Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1890

Local Department.

THE AFTON HOUSE SOLD.—It is reported that the Afton House and adjoining property has been sold for $35,000 to a syndicate who will enlarge and improve it.

A Pleasing Sense

Of health and strength renewed and of ease and comfort follows the use of Syrup of Figs, as it acts in harmony with nature to effectually cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 59c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

Col. H. C. Parsons has sold the Natural Bridge property for the sum of $200,000 to a syndicate of Boston capitalists who propose to expend large sums in improvements.

Phil. Knapp, Optician, will again be at Staunton on July 24th, and remain 2 weeks. Hundreds of the best citizens of Augusta and adjoining counties will testify so the great benefit they have derived by using his glasses accurately adjusted to their eyes. Do not neglect your eyes when they should have attention. Examination free. Office opposite the Opera House.

SUIT DECIDED.—The Waynesboro' *Times* says:—

"The suit of Mrs. S. N. Jones vs. Davis A. Kayser which has been pending four years has been decided in favor of the plaintiff and Mrs. Jones receives nearly ten acres of very valuable land near the Basic City hotel."

Don't give up, there is a cure for catarrh and cold in the head. Thousands testify that Ely's Cream Balm has entirely cured them. It is a safe and pleasant remedy. It is applied into the nostrils. It is not a liquid or a snuff. It cures by cleansing and healing.

PROPOSALS FOR STEAM COAL.—We invite attention to the advertisement of the Stewart of the W. L. Asylum for proposals to furnish 1,800 tons of best steam coal to that institution.

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.

Read the remarks of Congressman Crisp of Georgia on the Election Bill as made in his vigorous speech delivered in Baltimore last week. Though terse, strong, and pointed, they are the "words of truth and soberness."

Sought for the last hundred years. A remedy for catarrh, hay fever and cold in the head found at last in Ely's Cream Balm. Safe and pleasant to use and easily applied into the nostrils. It gives relief at once and a thorough treatment positively cures. Price 50 cents a bottle.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Mrs. E. E. Bouldin and daughters, of Danville, are the guests of Rev. Dr. Hawes and family. Mr. Bouldin is a veteran, and he and a veteran of the Stonewall Brigade Band, Mr. Chas. E. Haines, are old and fast friends. The Band, in virtue of these relations, gave a complimentary serenade to the visitors last night.

James T. Gott, Carmi, Ill., Says:

He paid thirty-one dollar doctor's bill for his wife one year, and one bottle of Bradfield's Female Regulator did her more good than all the medicine she had taken before.

H. DALE, Druggist,
Carmi, Illinois.

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

CAMPMEETING IN HIGHLAND.—A Campmeeting of the A. M. E. Church will be held at Mt. Chapel, at McDowell, Highland county, commencing August 22nd—Pastor in charge Rev. C. M. Tony.

Thousands have been relieved of indigestion and loss of appetite by a single bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The use of this medicine by giving tone and strength to the assimilative organs, has made innumerable cures of chronic dyspepsia. Price $1. Worth $5 a bottle.

TO "AMICUS."—Your timely suggestions are received in the same kindly and friendly spirit in which they are given. We acknowledge our obligation to you, and you would confer a favor if you would give us the benefit of a personal interview.

Read Them.

We publish on the first page the report of the minority of the Committee on the Election Bill, and also the admirable remarks of Hon. W. L. Wilson of West Va., in his speech in Baltimore, giving practical points about the tariff, both of which should be carefully read and studied by every reader of the SPECTATOR. They furnish food for mental digestion. "Read, ponder, and inwardly digest."

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 Co., Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

EXCURSION TO BALTIMORE.—The B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell cheap excursion tickets to Baltimore from all stations on its lines between Wilmington, Del., Staunton, Va., and Oakland, Md., inclusive, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week until August 5th. Tickets will be valid going on trains on day of sale and valid returning on all trains until following day inclusive, and from stations South and West of Harper's Ferry, they will be valid for three days including the day of sale.

MONEY TO LOAN.—Mr. F. G. Killian, agent of the "National Savings, Building and Loan Society," has opened an office on Main Street, opposite the Opera House, for the purpose of loaning money on the easiest possible terms where a first mortgage on real estate will be furnished as security. We can commend him as a worthy young gentleman, who will do business "on the square."

The evils resulting from habitual costiveness are many and serious; but the use of harsh, drastic purgatives is quite as dangerous. In Ayer's Pills, however, the patient has a mild but effective aperient, superior to all others, especially for family use.

CAPT. LURTY OFFERS HIS RESIGNATION.—The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette under date of July 17th says:

"Mr. Warren S. Lurty, recently appointed U. S. Marshal for Oklahoma, this morning called at the White House and tendered to the President his resignation of that office, his assigned reason for doing so being sickness in his family and the insalubrious climate of Oklahoma."

The honor and integrity of the management of the Louisiana State Lottery Company are now fully established all over the country. All who know anything about it know that the drawing of the Company are held with the utmost fairness and all prizes paid fully and promptly. Thousands are ready of their own knowledge to testify to this. The Company's present charter has about five years to run.—The only question now under consideration is, shall the present charter expire in 1895 by limitation, or shall it be extended for another term of 25 years.

COMMISSIONS OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS.—At a meeting of several firms of real estate agents of this city held last Thursday at the office of William J. Perry & Co., to agree upon uniform rates of Commission, it was determined that the rates should be 5 per cent on the first $2,000 and 2½ per cent on the remainder, and not less than 5 per cent on farming, mineral, and timber lands, and that no agent should divide commission with any one not a member of the Association.

Another meeting will be held at the same place to-morrow to perfect the organization of the Association and to adopt forms for the use of its members.

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 sold.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad.

STIRRING MEETING AT MIDDLEBROOK FOR EXTENSION.

At a meeting of citizens of Middlebrook and vicinity held on Friday, July 18th, 1890, for the purpose of considering the feasibility of communicating with the managers of the Cumberland Valley Railroad in reference to the extension of their line South along the West side of the Valley counties, Dr. James C. Dunlap was called to the chair, and T. M. Smiley was elected secretary.

The object of the meeting having been explained, on motion the Chairman appointed W. W. Hamilton, Wm. Steele, J. B. McCutchan, Jno. M. Baylor, W. P. Mish, Wm. B. Glover and J. W. Tinsley as a committee to report business. After due deliberation the committee reported the following preamble and resolutions:—

WHEREAS, The Cumberland Valley railroad, commencing at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and continuing southward, has reached Winchester in the Valley of Virginia, and whereas it is reasonable to conclude that said railroad will be continued in its prolongation and adhere to a line through our Valley counties, therefore be it—

Resolved, That this meeting of the people of the Southwestern part of Augusta county, have learned to form a very high opinion of the advantages which would accrue to them through the extension of the Cumberland Valley railroad up the Valley and along the western side of Augusta county, and that, in the resources for profitable development, the possession of vast mineral, and the finest of agricultural lands and forest wealth, our section presents a most inviting field for new railroad enterprize.

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to confer with the representatives or committees of meetings which may be held in our and Sister counties to co-operate with this meeting, and the committee now appointed to advance the objects herein setforth.

Resolved, That having clothed the committee herein provideth for, with full powers to conduct this project to a consummation looking to full and free co-operation by all the communities which may be interested in the several counties of the Valley, we invoke the earnest efforts of said committee in this behalf, not doubting the liberal and appreciative spirit in which our proceedings will be received by the authorities of the Cumberland Valley railroad company.

Resolved, That a report of the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the President of the Cumberland Valley Railroad company at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and that copies also be furnished the Staunton papers for publication, and that the papers of the Valley of Virginia to requested to copy the same.

Action on the resolutions was suspended for a time in order to hear addresses from several speakers present.

Col. J. C. Shields, Mr. Heber Ker and Capt. James Bumgardner were introduced and made stirring and practical remarks tending to show the vast importance of making a united and strenuous effort to secure the extension of the Cumberland Valley R. R.

The resolutions as reported by Committee, were unanimously adopted, and the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee of correspondence: Jno. S. McCorkle, J. W. Mish, Jno. H. Bowman, W. W. Sproul, J. Alex. Bumgardner, E. A. Fulcher, D. S. Condon, J. Frank Clemmer, J. R. McCutchan, and M. G. Kerr.

On motion of John S. McCorkle, a vote of thanks was tendered Col. J. C. Shields, Mr. Heber Kerr and Capt. Jas. Bumgardner for their presence and the interest they manifested in the enterprise.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

This meeting was well attended, many representative citizens being present and much interest was shown in this effort to secure the construction of a railroad through the western portion of our Valley counties.

The committee on correspondence will take immediate steps to secure the co-operation of all the sections north and south through which this line will likely pass, and our Valley people may look forward with assurance, that something of a more definite and encouraging character will be learned from its efforts at an early day.

JAS. C. DUNLAP, Chairman.
T. M. SMILEY, Sec'ty.

The Committee Working.

Mr. John S. McCorkle, chairman of the committee appointed at the Middlebrook meeting, convened that body at the Court-house yesterday afternoon, A number of spectators were present, among them Hon. A. B. Lightner, who was, on the motion of the chairman, requested to preside over it on that ocasion.

Until full information can be prepared setting forth the moyement as it deserves to be presented for the co-operation of the communities along the western side of the Valley counties, 500 copies of the proceedings at Middlebrook and of this meeting will be printed for temporary progress.

The fuller document will be issued within 12 or 15 days. It was ordered that with the chairman, Mr. McCorkle, should be added, Jno. H. Bowman, M. G. Kerr, D. S. Condon, and E. A. Fulcher, as an executive committee to conduct the work in hand as provided for in the resolutions of the Middlebrook meeting.

Wednesday, the 17th September next, was appointed as the day, and Staunton as the place, for holding a conference of the committees to be appointed at the meetings which shall be held in all the counties along the proposed route from Frederick to Rockbridge and Botetourt, inclusive. All such meetings, which shall be holden, are requested to have their proceedings published in their county, and in the newspapers of Staunton, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Jno. S. McCorkle, Chairman, Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va.

The times for holding meeting, at Moffett's Creek, Swoope, Churchville, Mossy Creek, and other communities in Augusta where it may be practicable to do so, was discussed, and agreed that, as next Monday would be court day, all the people who feel an interest in this scheme should consult with the Chairman of the Middlebrook Committee, and appoint times and places for said meetings. It is further requested that citizens of Rockbridge, Rockingham, or other counties who may be in Staunton on court-day, confer with Mr. McCorkle and the Committee for the advancement of the objects set forth in this movement.

Over Two Million of Dollars.

The Grand Semi-Annual Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery took place at New Orleans, June 17th, 1890, when over $2,000,000 was scattered broadcast. Ticket No. 59,813 drew the First Capital Prize of $600,000, it was sold in fortieths at $1.00 each—One went to Martin H. Simmonson, 412 W. 50th St., New York City; one to Ole Anderson, 259 W. Erie St., Chicago, Ill.; one to M. M. Conroy, Stamford, Conn.; one to Herbert E. Todd, Lynn, Mass; one to Morris Rosenthal, Houston, Texas; one to Houston National Bank, Houston, Texas; one to Wilson C. Rich, Boston, Mass.; one to W. E. Spangenberg, 206 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.; one to Joseph Huggard, Bridgeport, Conn.; two to P. H. Gilbert, corner Dilman and Pratt Street, Philadelphia; two to E. Mitchell, 14 Main St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada; one collected for a patron of Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, etc., etc. Ticket No. 91,201 drew the Second Capital Prize of $200,000 Ticket No. 90,297 drew the Third Capital Prize of $100,000. Tickets Nos. 62,493 and 91,115 drew the two Fifth Capital Prizes of $20,000 each. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the Louisiana State Lottery Company has a contract with the State of Louisiana which does not expire until the 1st of January, 1895. The next drawing will take place on August 12th, and all information can be obtained from M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

U. B. SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXCURSION AND PICNIC.—The U. B. Sunday-School of this city will go on an excursion on Thursday, July 31st, to Osceola Springs, Pleasant Valley, Rockingham county, where a picnic will be held in a delightful grove provided with seats upon which to rest, and shelter to protect in case of rain. There is a beautiful lawn adapted for croquet and tennis playing.

Tickets can be obtained at W. C. Barton's, corner of Main and Lewis streets, or from either of the Committee—C. Tanner, J. Lushbaugh or Rev. J. D. Donovan.

Round-trip tickets—Adults, 70 cents; children 35 cts.

Excursion Train leaves Staunton at 7:17 A. M. and arrives at Pleasant Valley at 8:05 A. M.; returning, leaves Pleasant Valley at 5:11 P. M and arrives at Staunton at 5:58 P. M.

BURNED BY LIGHTNING.—At 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon lightning struck the barn at the Poor's House of this county, situated near Maurertown and destroyed it with all its contents, which consisted of some 500 or 600 bushels of wheat 80 bushels of rye and twenty tons of hay. The fire burned with great rapidity, and for awhile it was thought that the Alms House itself was in great danger, there being a large straw stack situated between the barn and the house. Fortunately the wind changed and a more serious conflagration was thus averted.—*Woodstock Virginian*, July 18th.

FIRE IN HARRISONBURG.—In Loewenbach's grocery in Harrisonburg last Saturday afternoon, says an associated despatch, some gasoline caught fire. The flames spread rapidly and the store was with difficulty saved from total destruction by the fire company. Two men and a little boy were burned, but not seriously. Loss on building and stock is estimated at from $5,000 to $10,000, fully covered by insurance

Personal.

Miss Cora Hudson, of this city, left last week on a visit to Lexington and Rockbridge Alum Springs.

J. C. Snead has been appointed Postmaster at Ferrol in this county in the place of A. H. Wilson, removed.

Miss Kate Sohl, a daughter of one of Baltimore's most prominent tobacco merchants, is on a visit to Miss Julia Haines of this city.

Rev. L. B. Johnston, of Harrisonburg, preached a series of sermons at Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., last week.

Hon. Frank Hereford of Union, Monroe Co., West Va., is reported quite unwell at Clifton Springs, New York.

Prof. John H. Hewitt, of Baltimore, formerly of this city, and father of George S. Hewitt of this city, was 89 years of age last Friday week.

Mr. Floyd Heck has resigned his position in the Freight office at Clifton Forge, and, being a printer, has accepted the position of compositor in the office of the Clifton Forge *Review*.

The Misses Bledsoe of this city, who have been on a visit to Lewisburg, West Va., have gone from that place to Buffalo Springs in Summers Co., West Va., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson E. Bell of Lewisburg.

The marriage of Mr. Lamartine G. Strauss, Junior partner in the firm of James L. Barth & Co., of this city, to Miss Regina Barth of Lamar, Mo., will take place this morning at the residence of Mr. Moses Barth in Lamar, Mo.

The Pendleton (W. Va.) *News*, of Franklin, of the 18th instant, says:—

"Major Hall, of Staunton, ex-Major of the 62nd Va. regiment of Confederates during the late war, spent a day or two in town last week. His old comrades in arms were glad to greet him."

Miss Bertha von Hillern, the Artist, and her literary friend and companion, Miss Emma Howard Wight, of Baltimore, have been on a visit to Chicago, and the Sunday *Inter Ocean* of July 13th, contains brief sketches of them, accompanied by cuts giving "counterfeit presentments" of them, which fall far short of doing justice to them. They are very amiable and may not be disposed to bring suits for libel, though they must feel keenly the injustice.

The Waynesboro *Times* says that Dr. W. J. Jones has retired from the practice at the Crimora Manganese mines and is succeeded by Dr. J. E. Arbuckle of Waynesboro.

Miss Nettie Caldwell, who spent the past winter in Florida, has returned to her home in Waynesboro'.

Mr. T. H. Bransford, Auditor of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, has been appointed superintendent vice Mr. D. W. Flickwir resigned.

Miss Olive Riddleberger, of Woodstock, Va., has obtained a situation in the Pension Office at Washington, and Master Ralph Riddleberger, one as a page in one of the houses of Congress.

These are children of the late Senator Harry H. Riddleberger.

The *Shenandoah Valley* says "Miss Kittie M. Zirkle left New Market Thursday for Staunton, to spend several weeks with friends in Augusta and Rockingham counties. Her little niece' Maude Trimble, *en route* to her home, Monterey, accompanied Miss Z., as far as Staunton."

Misses Emma and Lizzie Hogshead of this city are on a visit to their uncle, Captain C. F. Jordan, of Buena Vista.

Miss Mary Seig of this county is visiting Miss Julia Abbott at Strasburg, Shenandoah county.

Rev. Job Turner will hold services in Richmond, Va., next Sunday; in Scotland Neck, Sunday, August 3d; in Louisville, Ky., Sunday, August 10th; in New Orleans, La., Sunday, August 17th; in New York City Saturday and Sunday August 23d and 24th; and in Rockland, Maine, August 30th and 31st. He will attend an international convention of teachers of deaf-mutes (from all parts of the world) in New York. August 23rd, and also a State Association of this class of people in Rockland, Maine, on the 30th and 31st.

Golden Wedding or Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of Rev. Henry St. John Rinker and his wife, at the Reformed Church Parsonage near Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va., was celebrated on the 7th instant. A Loudoun correspondent of the Woodstock *Virginian*, says:—

"Rev. Rinker and his wife were both natives of Shenandoah county. He was born in Woodstock and she was born 1½ miles east of the town. (She was a Miss Fravel.) They were married in Woodstock on the evening of July 7th, 1840, by the Rev. Jno. V. Ridgen of the Methodist Church, who was also editor and proprietor of the county paper published in Woodstock at that time.

Rev. Rinker was a graduate of the Mercersburg, Pa., Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the different congregations of the Reformed Church in Shenandoah county for some 25 or 30 years, after which he accepted a call from the Lovettsville charge and has been with these people 16 or 17 years."

Staunton Public Schools.

The following teachers have been elected for the Staunton Public Schools for the session of 1890-'91:

WHITE SCHOOLS.

Principal and Teacher of Sr. High School: J H Bader.

Inter. High School: W M Black.

Jr High School: (To be supplied.)

1st Gr Grade: (To be supplied.)

2nd Gr Grade: Miss Annie Elder.

3rd Gr Grade: Miss Annie Mills.

4th Gr Grade: Lizzie S McCue.

1st Pr Grade A: Miss Mary Echard.

1st Pr Grade B: Mrs Rosalie B Whittle.

2nd Pr Grade: Miss Mamie V Pritchard.

3rd Pr Grade: Miss Josie M Brown.

4th Pr Grade: Miss Julia Atkinson.

5th Pr Grade: Miss Ella Shelton.

6th Pr Grade: Miss Annie Fallon.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

Principal and Teacher of 1st Gr Grade: (To be supplied.)

2nd Gram Grade: O J Derrett.

3rd Gram Grade: Lida Haines.

1st Pr Grade: Lutie E Poindexter.

2nd Pr Grade: Laura A Coleman.

3rd Pr Grade: (To be supplied.)

4th Pr Grade: Sadie C Lewis.

5th Pr Grade: Lucy J Flood.

6th Pr Grade: Maggie G Taylor.

PARNASSUS.

Mr. Robert Pulliam, of Richmond, Va., was thrown from a frightened horse last Saturday evening, but fortunately his injuries are not as serious as was feared. He is at the residence of Mr. T. S. Hogshead and is rapidly recovering from the shock, as that is about the extent of the damage. Dr. G. N. Kinney is attending him.

Rev. Charles E. Hill, of Baltimore, preached an excellent sermon last Sunday to an appreciative audience at the M. E. Church South at this place. His father, the late Reuben D. Hill, was a prominent lawyer and a member of the Staunton bar.

Mr. David C. Hogshead, one of our most esteemed citizens, has been confined to his room for some months with a severe illness.

Joseph Clatterbuck and niece, Miss Lucy, of Keezletown, Va., visited last week the family of Rev. R. M. Wheeler, of the M. E. Church South.

The crisp and bracing air of the last few days and nights has brought blankets, wraps, and overcoats to the front.

Mortuary.

We are indebted to a correspondent for the following mention of deaths:—

Mr. Wm. R. Dunlap, aged 80 years or more, died at his residence near West View last week, and was buried at Shemeriah Church on Friday.

Mr. Morton East, of the Spottswood neighborhood, died of fever last week and was buried on Friday at New Providence Church.

Miss Sue Humphries died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. John Gilkeson, near Mint Spring, and was buried at Bethel Church on Tuesday of last week, Rev. Dr. Murray conducting the services.

A daughter of Mr. David Hemp, near Spottswood, died of fever on Monday of last week. She was a sister-in-law of Mr. J. W. Palmer, who died of the same disease in that neighborhood several weeks ago.

The death of Mr. David Lotts, of the Spottswood neighborhood, resulted from the same fever that caused the death of the other parties mentioned in that vicinity.

A bright and interesting child of Mr. Doc Parmer, near Middlebrook, died on Sunday, the 13th, and was buried at Newport on the 14th.

Jeb Stuart Division, K. P.

On the 17th instant, a Uniform equipped Division of the Knights of Pythias was organized in this city with fifty members. The officers are Captain, F B Berkeley; 1st Lieut., P V Babcock; 2d Lieut., John T. Long; Treasurer, H L Lang; Recorder, S M Rosenbaum.

Death of Capt. John S. Byers.

Captain John S. Byers, who made his home with his son, Mr. D. M. Byers, five miles north of Staunton, on the 18th instant visited his son-in-law, Mr. John Eakle in South River district. On the following day, Mrs. Eakle, her little son, and the Captain made a visit in the neighborhood to another son-in-law, Mr. Robert Patterson. After getting into the Jersey to return to Mr. Eakle's, the mule he was driving, which was a very old and thought to be a safe animal for such purposes, became fractious and started to run. Captain Byers was thrown forward, his head to the ground, and one foot was caught in the harness and the shafts' bar. The mule was at the same time kicking, and struck with great force the back part of his head just above the neck and fractured the skull. He was unconscious from the time till life was extinct, which was about twenty minutes. Mrs. Eakle jumped from the Jersey, but her little son could not, or did not, and was not hurt, nor did Mrs. Eakle receive any serious damage.

Capt. Byers was in the 71st year of his age, and engaged but little in business of late, spending his time mostly with his children.—He was a highly-respected citizen. At the formation of the 52nd infantry, his company was attached to that command, with which he passed through some of the hardest marches and battles of the war. He was wounded several times, and, in one of the engagements, very seriously, from the effects of which he never recovered. In that battle fourteen members of his company were killed. He was quiet and retiring in his disposition, and as true in all the relations of life as he had been in devotion to his State and the commands she laid upon him. Another veteran sleeps in Thornrose Cemetery where hundreds of others find their last repose.

The funeral services were from the Augusta Church during the forenoon of the 21st. The Rev. John E. Booker, pastor at Hebron, to whom the deceased was much attached, officiated, and the interment was in Thornrose Cemetery in this city.

THE FORUM.

The August number of *The Forum* will contain a remarkable essay, by Prince P. Kropotkin, on "The Possibilities of Agriculture." He has made a thorough investigation of the fabulous results of the scientific cultivation of land in the most densely populated portions of Europe, and he shows the ease with which the number of acres now cultivated in the civilized parts of the world can be made to yield sustenance for many times the number of people now alive. Scientific and intensive agriculture in the United States, for instance, can be made to sustain in plenty, and with much greater cheapness than now, a population at least ten times as dense. The writer shows conclusively why it is that such slow progress is made in these revolutionary improvements in agriculture; but he predicts with confidence that we are on the eve of the reign of plenty. He proposes that a hundred acres be cultivated in this way as part of the exposition at Chicago, in order to demonstrate the possibilities of multiplying many times the products of the American farmer.

The August number of *The Forum* will contain an essay on "The *Decollete* in Modern Life, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, which is a text from which the writer argues an alarming decay in delicacy in American society; and she traces the effects of this decay in our art, in our literature, in politics, and throughout the whole range of American activity.

Another opportunity to visit Atlantic City via B. & O.

The Third Select Excursion of the season to this great resort is announced for Thursday, July 31st, and all who can do so should not fail to take advantage of the low rates offered. Every facility is offered the tourist, the train service and equipment unsurpassed.

We show below a list of some of the principal stations with time of trains and rates of fare. Correspondingly low rates will be made from other stations on the line.

LEAVE.	A. M.	P. M.	RATE.
Lexington	5 30	2 00	$10 00
East Lexington	5 40	2 05	10 00
Fairfield	6 14	2 38	10 00
Raphine	6 27	2 49	9 90
Spottswood	6 32	2 53	9 85
Greenville	6 42	3 01	9 65
Mint Spring	6 55	3 13	9 60
Staunton	7 17	3 32	9 50
Fort Defiance	7 36	3 49	9 50
Mt. Sidney	7 40	3 52	9 40
Cave Station	7 47	3 58	9 40
Mt. Crawford	7 58	4 06	9 30
Pleasant Valley	8 05	4 12	9 25
Harrisonburg	8 24	4 26	9 15

The tickets are good for ten days from day of sale, with the privilege of a stop-off at Washington, D. C., on the return journey.

FINE FARM FOR SALE PRIVATELY.—The attention of those wishing to purchase a good farm of 575 acres in a good neighborhood, and in a fine state of cultivation, is invited to the advertisement of Mrs. M. M. Hanger, relict of the late Geo. A. Hanger, published in this issue. This fine tract is known as the Trimble or Geo. A. Hanger land, and is only about 4 miles Northwest of this city, between the Parkersburg and Churchville roads, and easily accessible to both. It contains about 200 acres of valuable timber. It has on it several never-failing springs, a good brick dwelling, a barn, and other outbuildings, and a good orchard, with schools, churches, &c., near. The terms will be made accommodating.

BELFORD'S MAGAZINE FOR AUGUST.—We acknowledge the receipt of this popular and excellent periodical for August, which is filled, like its predecessors, with interesting matter, in which is included a brief story, entitled "Annie Laurie," by Miss Emma Howard Wight, of Baltimore, the literary companion of the artist, Miss Bertha von Hillern, who has her studio at Fisher's Hill, Shenandoah county, Va., and a novel complete—"Love Wins"—by George Parsons Lathrop, and many other good articles including those furnished by the editorial department.

Price $2.50 per annum. Address Belford Co., 18-22 East 18th street (corner Broadway) N. Y.

A SUGGESTION.—We think it would be well for some of our readers to preserve this copy of the *Spectator*, as it contains a report of the minority of the Committee of the Elections on the Lodge election Bill with the criticism of that Bill by Congressman Crisp of Ga., in his speech in Baltimore, and the admirable discussion of the McKinley Tariff Bill, on the same occasion, by the able "scholar statesman" Hon. W. L. Wilson of West Va.

A SEVERE REBUKE.—A white Republican last week, we are told, on meeting a respectable colored man said, in a tone of surprise and reproof, "I did not see you at the Convention—are you not a Republican?" when he received the reply—"Yes, I am a Republican, but I belong to the Respectable element of the party." This was rather rough on both the interrogator and the Convention.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.—The regular meeting of the exchange for woman's work, will be held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A., Thursday, July 24th, at 5 P. M. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

Valley Virginian please copy.

MAHONE AND THE MCCORMICK BILL.—The McCormick bill, of which Mahone and the Republicans generally make such a outcry, is, says the *Valley Virginian*, "nothing more than a borrowed form and spirit from his own creation."

The *Virginian* says:

"He [Mahone] is really the author of it, and had it in force under his Readjuster organization. It is the climax of impudence, therefore, for Gen. Mahone to intimate that any degree of corruption and fraud could shock his sensibilities or divert him from a purpose he holds to be essential to his own aggrandisement. Nothing but the consciousness that the people of Virginia, irrespective of party, would repudiate and condemn him, even in a more emphatic manner than they did last fall, has brought from him this whine of injured innocence and Pecksniffian concern for fair elections and honest count. Boiled down, it is an evident confession that the people of Virginia not only have no respect for or confidence in him, but despise him, and that there is not enough power in party organization to force them to surrender their self-respect by supporting any thing that emanates from him. That is the kernel of it."

Nobody doubts Mr. Blaine's republicanism. Mr. Blaine says: "There is not a section or a line in the entire McKinley bill that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork" And yet there are farmers in Virginia, only a few to be sure, but still some, who are so blind, not only to their country's and State's, but to their own individual interest, as to endorse the republican bill referred to.—*Alex. Gazette.*

The Virginia Agricultural Society will not hold an exhibition this fall.

Henry M. Stanley has recovered from the illness with which he was seized just before his marriage.

Sarah Bernhardt says that whenever she has a fit of anger it is invariably followed by sickness.

The Emperor of China sleeps on a bed of carved wood magnificently inlaid with gold and ivory.

A cyclone struck Pacific Junction, Iowa, Saturday, and wrecked two business blocks and several residences.

A woman buried at New Madrid, Mo., a few days ago, weighed 750 pounds. There were 16 active pall-bearers.

A census enumerator discovered a family of ten children in San Francisco who were all club-footed and knock kneed.

Senator Wade Hampton has at last shaved off the side whiskers which he has so assiduously cultivated for lo! these many years.

John Whitaker Watson, author of the poem "Beautiful Snow," died Saturday in New York, where he had been living in obscurity and poverty.

Hon. John P. Buchanan, the Farmers' Alliance candidate, was nominated for Governor by the Tennessee democratic convention at Nashville, Friday.

Green Jackson, colored, was lynched at Fort White, Fla., Thursday, by neighbors of Mrs. Robert Prichard, a white woman whom he had assaulted.

The Grand Duchess Xenia, eldest daughter of the Czar, will marry the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, her second cousin. It is a love match.

In its efforts to defend Quay and the Federal Election Bill, the *Spirit of the Valley* has undertaken a Herculean, and, we would fain believe, a distasteful labor.

A runaway dog cart at Cape May narrowly escaped collision with the White House carriage on Thursday evening. Mrs. McKee fainted but nobody was hurt.

The extensive machine works of J. C. Todd at Paterson, N. J., the principal rope machinery works in this country, were burned Sunday, causing a loss of $150,000.

Be temperate at all times, but be especially temperate in what you drink during hot weather like this. Let stimulants alone and be careful not to drink too much water.

Charles Dudley Warner says that the difference between the "mind-cure" and the "faith-cure" is that the "mind-cure" does not require any faith, and the "faith-cure" does not require any mind.

The House committee on elections decided the contests for seats in the House of Goodrich vs. Bullock, from Florida, and McGinnis vs. Alderson, from West Virginia, in favor of Goodrich and McGinnis, the republican contestants.

General James A. Walker, of Wytheville, has sold his fine property in that town for $17,000, which is an advance of $5,000 on the price formerly asked. In turn he has purchased Colonel Robert Kent's property for $12,000.

The Rev. John Prince, a Methodist clergyman, aged 80, and Mrs. Cynthia Wood, aged 84, were married recently in Montreal. They were lovers in childhood and would have been married sixty years ago, but their parents prevented the match.

Daniel Kline, flagman at Royersford, Pa., for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, attempted to stop a runaway team Wednesday, when he was knocked under a passenger and coal train and mangled to death. He leaves a large family.

Three persons were instantly killed by lightning near Moose Jaw, Minn., Tuesday night of last week, while at supper.—Their names are: Henry Battel, an old and respected farmer, his ten-year-old daughter, and Herbert McLean, aged 12, son Rev. Dr. McLean.

The rumor of an engagement between the eldest daughter of Chief Justice Faller and Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, receives official confirmation, says the Chicago Tribune, which adds that the young gentleman is now in Washington on a visit to the family of his fiancee.

An Indianapolis woman who has been eight times divorced is 37 years old, and comes of a family noted for its divorces.—Her mother has had six divorces, and is living with her seventh husband. An uncle and two aunts have each been married five times. They are still young.

It is said that Mr. Blaine and another prominent member of the cabinet are opposed to the election force bill. It is thought by some that the effect of the bill will be to make the South more solid than ever by preventing the farmers' alliances in that section from separating from the democratic party.

The drought in Kansas was ended by a soaking rain Tuesday of last week. It was the first that has fallen at Leavenworth for twenty-five days, during all of which time the temperature has not been below 90 degrees, and Monday it reached 110. Rain also fell in Nebraska and Illinois, where drouth had prevailed.

BARN DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING.—During a heavy thunder-storm Thursday night lightning struck the barn of Mr. Washington Bonner, two miles south of Charlestown, W. Va., and set it on fire. The barn and its contents, hay, straw, wheat and a lot of farming implements, were entirely consumed by the flames. The loss is about $2 000; insurance, $1,600.

A Southwestern contemporary observes that a most striking feature of the census enumeration in San Antonio is the remarkable exhibit of longevity. The list of people between 85 and 90 is a long one, while there are three individuals who have lived over 100 years. These are Mme. Candelaria, who is 103 years old; Mrs. Lena Dickinson, aged 109, and Rube Carroll, colored, aged 105.

TWO DEATHS BY DROWNING.—On Sunday last, July 13th, a number of youths and young men were swimming in Greenbrier River, at mouth of Little Wolf Creek, in Summers county, at the Ferrel place. One of them, a young man named Huffman, a son of Sam'l Huffman, was taken with the cramp while in the water, and James Allen (a son of George Allen) went to his assistance. In his efforts to help Huffman, Allen became locked in the embrace of the drowning man, and being unable to extricate himself, they both went down together and were drowned. The bystanders witnessed the struggles of the two men, but were afraid to go near.—Monroe County Watchman.

DEATH OF THE AUTHOR OF "THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW."—John Whitaker Watson, who wrote "Beautiful Snow," died last Saturday at 69 Bank street, New York city, where he has been living for some time past in obscurity and poverty with an unmarried daughter. Mr. Watson was born in that city in 1822. His father, Alexander Watson, was an Englishman by birth, and was a leading merchant in the city in the early part of the present century. He failed, and the son was apprenticed to an engraver. He had a literary bent, and gave up his trade to engage wholly in literary work. The poem that is so well known was written by him in 1858 and printed first in Harper's Weekly. Mr. Watson numbered the poet Bryant and Horace Greeley among his intimate friends. Among Mr. Watson's other notable poems were "The Sailing of the Yachts," written in reference to a famous ocean yacht race; "Ring Down the Curtain, I Cannot Play," written upon a circumstance in real life.—McKean Buchannan, the actor, and his daughter were playing in Terre Haute, when the actor received word that his wife was dying, followed later by the report that his wife was dead. This poem is written in somewhat the same vein as "Beautiful Snow." Other poems were: "The Dying Soldier," "The Patter of Little Feet," "The Oldest Pauper on the Town" and "Farmer Brown." Mr. Watson's funeral took place Sunday. The interment was in the Press Club plot in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

WAR AMONG THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICS—Important despatches from the city of Mexico show that the misunderstandings between the Central American republics of Salvador and Guatemala, which have long disturbed the general peace, now result in actual war. The details of the collision are vaguely given, and it is well for the present to accept stories from these volcanic, earthquake countries with reserve.

Salvador is a small republic, formerly in a federal relation with Honduras and Nicaragua, assuming its independence in 1853. It is in area the size of New Jersey, with a population of seven hundred thousand, all but about ten thousand aboriginal or mixed races. Guatemala is an older republic, nearly as large as Pennsylvania, with a population of one million four hundred thousand of whom one-third are