

Stanton Spectator.

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The East Side Iron Fields.

The scientific and the experimental and practical tests in planning great development in varied industrial progress...

Following civilization and the opening of the country and settlements of people, the east side of the Valley between Shenandoah and Roanoke was the first and the most progressive in iron development...

Pass along the line now and see the prospect as Luray, Stanley, Shenandoah, Elkton, Shenando, Basic City and Waynesboro, Buena Vista, Glasgow, Buchanan, and Roanoke present it, and then note the condition of the same route along the eastern side of the Valley...

With this burning reflection striking the conscience, Mr. Farnell should not be content with the plan he has laid out. He should have kicked himself out of it.

The Chicago Tribune, (Rep) discovers a striking parallel between the attitude of the dyed-in-the-wool members of its party who propose to stand by the McKinley bill as long as there is any of it left to stand by, and that of "the boy who stood on the burning deck."

All of this character of progress is new to our people, as it has been in other sections and States. After Roanoke and Shenandoah, it commenced along the line named at Buena Vista, quickly followed by Glasgow. Nothing has occurred at these two latter places or at Basic City or anywhere else that partakes of the slightest discouragement.

The existing money-panic which disturbed the great financial centers and had its effects at many points in the interior of Europe and the United States, which are not by any means quieted, has not made the slightest impression upon proposed and maturing plans for investments at our new industrial towns.

The JACKSON MEMORIAL.—The ladies of the Jackson Memorial Association of Lexington, Va., having in charge the completion of the monument to the great Confederate leader, Stonewall Jackson, have made an appeal for aid to the women of the South.

In a speech in the lower house of the Diet, Sturday, Dr. von Goslar, Prussian minister of ecclesiastical affairs, indicated that Prussia intended prolonged guarding of the secret of Professor Koob's lymph.

It is announced that at the annual election of the Richmond Terminal Company on December 9 the completion of the directory will be completely changed.

Unfortunate for Ireland—Farnell has injured her Cause.

It is a sad fact that the conduct of the benefactor who leader of the cause of home rule in Ireland should become the means of inflicting the severest blow upon it.

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Ex-President Cleveland has purchased the Ebenezer Holmes homestead in Marion, which he occupied during his stay in the town last summer.

A special from Hutchinson, Kansas, says Jay Gould has bought the extensive works of the Hutchinson Salt Co., which plant is said to be the largest in the United States.

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A number of milk dealers are on trial in Philadelphia for selling adulterated milk.

Usual activity in turning out democratic postmasters is expected in the near future. The police census of Brooklyn adds 47,413 to the population returned by the federal census.

Samuel Martz, one of the oldest citizens of Rockingham county, died last week, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, secretary of the Virginia Agricultural Society, died in Richmond, Thursday.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The second session of the 51st Congress met at noon on last Monday. The President sent his annual message. As it was not received here in time to be published in our issue, we give that portion which is of most general interest as follows:—

"The value of our exports of domestic merchandise during the last year was over \$115,000,000 greater than the preceding year, and only exceeded once in our history the value of our agricultural products. The production of pig iron, always a good gauge of general prosperity, was 1,000,000 tons in 1890 and 1,100,000 in 1891, an increase of 10 per cent. greater in 1890 than in 1889, and a production of steel 230 per cent. greater. Millions of bushels of grain were lost, resulting from deficient transportation.

The general testimony is that labor is everywhere fully employed, and the report of our revenue has not smaller number of employees affected by strikes and lockouts than in any year since 1884. The depression in the prices of agricultural products had been greatly relieved, and a buoyant and hopeful tone was beginning to be felt by all our people.

The indications thus far given are very hopeful, and are in favor of a general recovery of the country from which we receive our large imports of coffee and sugar, and it is believed that if steam communication with distant parts of the world is improved and enlarged the next year will show a most gratifying increase in our exports of agricultural products, and a most important increase in our manufactured goods.

In addition to the important bills that became laws before the adjournment of the session, and which were well advanced toward a final vote, and now stand upon the calendar, the President has signed and approved a number of bills, and it is believed that the progress of those that are of unusual importance will be hastened.

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The management at Basic City is congratulated on all hands for its scope in design, able and tireless effort, and the half-year results which illustrate its marvelous achievement. A coming city of rare combination for material growth has been founded, and the completed and maturing progress forms a nucleus around which will center additional growth, and the people of the valley are being led to a great future, worthy of such a guiding. The people have wondered and admired as Basic City moves on rapidly and in association with the people of the valley, the new era of marvelous development of Virginia resources. The day of her beginning is blessed, and in generous rivalry and friendly emulation her name has been enrolled in the bright galaxy of stars that crown with beauty and grandeur the Old Commonwealth. It is met and proper that rejoicing should be indulged as the column of Virginia's progress is being erected. Basic City comes and lays down her stones in the structure of a noble and enduring monument to the people of the valley, the new into its embrace and together, in united grandeur, move on to a grand purpose. The completion and opening of the splendid "Hotel Brandon" is a fitting and proper occasion for the celebration of achievements already accomplished, and when friends and brethren standing shoulder to shoulder, with hands clasped in solid friendship, might look abroad and around under the bright light of the stars depicting their reflections and inspiring their thoughts.

Dr. Talmage estimates the wealth of the Shenandoah Valley at \$3,440,000,000 in gold and \$1,140,000,000 in silver. He says that Dr. Talmage doesn't know what he is talking, but it is very evident that he is talking a great deal more about theology than he does about arithmetic and finance.—Lynchburg Virginian.

It is but an illustration of his usual style of exaggeration. His mental eye does not "look as through a glass darkly," but through a powerful lens that greatly magnifies all that he beholds, presenting notes as to the silver and gold, and the fact that what he says should be taken with some grains of allowance—*cum grano salis*.

HOUSE IN GREENBRIER BURNED.—We learn from the Greenbrier Independent that on Monday night of last week a frame dwelling house, occupied by Mr. Luke A. Gregory, two miles north of Lewisburg, on the Frankford road, (known as the B. F. Fishman house) was burned down. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from a defective flue. The house was the property of Mr. R. P. White, and was worth about \$300. No insurance.

One day last week Mr. S. H. Nickel, of Meadow Bluff district, drove 959 turkeys from his store at Meadow Bluff to Alderson, a distance of about 15 miles. The turkeys proved as tractable almost as the sheep, and was the attraction of all eyes along the route, and proved