interest in the National Bank there which he founded and of which he was President, as well as his interests in other successful enterprises. The Aberdeen Daily *News* of July 31st, says, "he goes to Chattanooga as the secretary and treasurer of the Boston and Chattanooga syndicate, in which he is largely interested, and which has been organized to develop certain coal and mineral lands in Tennessee and to build a suburb to Chattanooga."

Personal.

Mrs. Emma Taylor, of this city, is visiting relatives at Mint Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wise have returned from their visit to Atlantic City.

Prof. W. A. Bowles, of Richmond, former Supt. of the Public Schools in Staunton, is now on a visit to friends here.

Rev. Job Turner reached Luzerne, Switzerland, on the 31st of July.

Mrs. N. P. Willis, the poet's widow, is living in Washington.

Miss Alberta Gallatin, a granddaughter of Albert Gallatin, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Miss Alice King Hamilton, a descendant of Alexander Hamilton, have been engaged by Daniel Frohman for the Lyceum Theatre, New York.

Andrew Rexrode has been appointed Postmaster at McDowell, Highland county, in the place of W. H. Henderson, removed.

Margaret T. Ayers has been appointed Postmaster at Alphin, Rockbridge county, in the place of P. S. Huffman, removed.

T. W. Goodloe has been appointed postmaster at Afton, Nelson county, in the place of J. E. Hall, removed.

The marriage of Prof. J. Ashby Hiner, of Dunsmore's Business College, of this city, to Miss Annie, daughter of Mrs. Margaret E. Logan, formerly of this city, will take place in Winchester, Ky., to-day, the 14th.

The two following personals are from the Greenbrier "Independent" of the 8th instant: "Misses Belle and Mary Lou Bledsoe and Mrs J. E. Guy, of Staunton, Va., are the guests of Mrs. J. E. Bell, of this place.

Claiborne, Willie and James Mason, sons of S. B. Mason, Esq., returned from Atlantic City, N. J., last week. Willie Walker, of Staunton, Va., came with them."

On last Thursday, Jacob S. Runkle was appointed postmaster at McGaheysville, Rockingham county, in the place of Richard E. Hopkins, removed. Mr. Runkle was the postmaster there when he was removed to give the place to Hopkins, so it is tit for tat.

Miss Lulu Coyner, of Fishersville, is on a visit to her cousin, Miss Maggie Henkel, near New Market.

Miss Katie Bell Baker, of this city, is visiting the family of Dr. A. S. Miller, near New Market.

Mrs. Col. Short, of Sardis, Mississippi, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. J. Williams of this city.

We learn from the Highland *Recorder* that Mrs. Laura Martin and daughter, from the neighborhood of Waynesboro', and Mrs. Alexander, from the same place, are visiting O. Wilson, in Monterey.

It affords us pleasure to announce that Mr. Robert J. Glendy, who has been quite unwell for some time, is improving.

A correspondent of the Highland *Recorder* says that Mrs. Delila Hiner, wife of S. B. Hiner, late of Highland, died August 1st, of consumption, after an illness of four or five months."

The Lexington *Gazette* says:—

"There are ninety miles of railroad in Rockbridge county made up as follows: R. & A. 28.53; S. V., 36.45; Valley, 15.39; C. & O., 8.19; which is valued at $9,000 per mile."

"Mrs. Campbell, wife of the Rev. Robt. F. Campbell, and a daughter of Dr. W. H. Ruffner, is dangerously ill at her father's residence."

The Park—Arbor-Day.

"Gipsey Hill Park" is rapidly becoming the object of much public interest. If there were no other evidences of the fact than are made known through the number of visitors who daily go out from the city to watch the progress of the work going on, that would be sufficient. The public sentiment is in accord with the movement made to convert the large area so beautifully formed by nature and enriched as it will be by art, into pleasure grounds.

Vale avenue, the first claiming attention in construction, is now far advanced towards completeness of design. It affords the visitor a very fair idea of what it is to be when sidewalks border its fifty feet width in winding directions with here and there a straight line of relief to the curves, and still more when the borders are studded with shade and evergreen trees. In the grove around the old spring-farm residence, the eye, as well as the essential necessity for it, already calls for a pavilion, and, doubtless, Captain Tam's excellent taste and fertility in design will open the way for its construction ere the month of May of next year shall come with its annual freshness and beauty to close the spring and to usher in those of the "heated term" when hundreds of the denizens of the city will seek the Valley shades to inhale the fresh air from the surrounding forests and green hills.

The Vale avenue will be ready for the proposed Arbor-day fixed for the 25th of October, when all the people, young and old, rich and poor, will unite in furnishing and planting trees. Vested rights are always honored and respected and the participants in that gala day, if but the work of planting a single tree, will add to the inheritance upon earth of every individual who embraces the occasion which in all time will call for its anniversary of affection in renewed tributes to its increasing richness. One large delegation, so to denominate it, and one that will wonderfully heighten the interest of Arbor day will be the re-inforcements which are to come from the Superintendent, teachers and scholars in the public schools of the city. The schools of West Virginia and other States which have Arbor days are the chief strength on tree-planting day, and the example is worthy of the emulation and culture of our fair city of this great Valley.

Doctors Fisher and Weir.

The Executive committee of the Board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum was in regular session on the 7th instant. In view of the indisposition of Dr. Fisher, first Assistant Physician, who has been confined to his room for three weeks past, the Committee adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Executive committee of the Board of Directors have heard with profound regret of the sickness of Dr. Fisher, and that they hereby express their deep sympathy with him in his affliction. They take this occasion to record their high appreciation of his long and valuable services to the institution and their admiration of his character, both as a man and officer; and on behalf of the Board of Directors they most cheerfully recommend that he be granted an indefinite leave of absence with the hope on their part that he may be speedily restored to health and usefulness.

Some weeks since, Dr. Blackford, the Superintendent, insisted on Dr. Weir, who was in feeble health, taking a leave from work. He is at his home in Rockbridge not sufficiently restored to return to duty. The committee expressed like sympathy with him and recommended an extension of his relief from service.

AUGUSTA COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The County Sunday School Ass'n organized for Augusta county in 1884, has continued to hold annual sessions since. The encouragement as well as attendance and reports from the different Sunday schools of several denominations that joined in the work have been sometimes good, and then again the other way at the subsequent annual meetings. It has been understood that this year would witness a revival in the efficiency of Sunday-school work under the co-operative plan so generally adopted in town and cities and thickly populated districts.

The Convention will meet this year to-morrow, the 15th instant, at Naked Creek M. E. Church, South, which is near Cave Station, Valley Railroad, in the Northeastern part of the county. Carriages will be at Cave station to take delegates and visitors to the church.

TO MERCHANTS.—We would invite the attention of merchants and others to the card of Mr. T. M. Blakemore, who is with Roth & Geoghegan, wholesale Commission Merchants and dealers in all kinds of country produce, No. 932 Louisiana Avenue, Washington city, D. C.

Mr. T. M. Blakemore is a son of N. L. Blakemore, Esq., late of Saggersville, now of Tenth Legion, Rockingham, who is so well and favorably known. Mr. T. M. Blakemore has been with this house for six years, and he assures us that it would be to the interest of our Valley merchants and others to do business with it. We would advise them to give that house a trial, for we rely upon the assurance given by Mr. T. M. Blakemore that it would be to their interest to do so.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.—We acknowledge our obligations to Mr. Byron Mauzy of San Francisco, California, for a copy of the San Francisco *Chronicle* of date August 3rd, nearly the whole of the 8th page of which is occupied with a description by a Los Angeles correspondent of the advantages and resources of the city and county of Los Angeles embellished with the following illustrations:—

City Hall, Crocker Mansion, Normal School, St. Vincent College, New Courthouse, A Business Block, Bradbury Mansion, San Gabriel Mission established 1771, Lutheran Church, Residence of Dr. Monroe.

DEATH OF AN OLD ENGINEER.—Mr. Robt. P. Murrey, who was a locomotive engineer on the C. & O. R. R. for many years, and formerly resided in Staunton, died at his residence at Clifton Forge, aged 50 years. His remains were interred here yesterday morning, the funeral services from the Baptist church. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church at Clifton Forge. The former pastor Rev. S. F. Chapman, accompanied the remains here, and conducted the religious services. When the deceased resided in this city he was a member of the Baptist church here. He leaves a family who have the sympathies of many friends.

DEATH OF COL. B. J. JORDAN.—This gentleman, a native of Rockbridge and connected to the Jordan family so well known in that county, died in the Moore building in Lexington on last Sunday afternoon of hemorrhage of the lungs. The Lexington *Gazette* says:—

"He was here on a visit and was taken sick Friday night, but no fears of his death were entertained. He was in his 69th year, and widely known as a gentleman of education and culture, and the announcement of his sudden demise will be received with no less sorrow than it will surprise all."

His funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church Monday evening at 5 o'clock.

THE FINIAL OF THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.—The artizans are now giving the finishing touches to the *Finial* which concludes the architectural design of the tower of the Y. M. C. A. Building. The Die rests upon the apex of the tower roof. Above it are the cardinal points of the compass, and a vane with the initials Y. M. C. A. A ball surmounts the whole. The letters and ball are gilded. It will be placed in position in a day or so, and the scaffold will be struck, and then a few more touches, and the building will stand complete.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR.—The Washington correspondent of the *Alex Gazette* says:—

Col. L. G. Estes, of North Carolina, a carpet-petbagger, who was rewarded for leading off some of the delegates from his State at the last national republican convention from Sherman, first to Alger and then to Harrison, by giving him the place of postoffice inspector for this, the Maryland and Virginia district, has been tried and found wanting, and been removed, and his office given to a man from Wisconsin. This is the place for which Mr. Brown Allen, of Virginia, was an applicant."

THE STAUNTON SHOE COMPANY.—Preparations for opening the Shoe Factory are progressing very well. The alterations and refitting the building will soon be completed. Most of the machinery has been received and is being put in position for operation.

LYNCHED.—In Charlotte county, William Blankenship, a young colored man, who attempted a criminal assault upon a white girl, was taken from jail and hanged.

It is reported that the Hollis brothers were shot to death in McDowell county, W. Va., for criminally assaulting and murdering a widow named Gillis and her two daughters.

The application of a colored lawyer named Burrows to practice at the bar of Northampton county, Va., was refused by County Judge Neale.

PISCATORIAL.—The Highland *Recorder* says: "Dr. G. W. Christian of Cincinnati, Hon. Otho Evans of Amherst, and J. A. Upshur of Staunton, were registered at the Cunningham House Tuesday night, and spent Wednesday fishing for the speckled beauties in Jacksons river."

Parnassus.

FARMERS DISCOURAGED—AN ANTE BELLUM STAGE DRIVER—AN OLD GERMAN BIBLE—GERMAN THANKSGIVING SERVICE—MARRIAGE OF PROF. J. ASHBY HINER—VISITORS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD—THE TEXAS CATTLE-FLY—SCHOOL HOUSE TO BE ERECTED—VISITORS TO A SUMMER RESORT.

The wheat, oats, hay and corn crops have been seriously damaged by the continuous rains and our farmers are greatly discouraged. The wheat that is now being threshed is very damp, but not as much damaged as it was supposed to be.

Mr. James O'Connell, of Marshall, Mo., is visiting his brother, Mr. M. O'Connell. "Jamie" in ante bellum days was one of the trusty drivers of the stage line run by the late James I. A. Trotter, and was for several weeks ice- and snow-bound in the Chest mountains with the mail when the moderately heated explanation of his delay was forwarded the postal department by Mr. Trotter. During the war, Mr. O'C. was in charge of the headquarters' ambulance of Stonewall's command, and was the custodian of the baggage of General Jackson and Dr. Hunter McGuire.

Mr. James E. Todd has a rare and highly-prized family relic three hundred and fifty-nine years old. It is one of the largest editions of a German Bible of Martin Luther's translation and was published in the year 1530. It is well preserved and substantially bound, having a heavy board, covered with an excellent quality of leather. The lids, when closed, were secured by three large brass clasps. It is printed in large, clear type on very heavy paper. Every chapter is illustrated, and there are many full page engravings that are clear and finely executed. The size of this precious storehouse of our Heavenly father's love, and our dying Saviour's legacies, is 15 inches in length, 9 inches wide and 5½ inches thick.

The annual harvest or thanksgiving service was held at the Elk Run German Baptist Church on last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Levi Wenger conducted the service.

At 3½ p. m. to-day, at the residence of Mrs. M. F. Logan, of Winchester, Ky., will be the scene of a happy and joyous event. The occasion will be the celebration of the nuptials of Miss Annie Logan and Prof. J. Ashby Hiner, of your city. Mr. H. is the Principal of the Practical Department of Dunsmore's Commercial and Business College. The bride is known and loved for her amiability and accomplishments. The happy couple begin the new life with many wishes for long continued happiness and prosperity.

Miss Maggie King, of Cedar Spring, South Carolina, where she is a teacher of articulation in the D. D. & B. Institution of that State, has been visiting here, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine.

Miss Pattie Albertson, of your city, is visiting friends here.

Miss Josie Jones, of Bridgewater, is enjoying a visit among her friends here.

Miss Jennie Mayes, of Staunton; Miss Lelia Lyne, of Dayton; and Mrs. John A. Thuma, of Jamestown, Ohio, are with their friends here.

Mr. John S. Shiplett has had his cozy residence painted and it presents a neat and attractive appearance. Mr. Wm. Rusmisell did the work.

Miss M. Pulliam, of Richmond, Va., is visiting here and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. H. Randolph.

The Texas cattle-fly, that much-dreaded pest, has made its appearance among the cattle of Mr. John H. Jones, near here.

Our School Board has secured a location for, and will soon erect at once a double school house on the land of Philip Fauver's heirs, and at the junction of the Staunton and Jennings Gap road.

Rev. Dr. Jefferson is slowly recovering from a severe illness. He is still too feeble to attend to his dentistry practice, and has gone to a favorite summer resort in the mountains on the land of Mr. D. L. Snyder. The following guests from your city are registered:—Mrs. Bumgardner, Mrs. M. Devier, Miss B. Campbell, Mr. J. D. Campbell and family, and the family of Mr. J. A. Fauver.

Mr. Millard F. and sister, Miss Mollie Johnson, of Mt. Sidney, visited their relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Wright.

Middlebrook News

We have had some clear weather of late and the farmers have certainly made good use of it.

Mrs. Mary P. Goode, of this place, was so unfortunate as to lose her pocket-book on last Thursday. We did not hear how much money it contained. It was lost near this place.

Mrs. D. M. Smith and her daughter, and son and her niece, Miss Jennie Fox, have gone for a week's visit to the family of Davis J. Fox, Esq., near Fairfield, Va.

The mountains are said to be full of whortleberries, which are dead ripe now owing to the prolonged wet spell of weather. We would advise our old friend, the Constable, David Dull, to cease his collecting and suing for a season and join us in the "Black Jacks" on a whortleberry hunt.

Frank Rosen and John Montgomery were over at the "Cold Spring" back of Greenville last Saturday, and we infer that they had a good time. Quite a large crowd were present. This has gotten to be a favorite resort, and we have heard it said that a large hotel would be built and the place generally put in fix for a first-class watering place. Its close propinquity to two railroads will add very much toward its becoming a first-class place. The shrill whistle of the thresher reminds us that it will not now be long until old grim winter will again be upon us, and it behooves us to lay in a good stock of blackberries and dried apples. Q.

Reunion at Vaucluse

(Correspondence of SPECTATOR.)

Vaucluse, Va., August 12th, 1889.

The reunion at Vaucluse is proving a grand success. Some five thousand persons were present on Thursday, the day of the Sunday-School reunion. The audience continues very large. The speaking has been superbly grand. The music as dispensed by the Bands and choirs of Middletown and Stephens City has been equal to anything we have ever heard, and the order perfect. Too much can not be said in praise. The public accommodations are under the management of the elect ladies, Miss Ida Steele, of Stephens City, Mrs. I. Dellenger, of Middletown, and Mr. Henry Dinges, assisted by a committee of ladies and gentlemen from each of the several appointments of Winchester circuit. The committee and general public are so much pleased with the occasion, that they have decided to continue it as a camp-meeting. Already there are ample accommodations for eating and lodging on the ground for the public, and some twenty tents or houses. Reduced rates have been secured on the rail-road until the 18th. Persons desiring to attend can go on any of the local trains

F. A. STROTHER, P. C.

AN UNFORTUNATE APPOINTEE.—A dispatch to the New York Sun from Reidsville, North Carolina, states that a letter from Postmaster General Wanamaker notifying a colored man of that place of his appointment to a place in the mail seavice as route agent was rendered abortive by the appointee getting into the penitentiary before his appointment arrived. He was innocent when he applied for the office, but while waiting for it committed a burglary and was sentenced to three years in a striped suit. The incident teaches impressively, says the New York *Evening Post*, "the dangers of delay" in making appointments. Had the man gotten the office promptly on making application he would not now be in prison. He would not have been so much in need of funds and credit as to commit a burglary. He would have been an ornament to the service, perhaps, and an instrument of the new "Southern policy."—*Baltimore Sun.*

AUGUSTA ORPHAN ASYLUM BURNED.—AUGUSTA, GA., Aug. 11.—The Augusta Orphan Asylum, a magnificent five-story building, was almost entirely destroyed by fire to-day. The fire department fought nobly, but was handicaped by a lack of water. The structure cost over one hundred thousand dollars and was insured for sixty thousand dollars. All the children were gotten out safely. Two firemen were injured by falling timber.

If Any Dealer Informs

You that he has for sale any dentifrice identical with or containing the ingredient equal or superior in efficacy to those of SOZODONT discredit the statement and insist upon having that alone. By doing so you will secure a dentifrice *par excellence* the best in the market, containing botanic elements of rare preservative influence upon the teeth, and one which will endow them with most becoming whiteness. Another desirable feature of this staple toilet article is that it imparts fragrance to the breath. Sold by druggists.

Capt. P. H. McCaull Takes Charge of His Office.

A SON OF MAHONE APPOINTED CHIEF CLERK—HAM SHEPPERD, THE RETIRING COLLECTOR, PRESENTED WITH A CANE.

The Alex. *Gazette* says that, at Lynchburg on Saturday, Capt. P. H McCaull took possession of the office of internal revenue collector of the Western district. Col. McCaull made only two permanent appointments; namely, Mr. Wm. Mahone, jr., as chief clerk, in the place of Mr. Wm. H. Fowle, and Mr. John S. Watson as deputy collector in place of Mr. John Whitehead. Messrs. Fowle and Whitehead having resigned, Capt. McCaull invited all of the employees of the office to retain temporarily their positions and it is understood that most of them will for the present remain in order to facilitate the transactions of the public business until their successors are appointed.

The affairs of the officers were found to be in the very best of order. During the transfer the utmost civility and courtesy prevailed. The parties concerned seemed desirous to discriminate between their political and personal capacities. The new collector called on Capt. Ham Shepperd, the retiring official, and spent several hours during the day in consultation with that gentleman in reference to the affairs of the office and duties. The deputy collectors from all portions of the district were there closing up their accounts, and the republican office-seekers were on hand looking for positions.

An interesting incident of the occasion was the presentation of a handsome cane to the retiring collector by his deputies. At 3 o'clock the hour appointed for the transfer to take place, the deputies and other officials named assembled in one of the large rooms, when Capt. James S. Redd, the deputy from Henry, called the meeting to order, and in appropriate remarks explained its object. Then upon motion of Capt. Redd the chief deputy, Capt. W. H. Fowle, was selected to present the cane. A committee of three deputies, J. Bumgardner Dr. Dunn and R. G. Penn, were appointed to inform Capt. Shepperd that his presence was desired. In a few moments Capt. Shepperd appeared, when Chief Deputy Fowle took the cane and in behalf of the officers named presented it with much feeling.

Capt. Shepperd was taken by surprise, but his remarks were feeling and were specially appropriate. No token, he said, was needed to convince him of the esteem of all under him, and he thanked all for the manner in which they had discharged the duties of their position, thereby elevating the service to a higher plane than was known under the republican administations. He closed with an expression of hope that no one would relax his efforts in behalf of democracy and with his best wishes for all.

The Schools of the Commonwealth.

We are indebted to Dr. John L. Buchanan, Superintendant of Public Instruction, for a copy of his report for the school year ending July 31, 1888. The report shows the public schools of the Commonwealth to be flourishing and to be doing a work more useful and extensive than ever before. Instead of the schools decreasing in efficiency, as it was predicted by Republicans that they would decrease under Democratic rule, they are more numerous and furnish education to more pupils and employment to more teachers than ever before. The number of schools, school-houses, pupils and teachers has steadily increased year by year. The Democrats have controlled the Legislature—the appropriating power of the Government—for the last six years, and during that time the cause of public education in this State has continued to advance. The year 1884 was the last in which the schools were supported by appropriations granted by a Republican Legislature. The Democratic Legislature of 1883 '84 made the appropriation for the support of the schools in 1885, and Democratic Legislatures in like manner have made the appropriations for the schools in 1886 and 1887 and 1888. To the end of the last named school year this report carries us. Let us now compare the Republican year 1884 with the four succeeding Democratic years—1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

The number of schools opened in 1884 was: White, 4,477; colored, 1,873. Total, 6,350. On the other hand, the number opened in 1885 was: White, 4,658; colored, 1,917. Total, 6,575. The number opened in 1886 was: White, 4,782; colored, 1,981. Total, 6,763. The number opened in 1887 war: White, 5,047; colored, 2,093—Total, 7,140. The number opened in 1888 was: White, 5,154; colored, 2,115. Total, 7,269. The total increase in the schools since the responsibility of their support was laid on the Democratic party has been: White, 677; colored, 242. Total, 919. These official statistics utterly refute the charge that the Democratic party does not foster and encourage public education.

But let us see how the schools have prospered in other respects under Democratic rule.—In 1884 there were 4,783 white teachers. In 1888 5,373. Increase, 590. In 1884 there were 1,588 colored teachers. In 1888 there were 1 909. Increase, 321. Total increase, 911. In 1884 the number of pupils enrolled was as follows:—White, 184,720; colored, 103,310. Total number, 288,030. In 1888 the number of pupils was as follows. White, 211,449; colored 118,831. Total number, 330,280. White increase, 26,729; colored increase, 15,521. Total increase, 42,250. In 1884 the number of school-houses owned by districts was 3,580. In 1888 it was 4,570. In crease, 990. The value of chool property owned by districts was, in 1884, $1,592,434.82. In 1888 it was $2,117,633. Increase in value, $525,168 18 The amount applied to public schools for general expenses was as follows: In 1884, $1-372,624.99. In 1888, $1,558,352.70. Increase, $185,727.71. For this the State has all the additional schools, school-houses, teachers, and enrolled pupils which have been enumerated above.

The number of school-houses built during the year is three hundred and nine, and the whole amount invested in permanant improvements is $169,110.93. There are more schools open, more school-houses in use, more teachers employed, and more pupils in attendance than ever before since the system was established in Virginia.—*Richmond State.*

The Rockbridge Delegation for McKinney.

The Lexington Daily *Gazette* of Saturday last says:—

"Possibly the best informed politician in Rockbridge, a member of the delegation to the State Convention of the democratic party which meets in Richmond the 14th inst., and who will be the leader of the delegation, says to the *Gazette* that the standing of the delegation is not as reported in the papers, but that McKinney will have 16 of the 21 votes, the other five being for Beirne, and in his humble opinion, with one or two exceptions, the Rockbridge delegation will throw its first vote for McKinney. He says the reported strength for Beirne, Harris and O'Ferrall is for some personal reasons, but that the majority of the delegation will settle on McKinney as the most available man and as the choice of the county."

There are strikes and rumors of strikes all over the country where the protected industries have their home, and yet this is a high tariff era—this is the time when, under promises of the last Republican campaign, the land should flow with the milk and honey of protection, and no man who could or would work should be without good wages. The magnifying glasses of a high tariff cannot make a piece of bread feed any more children, even if it does look larger through them. The cow that had the green spectacles on and ate the shavings for grass soon got tired of it and discovered that there was some delusion about the process. American voters are not all cows, however.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

BRIDGE COMPLETED.—The Highland *Recorder* says the new bridge over the Bull Pasture river at McDowell, is completed, ready for the use of the traveling public. The Supt. deserves credit for the rapid manner in which he pushed this work to completion.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—In Louisa county during the storm of Tuesday night of last week, the lightning struck the dwelling of J. H. Hester, who lives about two miles west of Tolersville, killing his wife and shocking every one else in the house.

DEATH OF MRS. SEMMES IN LEXINGTON, VA.—The Lexington *Daily Gazette* of Thursday last says:—

"After a short illness the venerable mother of Col. Thos. M. Semmes, of the Virginia Military Institute faculty, died last night at the residence of her son on upper Main street. * * She was a communicant of the Episcopal church and it was there that the funeral services were conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. J. McBride this evening.

The Republican County Convention.

A large majority of the Republicans of this county are heartily in favor of a plan of organization which will allow the people themselves to choose their own officers, and they are heartily sick of having their will, when properly expressed, overruled, and if they chose they could as they have nearly always done heretofore send a delegation to the Norfolk convention which would represent their true sentiments, but they know that such action will be useless as long as the party machinery is manipulated in such a manner as to secure an organization in the State Convention which will insist upon trampling upon the rights of the people.

We have many times heard Republicans say something like this: "Well, we can easily send a delegation from this County which will show that we are not in sympathy with any plan of organization which does not permit Republicans to act for themselves, but what will be the good of it? Will not Gen. Mahone appoint his own officers and his own will be carried out anyway; therefore we say let them have it, all their own way. If Gen. Mahone don't hesitate to remove a county chairman who has always done his duty and to appoint one whom he knows he can manage, he will not hesitate to do anything else to carry his point."

So it seems to be the nearly unanimous determination of the friends of local self-government in the Republican party of the county, to let Messrs. Paul, Funkh