Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1890

Local Department.

At the public sale on Saturday of the parsonage of the Baptist church of this city, Mr. M.M Robertson was the purchaser at $4,500.

S. L. Robinson has been appointed Postmaster at Rawley Springs, Rockingham county, in the place of N. C. Mowbray, removed.

Vegetable and harmless, yet a monster destroyer to any blood taint, A. B. C. Alterative. Try it.

☞ An opportunity to those who need the tonic waters of the **Rawley Springs, Va.** Board $10 a week until July 1st. Good Trout Fishing. Send for book of testimonials.
5—7—4t J. WATKINS LEE, Prop'r.

STREET RAILWAY.—Surveyors for the street railway are being placed along the line of East Main Street.

Do you want an absolute Blood Purifier? It is found only in "A. B. C. Alterative."

The meaning of the word advertise "to make known," explains its importance. Make known what you have to sell or what you wish to buy. The benefits are so far reaching that you cannot tell where they will end. Like the ripples of water caused by a stone, they extend far beyond the sight.—*Keokuk (Ia.) Gate City.*

Chance for a Bargain.

NEW DOMESTIC SEWING MACHINE CHEAP. Those wishing a bargain in a new Domestic Sewing Machine should call at the SPECTATOR office. This machine is just from the factory and has never been used. The owner having no use for it will sell it cheap for cash. A bargain can be had.

ARM AND LEG BROKEN.—Whilst engaged in getting bark in Brown's Gap on the Blue Ridge mountain, Wm. Slater had the misfortune to have a tree fall upon him which injured him severely, and probably fatally, as he had an arm and a leg broken and was injured in the back.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have at once a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

The "Annex" correspondent of the *Argus* says:—

"As Mr. Charles Patterson and wife were going down a hill near Mt. Horeb church one of the backing straps broke, causing the horse to take fright and run through a plank fence, breaking the buggy and harness to pieces. Mrs. Patterson was badly hurt, while her husband escaped with only a few bruises."

She Suffered for 20 Years.

My wife has suffered for fifteen years from congestion and painful menstruation. After using three bottles of Bradfield's Female Regulator she is now able to do her house work and go where she pleases. J. W. DAVIS, Moravian Falls, N. C.

Write to Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

ARM AND RIBBS BROKEN.—Whilst Mr. Spitzer, who lives in the neighborhood of Kolner's Store, was engaged in building a barn, the scaffold upon which he was standing gave way and he fell to the ground and was badly hurt, having an arm and two ribs broken, besides receiving other injuries.

MEMORIAL DAY—THORNROSE CEMETERY.—Memorial day for the annual tribute of affection to the memory of our Confederate dead occurs statedly on the 9th of June. Custom has associated with that occasion attention to other graves by surving friends. This is in accord with the management of the Cemetery that now renews the request and hopes to see it generally observed.

Worked Like a Charm.

Bradfield's Female Regulator worked like a charm; improvement been wonderful; cannot express my gratitude. Wish every lady afflicted would try it. I know it would cure them. MRS. LULA A. LONG, Spring Grove, Fla., Write the Bradfield Regulator Company, Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

Good Luck.

Charles H. Johnson, driver for Wm. Richardson, of 102 Sudbury street, in the last drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery was the happy holder of one-twentieth of ticket 8132, which drew the first capital prize of $300,000, and received as his share the neat little fortune of $15,000. Mr. Johnson is a quiet young fellow who intends to put his easily acquired fortune to good use.—Boston (Mass.) Herald, March 27.

Cheap Papers,

Newspapers, besides the reading matter they contain, are valuable for many other purposes in the family,—for putting under carpets, cleaning lamps and windows, polishing stoves, starting fires, &c—and at the price we sell them—25 cents per hundred—are the cheapest things that can be bought.

At this low price we will furnish good, unclipped papers. Call at the SPECTATOR office and get one or more hundred before they are all sold.

The breath of a chronic catarrh patient is often so offensive that he becomes an object of disgust. After a time ulceration sets in, the spongy bones are attacked and frequently entirely destroyed. A constant source of discomfort is the dripping of the purulent secretions into the throat, sometimes producing inveterate bronchitis, which, in its turn, has been the exciting cause of pulmonary disease. The brilliant results which have attended its use for years past properly designate Ely's Cream Balm as by far the best and only cure.

New Main Street Buildings.

We referred last week to the new buildings which Mr. P. H. Trout will erect on Main St. Tearing down the old houses at that point and also the old Tams' property, opposite the Y. M. C. A. building, was commenced the latter part of last week. Captain Crowle will add four elegant store rooms and extensive suits of offices above in this building. The plans were drawn by Mr. S. W. Foulk, of New Castle, Pa.

Never had a preparation more appropriate name than Ayer's Hair Vigor. When the capillary glands become enfeebled by disease, age, or neglect, this dressing imparts renewed life to the scalp, so that the hair assumes much of its youthful fulness and beauty.

A Success.

The National Garment Cutter is being tested by our people, and is giving universal satisfaction. Not only are the best people of our city using the system and speaking in terms of praise of this invention, but thousands of others throughout the South are using it, and saying that it should be understood by every lady who is in any way interested in good-fitting, stylish clothing.

In the June number of the New England Magazine will come to the front with an article on Athens, Ga., as the birthplace of Henry Grady, in which will be given much that it is of exceeding interest pertaining to the early life of this eloquent and much-lamented son of the South. In addition to a valuable collection of pictures that serve to illustrate this article, there will appear in fac simile two manuscripts of Grady's that give a delightful picture of the inner life of the boy and the man.

Dyspepsia causes depraved blood, which, in time, affects every organ and function of the body. As remedy for these troubles, nothing can approach Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It vitalizes the blood, strengthens the stomach, and corrects all disorders of the liver and kidneys.

$100 for an Anecdote.

That is a pretty good price for a story or reminiscence of from three to three hundred lines; isn't it? But the *Saturday Summary* offers $200 for the four best anecdotes (either local or general) of from fifteen to fifteen hundred words; $100 for the best, $50 for the second, $35 for the third, and $15 for the fourth—open to everybody. Full particulars and sample copy of the *Saturday Summary* for three (2ct) stamps. Address the *Saturday Summary*, New York.

The Twin Son of Rev. Dr. Ball Instantly Killed.

ROANOKE, VA., May 16.—A distressing accident happened to-day in the family of Rev. C. W. Ball, of Lafayette, Montgomery county, Presiding Elder of the Roanoke district Methodist Episcopal Church. While his little twin boys were playing with a pistol, it exploded in the hands of the one, killing the other instantly.

ASCENSION DAY.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The Knights Templar organization which exists under the fostering care of Masonry has become a blended beauty and excellence in the work of the more ancient order. The Stevenson Commandry of this city is one which well illustrates those characteristics in its growth and the honor it reflects upon the parent which nurtures it. Its opportunities for appearance in public are not as frequent as the Lodge of Master Masons, where the foundation of the strength of the rising degrees are laid and the completeness of the lower are fitted for their places.

The purpose of celebrating Ascension Day in public was a beautiful and happy conception of Stevenson Commandry and its effect must have been, as intended, in its devotional features upon the Knights, as it was interesting to the large audience which was present at the First Presbyterian Church on the evening of the 15th instant, where the observance of the day took place.

The committee of arrangements were Sir Knights William A. Burke, J. Howard Wayt, B. B. Eskridge, W. B. McChesney and B. F. Hughes, the two first Past Eminent Commanders, third Eminent Commander, and the fourth Captain General of the Commandry.

To appear in this service Rev. S. S. Lambeth, D.D., of Richmond, of the M. E. Church South, and Prelate of the Commandry in that city, and Rev. R. J. McBryde, D.D., Rector of the Episcopal church at Lexington, and Prelate of the Fredericksburg Commandry, were invited to conduct the exercises, the first as prelate and the latter as assistant prelate.

The Knights were in full equipment, but not mounted, and escorts of their guests who were to lead in the service. The column of march was formed and the Stonewall Brigade Band was the escort to it, and thus moved from the Asylum of the Knights to the church, which, before 8 o'clock, the hour for commencement, was well filled with spectators.

The music for the occasion was arranged in selections most appropriate in accordanbe with the liturgy of Knighthood and rendered in that excellence which need only be referred to by saying that Professor Webb, of the Virginia Female Institute, was organist, and the vocalists, members of the First Presbyterian church choir, and the quartette choir of Trinity Episcopal church.

The services opened with the hymn commencing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," after which followed the reading of the prophetic and historic lesson, and the several parts of reading, prayers, and responses, and music and the reading of the gospel, of the ascension and the singing of the

ASCENSION HYMN.

The rising God forsakes the tomb;
In vain the tomb forbids Him rise;
Cherubic legions gard Him home,
And shout Him welcome to the skies.

Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high your great Deliverer reigns;
Sing how he spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the monster Death in chains.

Say, "Live forever, glorious King,
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"
Then ask the monster "Where's thy sting?
And where thy vict'ry, boasting Grave?"

THE SERMON

was delivered by the prelate. The text was quoted from Acts chapter 1, verses 9, 10, 11. The subject was sublime and the delivery graceful and eloquent.

The birth of the saviour, his early life, his baptism, ministry, betrayal, crucifixion, death and burial, his resurrection, his days on earth; afterwards, his last appearance, the blessings on his disciples and the ascension were sketched.

The history of men from earliest revelation, the ascension of Enoch and Elijah and the imagined glories which awaited their entrance into Heaven were part of the discourse before he commenced the special address to the Knights as to their obligations as Masons and Templars. Charity, kindness, and all good work, an unshaken and devoted faith in the Christian religion were of their duties, and to live up to and act them out in life were requirements of their sacred vows.

In this connection the speaker drew a comparison between the Knights who consecrated themselves to the work of taking possession of the sepulcher and the Holy land and the duties and obligations resting upon their successors now, which enlarged their responsibilities, and rendered their accountability greater now than then.

After the sermon, followed the reading from the ritual and responses from the templars touching hope, promise, triumph, and thanksgiving, including the commemoration of the departed. And then, after the music of Gloria from Mozart's twelfth mass and Old Hundred, the services were ended—the benediction by Rev. Dr. McFarland.

Drs. Lambeth and McBryde were received on their arrive at the railroad stations by committees of the Knights. Dr. Lambeth was the guest of Mr. William L. Lushbaugh and Dr. McBryde was entertained by Capt. G. G. Gooch.

THE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.—We acknowledge the receipt from the Board of Directors of an invitation to attend the closing exercises of the Valley High School at Spottswood on the 22d instant. At the celebration at that time of the 2d anniversary of the Grier Literary Society the question—"Has the United States anything to fear from Roman Catholicism?" will be debated, in a contest for the debater's medal, in the affirmative by R. C. Walker and C. D. McCormick, and in the negative by J. A. McClure and J. J. Fix. The following will make declamations in the contest for the Declaimer's Medal: T. B. Brown, A. W. McClure, B. O. Shultz, C. W. Wallace, and A. B. Whitmore.

The Debater's and Declaimer's Medals will be awarded by Hon. Edward Echols.

THE BASIC CITY BUILDING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.—One of the building companies, that will commence operations at Basic City immediately, is named above. The officers are Isaac Witz, President; J. M. Quarles, vice-President; J. F. Willson, Secretary and Treasurer; and J. M. Lambert, manager. With the above named Messrs. F. L. Henkel, J. T. Lightner, J. N. McFarland, Jno. Winter, and J. E. Sanger are the directors.

The company have 52 residence and 28 business lots. The capital of the company is $80,000, the lots placed at $30,000, and the $50,000 made up by stock will constitute the working capital. It is proposed to have the residences ready in ninety days.

WAYNESBORO TIMES.—The last issue of the *Waynesboro Times* makes the announcement that Mr. James E. Bibb has sold his interest in that journal to his former partner, John T. Booz, who is now the sole editor and proprietor, who will deserve success, and we hope he will receive it. He is a young man of industry and energy and we hope his highest aspirations will be crowned with success beyond his most sanguine anticipations. He publishes a brief and graceful salutatory marked by that degree of modesty which accompanies true merit.

Personal.

The "Spirit of the Valley" states that Dr. Wm. G. Points of Harrisonburg, will go to Oklahoma and be the clerk of Warren S. Lurty, appointed U.S. Marshal of that territory.

George E. Sipe, Esq., left Harrisonburg on Saturday week to spend several months in Europe.

W. H. Warren of Fayette Co., W. Va., graduated at Dunsmore's Business College Friday evening, and accepted a position on Monday with Shanahan & Hanger Railroad contractors, near Richmond, Ky.

TEMPORARY CHANGES.—Messrs. Kinney & Terry, coal and wood dealers, will, for the present, occupy an office at Treiber's China Store, corner Beverley and New streets.

Mr. W. M. Allen's drug store has been opened on another corner of the same streets.

These temporary locations will be occupied till the parties return to their former stands, when they will be in the new and elegant buildings. Mr. P. H. Trout will immediately erect. Last week we made mention that Mr. J. M. Wilson was the contractor for these buildings.

ONE LEG CUT OFF, THE OTHER BROKEN.—William Gaines, a colored laborer on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, whilst unloading gravel yesterday at Lagrange, attempted to mount the rear steps of the engine when in motion. He missed his footing, and, falling back, both legs went under the tender, which passing over, crushed one, which was amputated. The other was broken. His house was near by, to which he was taken, and surgical aid promptly rendered.

TO AID THE NEEDY.—There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Exchange in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening, May 22, at 5 o'clock. The membership fee is $1.00 for one ticket, or $2.00 for three tickets. All interested in this cause are earnestly requested to be present.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Margaretta Mason, widow of the late Major C. R. Mason, died in Richmond, at the residence of her nephew, Mr. L. B. Vaughan, and was buried in Thornrose Cemetery in this city (where her husband was buried) last Monday afternoon. The funeral services were from the Baptist Church, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Nelson. Remarks were also made at the grave by Rev. A. C. Barron, of Baltimore, who referred particularly to the Christian life and example of the deceased, and deeply impressed the audience.

Mrs. Mason continued to retain her residence after Major Mason's death at the family seat near Swoope in Augusta county, but often visited her relations and friends at a distance. Mrs. Barron, wife of the minister named above, was her step daughter, to whom she had recently paid a visit, and at the time of her death was visiting her nephew in Richmond.

Mrs. Mason was in the 77th year of her age.—Her maiden name was Vaughan, and she was a native of Hanover, and was married to Major Mason many years ago. Several of her step-sons and step-daughters who reside at a distance from Staunton, and friends of the family also from a distance, were, with the citizens generally, present at the funeral services.

Mrs. Hannah H. Hunter, widow of the late W. J. Hunter, died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. A. Burnett, in this city on the 16th instant aged about 63 years.—Some years ago she received a painful injury from a fall on an icy pavement and never recovered from its effects. Since that time her residence has been with her sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. Burnett. She was the daughter of the late Samuel M. Woodward.—Two sisters and three brothers survive her.

The death of Miss Fannie Burwell Dickenson, daughter of Mr. H. P. Dickenson, is inexpressibly sad. She was just sixteen years of age. The affliction to the family in the sudden death of Mrs. Dickenson, a few months since, was a full measure of sorrow, and now the departure of a bright and lovely one of the children makes that home one of the deepest mourning.

Miss Dickenson had been unwell for two months, but her father was not prepared for her death. She was feeble, but on Sunday afternoon was walking about. She had taken a seat with other members of the family present, and at the time of her death, 2 P. M., was reclining on a sofa.

The funeral service took place Monday afternoon from the Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Hawes, Pastor. The following named young gentlemen were the pall-bearers:—

Baldwin Wayt, Geo. A. Van Lear, J. T. Lightner, Arthur Morton, Willie Geiger, and John Alexander.

Mr. J. M. Ryan died at the residence of his son, Mr. Wm. Y. Ryan, in Louisa county, on the 14th inst., at the advanced age of 83 years and 20 days, and was buried in Thornrose Cemetery at Staunton on the 17th beside his wife, Maria A., who died on the 21st of last November at the age of 71 years, 3 months and 21 days.

The deceased was born in Rockingham April 24th, 1807. He was first engaged in the mercantile business on James River previous to the construction of the canal, and then with the company cutting the canal. He then resided for a time in Staunton, and then purchased the farm in Louisa county where he died.—Nine children survive him as follows:—

Miss Annie E. Ryan, and Mrs. Mattie E. Livick, Staunton, Va.; Wm. V. and O. A. Ryan, of Louisa Co., Va.; Mrs. Fannie P. Banister and Mrs. Pocahontas Bishop, of Washington city; Mr. J. F. Ryan and Mrs. Laura Hershey, of Baltimore, Md.; and Mrs. Louisa Burrus, of Richmond, Va.

County Board of Supervisors.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING—THE COUNTY LEVY MADE—THE EXEMPTION OF VALLEY R. R. FROM TAXATION CONSIDERED—THE WEATHER SIGNAL SERVICE.

The County Board of Supervisors, all the members present, was in session yesterday. The annual levy was made as follows:—

General road expenses, bridges, damages, &c.,	$8,000
For the poor	4,750
Commissioners of Revenue	700
Public officers	2,400
Jury service	1,100
Books, Stationery, &c., or County, Circuit Court offices and County Treasurer	350
Registration and elections	725
Supervisors	300
Clerk of Board Supervisors	100
Commissioner of Public buildings	30
Fuel for Court House and Clerk's office	105
Ice for same	22
Sprinkling streets	12
Fuel for jail	225
Rent of Law Library	50
Jail Expenses	233
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The assessed value of real and personal estate for 1889 was $11,318,248.
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District road levies—Beverly Manor, North River, South River, and Pastures 12½ cents each; Middle River, 10, and Riverheads 12 cents.

County schools 10 cents. District schools—Beverly Manor, North River, and pastures 10 cents each. Middle River, South River and Riverheads 8 cents each.

The road petition of J. H. Clarke and others near Greenville expending $225 for damages and construction was approved.

$125 was appropriated for approaches to the Spring Hill bridge.

$500 on account of stone-work at the Mt. Meridian bridge was ordered to be paid, and several sums were also appropriated for sundry expenses.

Messrs. Meade F. White, E. A. Fulcher and W. A. Burnett, were appointed a committee to report upon the advisability of taxing the property of the Valley Railroad Company. The charter provides that the railroad shall be exempt from taxation by the county, but legal authority considers that provision unconstitutional.

Messrs. Fulcher and Burnett were appointed a committee to ascertain the expediency of procuring the weather signal service which will be displayed from the cupola of the Court-House.

The county has a claim against the city for use of the Court House and Jail, &c., from the date of last payment, July 1885, to July 1889, four years, which has been discussed in the City Council. The claim for the five years amounts to $1,258.09. The Board of Supervisors were informed by proper authority that the claim would be paid.

The Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court, Judge McLaughlin presiding, has disposed of a great deal of business, much more than was expected in view of his recent sickness. More than two hundred decrees in chancery causes have been rendered.

A charter has been granted to the Wayne Land Company of Waynesboro' containing the usual provisions for a town site near Waynesboro'. The minimum capital is $30,000, and the maximum $300,000. Chas. M. Figgat, of Lexington, is president; A. R. Rosenberg, of Waynesboro', vice president; and E. F. Keys, of Waynesboro', treasurer and secretary.

With the two first named John Sheridan, W. H. Netz, C. W. Irvine, and S. R. Moore, of Lexington, and J. F. Templeton, of Waynesboro', are directors.

Thos. W. Miller, of Roanoke, qualified as attorney.

The court will adjourn in a few days, and it is probable another term will be held, commencing about the middle of June, over which Judge Keith, of Fauquier, will preside.

BADGES FOR THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND TRAVELLING RATES.—Confederate veterans intending to be at the unveiling of the Lee Statue have the opportunity of procuring badges as provided for by a resolution of the Augusta Memorial Association. The committee to provide badges—Messrs. C. L. Weller, A. M. Simpson and C. M. Keblinger—have attended to the matter and placed them at Mr. W. L. Olivier's Bookstore where they can be obtained. The cost is only 25 cents.

All desiring the cheapest rate of fare, travelling by the railroads, can obtain it in squads of twenty or more travelling under one ticket, all going and returning in a body.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. W. Jennings, a freight brakeman about twenty-one years of age, had his collar-bone broken, received an ugly cut on his left knee and was badly bruised up by S. V. passenger train No. 1, at Lofton, last Sunday morning. This train met the freight on which he was braking at that siding and, after opening the switch to let passenger train in, he got on the engine. In jumping off, his glove caught, caused him to be dragged about five yards with the above results. He was brought here on the freight and Dr. S. A. Austin furnished the necessary medical attention. He is not dangerously hurt.—Waynesboro Times, May 16th.

Middlebrook News.

Mr Chas. McClure's sale last Thursday was well attended and property sold low enough.—Some fine horses were sold.

Miss ——Arnold, daughter of Chas. Arnold at Newport, in this county, who was so badly burned last winter (as written for the SPECTATOR at the time) died at her home there last week. She had been a great sufferer since the occurrence of the sad accident in which she had the sympathy and prayers of all. But God has taken the little sufferer unto himself where she will be healed of all her wounds and where pains and death never enter. The parents have the sympathy of all in their day of sad bereavement, but they should remember that she has gone to a land where she will not be called upon to suffer excruciating pains, but where God will wipe all tears from her eyes, and where a new song will be put in her mouth, even songs of praise unto her God.

Mrs. John Lotts died at her home near here last week of consumption. She leaves a husband and a family of small children to mourn her death. Mrs. Lotts was a sister of Jas. Hicks, of Stuart's Draft, Virginia. She had been sick for some time, but bore her sufferings with a patience remarkable for its endurance. Mrs. Lotts was about 45 years of age. It is, indeed, a very sad day for a family of children when death takes their mother away.—We know from sorrowful experience.

Rev. David Perry, of the Methodist Church, was in this place last Saturday, and was the guest of D. M. Smith. He preached an able sermon at Dutch Hollow Church on Sunday morning, also one in the evening at Oakland Chapel (which should have been called Hill's Chapel). He is a fine speaker, and his sermons were very impressive indeed. He takes the place of Rev. D. W. Hill who is, and has been incapacitated by sickness. We hope he will do well in his work. He will find plenty of material to work on.

Mr. John Manly became the purchaser, a few days since of the fine saddle- and driving-stallion—"Prince William." He surely is a fine horse, and John has placed him at his stable for the benefit of the stockmen who have a desire to improve their plug stock and raise something fine for general purposes. He is 5 years old, and is said to be a 3-minute horse. Lovers of fine blooded stock are doing all they can to advance the stock of our county. Among this number is J. S. Byers, of Staunton; John Manly, of Middlebrook; Trimble and Wilson, of Swoope; Phil. Gilkeson, of Mint Spring, and others. These men believe in raising the standard of our stock and deserve to have the assistance of all who want to see our grand old county come to the front and excel in all. Quite a large number of horses passed through here *en route* to Harrisonburg Court last week.

There are some negro women around here who are in the habit of beating their children unmercifully and brutally. We saw one last week that had its head badly skinned up and bruised by its inhuman mother and brutal grandmother. There are some negroes who have not the sense to correct their children, and therefore they are thus treated. It is the duty of the grand jurymen to present such people and make them suffer for their leather-headedness. There are people who also treat dumb brutes very cruelly and brutally. There is a law against it, and it is very grossly violated, and these inhuman acts have been only winked at heretofore, and a very important law it is.

"The Credit System" is ruining the laboring classes. For instance one mechanic will do a job for a certain price according to the cost of his material on 30 days' time. He has to charge up this work for 6 months or a year. Or sometimes when he asks for his pay, the cry, nine out of ten times, is, "Well, I have my fertilizer bill to pay," or something of that sort. Everybody must be paid before the poor mechanic (by some, not all.) This is the reason why the best mechanics are leaving here and more will soon go. They seek a place where money circulates for labor anyhow. There are several good mechanics who are going to hunt better locations another year. Good horse-shoers are already very scarce, as those who now work at it are leaving, and none are learning it because of the slack treatment received by the majority of mechanics.

The weather is fine and the road overseers are busy. If a rock-crusher had been bought instead of the present road-plow we might do something toward improving the roads. Dirt thrown in the road only makes mud, and is soon in the ditch again.

Mr. Ad. Rosen and family were here last Sunday. ROXBURY.

Dates of Commencement Exercises.

Staunton Female Seminary—Rev. Jas. Willis, Principal.—Art Exhibition, Friday, May 23rd, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Concert and closing exercises, Friday, May 23, 8 p. m.

Virginia Female Institute—Mrs. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, Principal.—Art Exhibition, Monday, June 10th, at 8 p. m.; Closing Exercises, Wednesday morning, June 11th.

Augusta Female Seminary—Miss M. J. Baldwin, Principal.—Art Exhibition, Friday, May 23d, 10 a. m. to 5.30 p. m.; Commencement Sermon by Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, of Wilmington, N. C., Sunday, May 25th, 11 a. m.; Art Exhibition, May 26th, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Annual Concert, May 26th, 8 p. m.; Awarding of Honors, May 27th, 10:30 a. m.

Wesleyan Female Institute—Rev. Dr. W. A. Harris, Principal.—Thursday, May 29th, 8 p. m.; public exercises of the Bethoven Society; Friday, May 30th, 3 p. m., Final Celebration of the Lee and Jackson Literary Society. Annual address before the society by Rev. J. W. Shoaff, of Baltimore; Saturday, May 31st, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m.—Art Exhibition, Sunday, June 1st, at 11 a. m.—Commencement Sermon by Rev. W. J. Young, of Alexandria, Va., Monday, June 2d, 8 p. m.—Annual Soiree, Tuesday, June 3d, 8 p. m., Closing Exercises.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution.—The Annual Concert at the D. D. & B. Institution will be given on Tuesday, June 10th, at 8 p. m.; Art Exhibition Tuesday morning, June 10th; Exhibition, Awarding of Medals, &c., Wednesday, June 11th at 10:30 a. m.

Waynesboro Female Valley Seminary.—Mrs. J. B. Winston, Principal.—Baccalaureate Sermon, June 5th, by Rev. S. P. Kerr, D. D., of Richmond.

The Valley High School.—The closing exercises of the Valley High School at Spottswood will take place on Thursday, May 22nd.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE BAND OF HOPE.—The entertainment given in the Opera-House last Friday night by the Band of Hope, under the auspices of the Loyal Temperance Legion, was much enjoyed by the audience. The cantata—the "Blacksmith's daughters"—the play of "Blisters and Walskey," the "Hatchet Party," with the singing, acting, recitations, and drill were well performed, when the youth and inexperience of the participants are considered—it being their first appearance on the stage. Their ages ranged from 5 years to 18, and even the youngest acquitted themselves with credit, and some of the older, yet young, exhibited considerable talent both for singing and acting. We refrain from making special mention, for where all did so well it would be invidious to discriminate. The Band of Hope is an organization that is doing much good, and it should be encouraged and fostered. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

READINGS AND RECITATIONS BY CAPTAIN WM. P. CARTER.—We have the pleasure to announce that our citizens will have an opportunity to enjoy an intellectual feast on next Friday night in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., when readings and recitations will be given by Captain William P. Carter. He is a native of Clarke county. The press notices of him, North and South, are very complimentary, and the New York "Times" says he "equals Joel Harris as an imitator of negro talk."

The Montgomery (Ala.) "Advertiser" says:

"Captain Wm. Page Carter, of Virginia, gave readings and recitations in the chapel of Saint John's Church last night, and a large audience was present to hear him. In his pieces the Virginia negro dialect was heard in perfection. The programme was splendidly rendered, and made an evening of delightful entertainment."

Tickets can be had at the bookstore of Warden & Co.

Staunton Improvement Company.

A charter was granted to this new company by Judge McLaughlin last Friday. The minimum capital stock is to be $25 000 and the maximum $200,000, with price of shares $10 each. This company, through Mr. Reeves Catt, purchased the farm of Mrs. Juliet Ast, in the suburbs of the city, with the exception of the buildings and 8 acres of land which she reserved. The officers of this company are: Reeves Catt, President; W. H. Kable, Vice-President; and C. R. Caldwell, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers named and the following constitute the Directors: J. Frank Wilson, W. N. Wilson and E. T. Dudley, of Augusta, and W. H. Shuff, of Salem, Va.

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Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE,
STAUNTON, VA., May 20, 1890.

The condition of the crops, especially of the staple products, which enter into and sustain such a large trade centering in this city, and so nearly associated with the leading features of its commerce, that it is not out of place and and quite convenient to compile that class of information, as we often do, with the market reports.

According to our observation and from the best sources of information attainable, the prospect for the growing wheat and grass has not been so backward at this season of the year in this section of the Valley since the short crop of 1885. Indeed, many fields of both seem to be receding from the condition they were in a few weeks since, certainly in view of the natural advance which should have been made.

During the winter, scattering fields of both wheat and grass clearly developed a backward condition, but it was supposed they would improve, and that all then in a healthy condition would remain so, but the reverse will be the experience of many farmers in all this region of the Valley. Grass fields for the first mowing of the new sowing, which last fall gave the brightest promise, have failed to come forward, and will not make half a crop of hay. Sour weed has taken wider hold than we have ever seen it before, and has really destroyed many fields of both wheat and grass. April was a hard month on both, and the want of moisture was very hurtful.

Oats and corn as a general rule were put into the soil late, and have made but little headway so far.

Our products have had little to do with regulating the markets, and when our surplus is cut down, as it directly will be the coming harvest, a continuance of low prices will be nearly disastrous. Either in the fullness or a diminished realization of yield we always look to the fields which control, and first scan closely the situation in the great western winter-wheat belt.

The Cincinnati Price Current furnishes weekly the fullest information of any at our command and regularly compares its own with other sources of intelligence. We copy from the Price Current of the 15th instant as follows:

"The past week has not essentially changed the indications as to condition of the growing wheat crop in Western States. In Ohio the position has been moderately improved; in Indiana and Illinois it appears to have suffered something of a decline; in Missouri, whatever change has occurred has been unfavorable but probably to an unimportant degree only; in Kansas the average has been somewhat lowered; in Michigan the change is not great, the evidence being rather against an improvement; in Kentucky the situation is well maintained as a rule. As a whole, for these States, the situation is not more promising than a week ago, and is probably less so.

We have not especially investigated the extent of abandoned area in the winter wheat crop, which has been quite considerable in the Central States of the West. The acreage of seeding of winter grain was approximately 26,000,000 acres, according to Department data. The indications are that proximately 2,000,000 acres have been turned to other crops or otherwise disappeared from the area to be harvested, so that 24,000,000 acres is probably as large a breadth as the ultimate reckoning will show, as compared with 25,383,000 acres last year. It would call for an average yield of 11½ bushels on this area to produce 275,000,000 bushels, and this quantity does not appear likely to be exceeded.

Our correspondence in this issue is again quite full and interesting, not only for its reference to wheat but also concerning other crops. Cool and wet weather in many localities have continued to retard the progress of the corn crop, but the general condition is not to be counted as unfavorable. The oats crop is somewhat disappointing in some portions of Ohio and Indiana, but favorable as a rule, and generally encouraging further west, with a good average promise. The grain crops have been in need of rain in Missouri and Kansas. Grass and meadow lands almost uniformly in satisfactory condition.

The reported condition of winter wheat on May 1 compares with a month ago, and May 1 last year, in principal States, as follows;

	May 1, 1890.	April 1, 1890.	May 1, 1889.
New York	91	88	93
Pennsylvania	96	99	96
Ohio	82	87	90
Michigan	73	67	92
Indiana	63	75	95
Illinois	61	75	98
Missouri	82	83	93
Kansas	92	87	98
California	82	71	99
Oregon	95	92	99
Maryland	98	99	98
Virginia	95	98	98
North Carolina	80	79	95
Georgia	65	70	96
Texas	67	74	88
Tennessee	82	80	99
General average	80	81	96

Applying the 80 per cent general average in the ratio which 96 a year ago bore to the declared production, the indication for this season would be about 277,000,000 bushels, on the basis of equal area. The Department for December estimate of area suggested an increase of 2 per cent over the preceding year, which has been more than balanced by abandoned area. To what extent the loss has occurred is left to calculations centering in official channels as to condition of the crop is not clear. The Department, however, appears to aim at maintaining a line of separation between condition and area—by which it is understood that its estimates of condition apply to whatever area may be considered as representing the growing crop at time of making the estimate. It is clearly impossible to have all information submitted from an exactly like basis, as individuals furnishing it will more or less vary in application of or conformity to general instructions. It is unquestionably proper to not confound area with condition of a crop, but in such a variation from usual development, leading to great abandonment of area, as has occurred this season in the wheat crop, the Government reports would be much more complete and satisfactory by offering an approximation as to such changes in the situation, in connection with changes in condition of growth. An intelligent knowledge of the position of the crop can not be otherwise had.

All matters considered, about 275,000,000 bushels for the winter crop of wheat appears to be a full calculation as to indications from the present standpoint, unless it be assumed that the conditions favoring yield will be relatively better the remainder of the season than they were last year, or usually are.

The average condition of winter wheat this season compares with previous years as shown in the following, compiled by the Cincinnati Price Current from Department of Agriculture reports, with also the yearly averages of yield of winter wheat:

	April 1,	May 1,	June 1,	July 1.	Yield.
1890	81	80	....	....	....
1889	94	96	93.1	92	13.1
1888	82	73.1	73.3	75.6	11.6
1887	88.1	85.8	81.9	83.5	12.1
1886	94.1	94.9	92.7	91.2	12.3
1885	76.3	70	62	65	9.6
1884	95.4	94	93	94.3	12.6
1883	80	83.5	75	79	10.8
1882	104	102	99	104	14.0

For the eight years previous to this season the average for May condition is 87.4 and the average of yield 12 bushels—or 13¾ bushels for 100 condition—which is equivalent to 11 bushels for 80 condition.

A computation made by the Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin based on official data suggests 268,927,000 as the outlook for the season's winter wheat production, which compares with 332,243,000 bushels last year. The area, allowing for estimated extent plowed up for other crops, is placed at 24,621,000 acres, which compares with 25,383,000 harvested last year. This calculation implies a reduction of about 45,000,000 bushels in the winter production as compared with last year."

Referring again to the fact that the West exercises the chief influence over the situation as it affects us, the above table of conditions as furnished by States is worthy of study now and careful observation as it shall be renewed with the changing conditions from now till harvest. The condition of the crops of winter-wheat in other States has fallen back in percentage much greater than in Virginia—notably Indiana and Illinois.

From the Spring-wheat States, the accounts are conflicting, but mostly indicate a fair crop.

We continue the quotations of wheat the same as last week, but the markets at the leading centers of trade, particularly at Chicago, have been unsettled with an upward tendency, influenced mainly by the accounts from the growing crops fully referred to above. The *Prairie* (Chicago) *Farmer* in its market review places the shortage of wheat in the crop of 1890 at 40,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1889 in that market, wheat for July delivery is quoted at 91¼ cents, and it is predicted that it will be $1.00.

Hay has been dull all the time except for prime timothy. Large quantities of inferior, which was lying over for the want of paying prices, is now going forward to market, and for whatever it may bring. Loading it at many of the Railroad Stations in the country is active at this time.

Wool is coming in freely, and our dealers quite active in the trade. Best will bring 25¾ cts per ℔, but 25½ is about the average quotation for it.

Butter is lower and eggs higher—See quotations.

Irish potatoes of home product are much preferred, and are in strong demand. They are now ready sale at $1.00 per bushel, and will continue in demand till the new crop comes in.

☞ *The quotations are wholesale, not retail.*

Country Produce.	
BACON—country cured.	
Hams	10c
Shoulders	6c
Sides	7c
BEES WAX	25c
BUTTER	10@12c
CORN—	@38c