Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 1890

Local Department.

PARTRIDGE HUNTING.-The law governing the hunting of partridges limits the privilege for the season to to-day. It is hoped that there will be no violation of the law.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE TROUBLES, which were before Mayor Fultz for investigation, and explained in previous issues of the SPECTATOR, were ended the 24th instant by the discharge of Mr. Ernest Howard, the President of the Association, who was arraigned on charges of crookedness.

A LIBERAL DONATION.—Mr. J. Howard Wayt, of this city, recently elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia has donated the sum of $500 to the Masonic Home for orphans near Richmond.

Boarders Wanted

by Mrs. Geo. P. Baker, Market Street. A delightful front room, up-stairs Can be occupied by two gentlemen, or a man and wife. Terms moderate. Dec. 31, 2t.

In consequence of the weather, which prevented the boys from being on the streets as numerous as usual on Xmas day, the pop-cracker nuisance was not as great as it would otherwise have been, and yet if the money thus spent had been put into the treasury of the Ladies' Mission for the Poor, it would have done "a great deal of good."

COFFEES!—The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their first coffee for this season, on Tuesday, January 6th in the Y. M. C. A. parlor from 4 to 6 o'clock. All members and any one desiring to attend, will be most cordially welcomed. These coffees from year to year, are found to be most conducive to friendly and social relations in the Auxiliary and are always well attended.

Sweet and balmy slumber secured for the little ones suffering with coughs and colds, by the use of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents a bottle.

THE LYNCHBURG NEWS.—This excellent and ever-welcome exchange has donned a new typographical dress and makes its appearance in enlarged form. It has changed its form from a folio to a six-column quarto. We are gratified at this evidence of its financial prosperity. It is a most excellent paper, and its editorials are always sensible and written in chaste, classic style, showing that their author possesses fine taste and literary culture.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.—Hon. J. Ran. Tucker, who had been in Washington where he was the guest of Senator Barbour, arrived in this city last week on a visit to the family of his son, Hon. Henry St. G. Tucker, and as Wednesday last, the 24th, was the 67th anniversary of his birth, it was celebrated by a pleasant party, given by his son, which was greatly enjoyed by those who had the pleasure of attending.

I have had occasion to try Salvation Oil in my family for neuralgia and rheumatism. In every instance it effected a permanent cure. I also tried it on my child suffering with a sprained back with like success. I take pleasure in recommending it to all. P. S. Costello, 321 Park Ave. Balt. Md.

MISPLACED.—In publishing the excellent speech of Senator Kenna last week on the Force Bill, portions of it were misplaced in putting the matter in the "form." The intelligent reader no doubt observed it, and was able to know how to read it as it was intended to be published.

Such mistakes will occur occasionally, and the wonder is that they do not occur more frequently than they do.

"The Clifton Forge Nonpareil."

This is the title of a new eight-column folio newspaper at Clifton Forge, the first issue of which is dated December 23rd, 1890, a copy of which we have received. The Editor and Proprietor is J. V. Henderson, and the paper is published at $1 per annum. It is a large, neat paper, well printed, and will be of much benefit to the growing town whose interests it will advance if properly sustained as it should be.

It takes a loud baby to wake up a sleeping car; but it takes but little of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup to quiet that baby, and it requires only 25 cents to buy a bottle of that well-known remedy.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Clarence W. Bowen, Secretary, 251 Broadway, New York, desires information regarding portraits of William Grayson, John Walker, Theodorick Bland, Isaac Coles and Alexander White, members of Congress from Virginia a hundred years ago. These portraits are particularly desired to insert with the portraits of the remainder of the Virginia delegation in the memorial volume on the Centennial of Washington's Inauguration. Any clew, however slight, is especially desired.

Personal.

Rev. Dr. D. K. McFarland left yesterday morning to spend the winter in the South for the benefit of his health. His first place of rest will be at St. Augustine, Florida.

Mr. Jno. T. Stuart, of Buena Vista, formerly of this city, who has been extremely ill, was much improved yesterday morning.

On next Wednesday evening, in the Presbyterian church of Lexington, will be united in marriage, Mr. Arthur C. Harman of Glasgow, formerly of this city, and Miss Rachel Primrose Cochran of Lexington, a daugiter of the late William B. Cochran of this county.

"I saw is ten times better than I heard;" and the prompt use of Old Saul's Catarrh Cure beats the intention to use it, all to pieces.—Only 25 cents to be cured of Catarrh. Think of it!

Changes in Meat-Stores.

Mr. William F. Ast having concluded to abandon the retail business in the sale of meat, in which he has been engaged continuously and successfully for many years to the satisfaction of the public, has sold his business on Augusta street to Mr. A. Lee Knowles, who will conduct the business, from to-morrow, in that place. Mr. Ast will continue to conduct the butchering business, and will sell only to those engaged in the sale of meat, and will not sell by retail to consumers. The partnership heretofore existing between Mr. A. Lee Knowles and Mr. Rudolph Kinzley will date from to-morrow. Mr. Kinzley will continue the business at the same stand as heretofore conducted by Knowles & Kinzley.

To Bispel Colds,

Headaches and Fevers, to cleanse the system effectually, yet gently, when costive or bilious or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, use Syrup of Figs.

Physicians' prescriptions have failed to reach many cases of rheumatism known to have been subsequently cured by Salvation Oil. That is the reason why the popular voice is practically unanimous in its favor. One bottle is usually sufficient.

LITERARY NOTES.—William Allen Butler will contribute to *Harper's Weekly* published December 31st a long poem descriptive of the Passion Play at Oberammergan, which will be accompanied by a series of illustrations from photographs taken at the last presentation of the play. It is worthy of note that just one-third of a century ago the same writer contributed to the same periodical that popular poetical satire, "Nothing to Wear," the most perfect literary production of its class written in this country. The poem on "Oberammergan," although relating to a theme so different, and written in quite another style, will probably please as large a number of readers as did Mr. Butler's famous earlier effort.

Harper's Young People for December 30th will contain the first part of a short serial story by Nora Perry, entitled "A New-Year's Dinner Party," besides other attractive features appropriate to the beginning of the new year.

NICE JOB WORK.

We are prepared better than ever before to do nice job work of all kinds at the SPECTATOR Office. We have been adding new type of various kinds and other necessary materials to the Job Office, and are prepared to do the best and neatest work at low rates.

Sale bills can be printed in better style than heretofore.

Those wishing to have printed circulars and letters in type-writing type should call at the SPECTATOR Office. Jobs of all kinds and sizes from a visiting card to a mammoth poster are executed with neatness and despatch at low rates.

Another Sad Occurrence.

THE LOADED PISTOL AS A PLAY-THING TELLS THE STORY OF DEATH.

At the Staunton Military Academy are a large number of Cadets in barracks. Texas is a liberal patron of this school, and from that State, with others, were two boys named A. K. Hathaway, aged fifteen, of Dennison, and James Whitworth, aged seventeen, of Sulphur Springs. During the afternoon of the 27th instant, they were playing with an old pistol, of 44 calibre, of course supposing the barrels were empty, but one was loaded. Whitworth was snapping it, and the loaded barrel exploded, the ball striking Hathaway under the chin and coming out at the top of his head, instantly killing him.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was accidental killing.

The remains of Hathaway, by direction, were sent to Wayne Station, Illinois, where his father resided before his removal to Texas.

Whitworth's mother was here at the time on a visit to her son. She left the next day for her home in Texas taking him with her. The survivor of the tragedy was prostrated with grief.

The papers in different parts of the country announce similar occurrences to the above, but not all resulting in death. When will the sad experiences so often related have the effect of making persons more careful in handling what they suppose to unloaded pistols and guns.

The Weather at Xmas and After.

It commenced snowing here early on Christmas morning and continued all that day and night and a part of the next day. The snowflakes were the smallest we ever saw to fall for such a lengthy of time, and, in consequence the snow-fall was not very great and covered the ground only to the depth of 7 or 8 inches. If the snow-flakes had been of the usual size the snow would have been two or three times as deep, and probably as deep as the one of Dec. 16-17 it succeeded. On Friday morning the weather was cold with the thermometer as low as 20 degrees. This we consider cold here, but at the same time in Vermont it was 60 degrees colder, the mercury there, as reported, registering 40 degrees *below* zero. In this climate it seems almost incredible that it could be so cold in Vermont. On Saturday, the weather was not so cold, but it again became colder on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning the mercury again fell to 20 degrees. The sky was clear, the sun shone brightly, and where the sunshine reached thawing took place. In the afternoon the mercury rose above the freezing point—32 degrees.

The snow that commenced falling here early Xmas morning did not commence farther North and West till that evening or night, but it extended over much greater territory than that which fell on the 16th and 17th, which will be memorable here as the deep snow of December, 1890. In some places it was attended with high winds and intense cold, neither of which we suffered here to any considerable degree at that time.

At the time of the deep snow we were on the western wing of the storm that passed from the South up the Gulf stream, and in the last we were on the Eastern edge of the storm that passed from Texas to the Northeast, where it impinged upon a cold anti-cyclone which added violence to it, which was severely felt in the Northeastern States, giving them snow, wind, and cold weather.

On Sunday evening, it again became colder here, and by 12 o'clock at night the thermometer registered 22 degrees, but it became warmer before morning, and the mercury stood at 30 degrees at sunrise, after which it continued to rise till it reached 52 degrees at 3 o'clock, p. m. The sun shone brightly with the wind from the West. During Monday night it again became cold and at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning the mercury indicated 18 degrees above zero—14 degrees below freezing. It was doubtless colder earlier in the morning.

The air was calm and consequently it did not feel as cold as it would have done if the wind had been blowing. The thermometer, however, showed that it was the coldest morning we have had here this winter, and there is now a prospect of an ice-crop The sun shone brightly, and the weather moderated during the day, and at 3 o'clock the mercury indicated 48 degrees.

New-Year Resolutions.

This is the time of the year when those who feel the need of it make resolutions of reform. It is well to make good resolutions, and it is not difficult to do so; but it is much better to deep them faithfully, which many find it is not so easy to do. Of too many it is true, as the poet Young says, that "they resolve and resolve and die the same." He says that man "at thirty suspects himself a fool, knows it at forty, and at fifty resolves and re-resolves and dies the same." We hope that many have made, or will make, good resolutions, and that they will have the grace and firmness of will to keep them faithfully.

If resolutions are not to be kept unbroken, they had better not be made at all, for to make resolutions and then to break them, has the effect of weakening the power of the will, and making the party lose confidence in his strength of character—making his "last state worse than his first."

Make good resolutions and have the integrity of character and firmness of will to keep them manfully and faithfully, and you will be the better and feel the better for it—having more self-respect and more of the respect of others. A "slack-twisted character" is worthless. The only character worth having, is one composed of a strong and double twisted fibre that cannot be broken by any temptation however strong.

Opera House Monday Night Next.

Robert Downing, the eminent young American tragedian, will appear at the Opera-House on next Monday evening in his new and successful romantic drama by Alexander Dumas—"The Saracen." The beautiful play will be magnificently mounted in regard to scenery, costumes, etc., the dresses being the most magnificent ever worn in any production in this country, those worn by Eugenie Blair, the the handsome leading lady of this organization, being marvels of skill of the first dressmakers of Paris and America. The scenery is by Seavey of New York, and is both elegant and appropriate. In reference to Mr. Downing, it might be well to say that he has never been seen in this city in a legitimate role, but that he stands on an equal footing and side by side, as it were, with the greatest and strongest actors on the American stage. Never in the annals of theatricals has a young man become prominent in so short a time as has handsome Robert Downing. Although but a trifle over thirty years of age, he ranks with the great tragedians of this country.

Eugenie Blair, the most handsome woman on the American stage without a doubt, and certainly one of the best actresses, is Mr. Downing's leading support, and is well known in this city both socially and professionally.

Manager Olivier has been very lucky in securing this strong attraction, and we hope to see his enterprise rewarded by having the Opera-House packed to the doors on Monday evening.

Board of Supervisors.

WAYNESBORO' AND BASIC CITY STREET RAILWAYS.

The County Board of Supervisors were in session yesterday.

The street railway privileges desired by Waynesboro' and Basic City on the County roads were further considered, the matter coming up on a report submitted by Messrs. Patrick and Fulcher of the committee appointed to investigate the same, as follows:—

"The Committee recommend that the charter known as the compromise charter be granted, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Board of Supervisors, and also that the petition of the Basic City Street-Railway Company be granted the right of way on the public highway on the same conditions in so far as it does not conflict with the Waynesboro' & Basic City Street-Railway company."

The report of the committee now goes to the District Road-Board for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, when the details of the privileges asked for can be throughly canvassed.

Warrants were ordered on the levy for about $4,600, $3,820 of which is applied to the construction of the new bridge over Middle River at Mt. Meridian.

A White Christmas.

This is the first White Christmas we have had for several years, and many rejoice at the fact, as they believe it to be less unwholesome, as they have faith in the old saying that "a green Christmas makes a fat grave-yard;" but we are a doubting Thomas, and think that like many other old sayings that have been accepted without sufficient thought and observation, there is no truth in it. It seems unreasonable that there should be more sickness and more deaths when the weather is mild or moderately cold, than when it is very cold, with snow on the ground that makes cold and wet feet.

Staunton Wholesale Trade.

EAKLE, BOWLING & CO.

We have the best facilities in transportation, that of a railroad center, as well as perhaps the best wagon-trade from a wide interior, of any town in the State, and it has only been necessary for enterprize and capital judiciously employed to build up here the very best class of jobbing business.

During the last six years we have noticed the progress of our mercantile interests; and the success which has enured to well directed enterprize, as well as to the disposition of country merchants in the wide interior both by the railroads and wagon routes to deal with our wholesale merchants, and to drive a lively barter and cash trade with Staunton interests.

In this connection so far as it relates to the wholesale grocery trade, a strong and influential firm that has occupied a place in the front rank in that branch of our progress, announces an advance movement in gathering more strength by identification with the concern of the young men who have been faithful and skilled engineers in building up the House to the excellent position it has attained.

Messrs. B. F. Eakle and Andrew Bowling, as Eakle & Bowling, have had in their service Messrs. J. M. Spotts and M. A. Hope, who, having worthily won their way to full association as partners, are now announced as such in their large wholesale grocery establishment No 19, South Augusta street.

It is well-known that Mr. Eakle is engaged as a large operator in the material development at several points in Virginia, and that Mr. Bowling is a veteran merchant miller of this locality, who also commands a full trade in the best brands of flour, and in placing Messrs. Spotts and Hope as members of the mercantile house, they divide a responsibility which increases its aggregated business, Mr. Hope, who has won his spurs on the road, will not relax his efforts in that direction, and calls to his assistence, in managing that growing department, Messrs. J. H. Carpenter and C. M. Karicofe, who are trained and experienced salemen and have long been engged in prosecuting the business to which they assume relations of greater responsibility.

EXCELLENT ASYLUM ADMINISTRATION.—If the management of the Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia, located at Staunton, has not been always what it should be, it is a matter worthy of remark that it is exceptionally good now. The present superintendent, Dr. Benj. Blackford, is one of the ablest and kindest that any asylum ever had, and the Board of Directors and the assistant physicians and other officers seem to be well fitted for their several departments. The buildings are in fine condition, the best of discipline prevails, and humane treatment of the patients is the invariable rule.

Copies of the reports of the president of the Board and the superintendent have been received, and they contain information and suggestions of interest to the public.

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The report will be carefully read by the Governor, and it is hoped that every member of the Legislature will read it, so as to be prepared to act promptly and wisely.—*Rich State.*

A SUCCESSFUL OFFICIAL.—Our whilom townsman, Dr. Blackford, is earning well deserved praise in his administration of the affairs of the Western Lunatic Asylum. He has introduced great improvements, has enlarged the accommodations, and has manifested great adaptability to the duties of the position. We knew when he was elected that he would do so and that he would prove to be the right man for the place.—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

HONOR ROLL OF PARNASSUS GRADED SCHOOL.—There are two honors, first and second, an average of 90 and 85 being required respectively for the distinctions.

First honor, Misses Leila Beard, Ethel Wheeler, Mattie Wheeler, Harry Whitmore.

Second honor roll.—Samuel M. Burton, J. Wilson Driver, R. Leonidas Floyd, William J. Knott, Chas. M. Snyder.

Misses Carrie V. Armstrong, Gertie B. Knipple, Lillian E. Snyder, Ella Propes, Blanch E. Snyder, Lucie Harlow, Annie Byers, Bertha Hoover.

M. CHARLES SMITH, Principal.
MISS NANNIE BYERS, Assistant.

The New Mill.

The machinery for the Staunton Steam Roller Mill company is now arriving. There will be seven stands of rollers with four rolls in each, which make twenty-eight. The outfit is complete, taking several cars to transport it. It is from the Case Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio. The expert, Mr. John F. Smith of the Case Manufacturing Company, is placing the whole outfit in position as quickly as possible.

Several of our Valley mills have the Case machinery in operation.

Mr. L. J. Esslinger of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a skilled and practical miller, is here in consultation with the officers of the Mill Company.

County Court.

ROAD TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

Judge Stout has received a petition from W. W. Newman and D. N. Wilson, contractors to build the National road from the city line to the National Cemetery, asking that the present roadway on that route be closed during the time they will be engaged in executing their contract. The petitioners state that there will be much blasting and other work to be done, which will be dangerous to persons and horses travelling on the road, and, if not closed, they will be much hindered with their work. The contractors expect to begin work the 1st of March next. The petition was referred to District Road-Board.

The Cloture or Closing Rule to Stop Debate.

The following is the full text of the Cluture rule as reported to the Senate by Mr. Aldrich :—

Resolved, That for the remainder of this session the rules of the senate be amended by adding thereto the following: When any bill, resolution or other question shall have been under consideration for a reasonable time it shall be in order for any senator to demand that debate thereon be closed. On such demand no debate shall be in order, and pending such demand no other motion, except one motion to adjourn, shall be made. If such demand shall be seconded by a majority of the senators present, the question shall forthwith be taken thereupon without debate.

If the senate shall decide to close debate on any bill, resolution or other question, the question shall take precedence of all other business whatever, and the question shall be put upon the amendments, if any, then pending, and upon the measure in its successive stages according to the rules of the senate, but without further debate, except that every senator who may desire shall be permitted to speak upon the measure, including all amendments, not more than once, and not exceeding thirty minutes.

After the Senate shall have decided to close debate as herein provided no motion shall be in order but a motion to adjourn or to take a recess, when such motion shall be seconded by a majority of the Senate. When either of said motions shall have been lost or shall have failed of a second, it shall not be in order to renew the same until one Senator shall have spoken upon the pending measure or one vote upon the same shall have intervened.

Pending precedure under the foregoing rule no proceeding in respect of a quorum shall be in order until it shall have appeared, upon a division or a taking of the yeas and nays, that a quorum is not present and voting. Pending proceedings under the foregoing rule all questions of order, whether upon appeal or otherwise, shall be decided without debate, and no obstructive or dilatory motion or proceeding of any kind shall be in order.

OFFICERS AND INDIANS KILLED.—Special and official dispatches report that while Big Foot's band of hostile Indians, who surrendered to the United States troops on Sunday, were being disarmed at the place of surrender on Porcupine creek, in the Bad Lands of Dakota, a bloody conflict took place, in which Capt. George D. Wallace, of the seventh United States cavalry, and several other officers and men and a number of Indians were killed.—Captain Wallace is a native of South Carolina.

I prescribe Simmons Liver Regulator, and it deserves all the praise it receives.—Dr. D. W. Atkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.

DEATHS.

Mr. J. H. Burdett, of this city, died early in the morning of the 25th instant after an illness of only five days. Early in the day of the 20th instant he was prostrated with a severe congestive chill and continued to decline afterwards.

The deceased was born and reared in Greenbrier county and was sixty-nine years of age. More than thirty-five years ago, he came to Augusta and was engaged in merchandizing at Mt Sidney, but did not remain long at that place. He settled in Staunton, and for many years successfully conducted a Photograph Gallery. More recently he has been engaged in the carriage business. He married Miss Christian, a sister of Mr. John Christian of Swoope in Augusta county. Mrs. Burdett and three daughters—Mrs. John A. McClung, of Greenbrier, Mrs. Charles P. Lambert of this city, and Miss Lelia—survive him.

The funeral services were from the residence on Coalter street on the afternoon of the 26th, Rev. John E. Booker officiating. The pallbearers were James A. Templeton, H. M. McIlhany, W. H. Weller, John M. Daniel, James A. Armentrout, E. M. Cushing.

Mr. Burdett was a zealous member of the First Presbyterian church and constant in attendance at the services of the church, including all the social exercises during the week.

When the pride and strength of the country in its young men were called into military service the deceased was amongst the earliest to enlist and his name is enrolled on the banner of the Stonewall Brigade Band. In the conflict, and often bearing arms under fire, he was the intrepid soldier and the noble companion of generous sensibilities and tender heart.

Mr. Burdett had a host of friends. His kind and pleasant ways, his cheerfulness, and his amiability were most distinctive characteristics. He always seemed to wish for an opportunity to do good in his quiet and unpretending manner, and, in truth, it may be said, he literally fulfilled the Divine teaching in "doingu nto others as he would have them do unto him."

Mr. Beauregard Kelly, son of the late John Kelly, who, with his family, was a resident of this city many years, died suddenly in Cumberland, Maryland, the 28th instant. A letter from his mother, Mrs. K. M. Kelly, who resides in Baltimore, was received here yesterday communicating the intelligence of her son's death, and that he would be buried here. When the body arrived it was conveyed to St. Francis Catholic church and there the funeral services will take place this morning at 9 o'clock.

Since the above was in type the Baltimore *American* of the 29th has been received which contains the following special from Cumberland, Md., dated the 28th:—

"J. B. Kelly, who lived at 2408 Maryland avenue, Baltimore—a travelling salesman for C. O. Leary & Co., of Roanoke, Virginia—died suddenly here yesterday, shortly after the arrival of the Cincinnati express. Mr. Kelly had been a passenger on the train, and became ill en route from the West, and when it arrived here he was taken into the depot, where he died before a physician arrived. His death was from heart trouble. His remains were sent to Baltimore later in the day. He was thirty years of age and well known on the road."

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

THE FORCE BILL WILL PROBABLY BE PASSED.—The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria *Gazette* under date of Dec. 29th, says:—

"The fate of the Force bill is as doubtful to-day as ever, but people who once thought it never would pass, are now disposed to think it will. Among these is Senator Pugh. Senator Daniel told the *Gazette's* correspondent to-day that he was fearful the bill would pass, as the democratic Senators could do nothing to prevent such action but protest, and that protests to their republican colleagues would amount to nothing. Representative O'Ferrall when asked about the same matter said he had been told by reliable authority this morning that the bill would pass."

Hon. William Ewart Gladstone celebrated his eighty-first birthday Monday by attending and making a speech at the unveiling of a memorial fountain erected by the residents of Hawarden, irrespective of politics, in his honor. During the day he received numerous telegrams and cablegrams of congratuiation. His health is excellent.

A despatch from Augusta, Ga, dated Dec. 29th, says:—

"A young man giving his name as Clinton E. Williams, of Baltimore, a son of F. C. Williams, a member of the council of that city, shot Foster Sherlock, foreman of hook-and-ladder company No. 1, to-night, probably fatally. The trouble grew out of a game of cards. Williams is under arrest."

The Christmas number of "The Journalist," the leading paper of its kind in the country, contains, among other excellent things, an illustrated article descriptive of "Newspaper Stereotyping", written by Edwin Arlington, long known to our readers by his New York Letter.

The Indianapolis News says the new binder and reaper trust will, on January 1, discharge several thousand men from the factories and offices throughout the country, as their services will not be needed.

The Spanish Government has decided to repeal portions of the existing tariff and largely increase the duties on horses, mules, cattle, preserved and salted meats, flour, rice and cereals from January 1st,

The twelve railroads in Central and Southern Kansas will hereafter be operated as one company to be known as the Kansas, Colorado and Pacific Railroad Company.

The winter is early in eastern Maine.—The fresh-water streams are ice-locked and there is an abundance of snow for logging and sleighing.

Hal. W. Ayer, of Raliegh, N. C., has been appointed secretary to Col. L. L. Polk, president of the Farmers' Alliance, Washington city, vice D. H. Rittenhouse.

The floods in Italy, following the heavy snows, did much damage to the railways. Traffic about the district of Naples has been almost completely suspended.

The discovery of the extensive frauds among consuls and agents in Canada is leading to a proposition for abolition of the fee system.

The course of Senator Aldrich in pressing the "cloture" resolution is said to be due to a desire to head off silver legislation.

Congressman Culberson, of Texas, has defended 114 men charged with murder, and has never had a client hanged.

The captured Indians of Sitting Bull's camp under Colonel Sumner made their escape and went to the Bad Lands.

Another gas well, with a computed flow of 12,000,000 feet in twenty-four hours, has been struck in Canada, not far from Buffalo.

In his ruling in the Idaho case Monday Vice-President Morton showed great celerity in obliging his party friends.

Hon Calvin S. Brice and others have formed a company to mine coking coal in McDowell county, W. Va.

Senators Wolcott and Teller, republicans, will make speeches against the Force bill.

The heaviest fall of snow since the big blizzard of 1888 fell in New York City last Friday.

The President has nominated Judge Henry B. Brown as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy occasioned by the [illegible]

The Cloture—The Inconsistency of Senator Hoar.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* says that "foremost in the attempt to inaugurate "gag-law" in the Senate is Hoar, of Massachusetts, who is familiarly known among the newspaper fraternity as "Grandma." In the issue of the *Youth's Companion* for November 13, there appeared an article from his pen on "The Senate," written doubtless with grandmotherly solicitude for giving the youthful readers of that journal a correct impression of the character and methods of the august body of which he is a member. In this article the following paragraph appears:

"In this assembly speech is absolutely unfetted. Every measure can be discussed fully without restraint and amended without limit. This is of immense importance, not only to the perfection of legislation, but also to the dignity of the Senate and, in my opinion, to civil liberty itself. An attempt was made by Mr. Clay, during the Presidency of Mr. Tyler, to introduce an hour rule and the "previous question" into the Senate. The Democratic minority threatened forcible resistance. Some of Mr. Clay's political friends flinched from his support and the plan was given up."

When this was written, just a little over a month ago, Mr. Hoar would have viewed a proposition to introduce the cloture in the Senate with abhorrence, or at least he wished his young friends to believe that he would do so. But now, incorrigible political Pecksniff that he is, he is eagerly supporting the very measure which he then denounced as unpatriotic and contrary to "the perfection of legislation," the dignity of the Senate," and "civil liberty itself." In view of these antics, the surmise of an esteemed contemporary that there is something radically wrong with "Grandma" Hoar's head would seem to be well founded.

Gov. McKinney and the Debt Settlement.

The Rich. *State*, in its issue of Dec. 26th, says:—

It can be safely asserted that under no sort of circumstances will Governor McKinney approve of any plan for the settlement of the debt of the State which does not come within the provisions of the Riddleberger bill. That measure has been time and again endorsed by the people, not only in convention, but by successive Legislatures. That being the case, the Governor thinks his duty is a very plain one. There is no reason to believe that the basis of the plan to be formulated by those conducting the present negotiations will exceed the Riddleberger bill. Indeed, judging from the outlines of this, it will be equally as acceptable as that measure. That and all other essential questions can only be determined after the scheme has been completed and ready to be submitted to the authorities of the State. Several points seem to be pretty well settled in the minds of Gov. McKinney and the other leading State officials, and among these that the five millions of coupons allowed under the Wickham amendment will not be recognized in any settlement.

NOTICE OF OLCOTT DEBT COMMITTEE.—Hons. Grover Cleveland, Thomas F. Bayard, Edward J. Phelps, George S. Coe and George G. Williams, the Advisory Board of the Bondholders' Committee for the Virginia debt settlement, give notice that the plan formulated by the Bondholders' Committee has been unanimously approved and recommended by them, and that the same can be obtained dating from December 29, free of cost, at the Central Trust Company of New York; Brown, Shipley & Co., of London; the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, and the Planters' National Bank of Richmond. They also give notice that after December 31 no further deposits of Virginia bonds and coupons will be accepted except under special contract with the committee.

DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE SIMPSON.—Hon. W. D. Simpson, chief justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, died at his home in Columbia, S. C., Friday morning, of heart disease. He was a native of that State and about sixty years of age. Judge Simpson was elected Lieutenant-Governor with Governor Hampton on the restoration of the state government in 1876 to democratic control. He succeeded to the governorship on the election of Governor Hampton to the United States Senate, and before the close of his term as Governor was elected chief justice. Hon. J. C. Shepherd succeeding him as Governor. The flags are at half-mast on the public buildings.

STABBED AND KILLED IN HINTON, W. VA.—In Wykoff's bar-room in Hinton, W. Va., about 8 o'clock the night before Christmas, Cliff Cook stabbed and instantly killed Moses Scott (colored) who was a servant of James Kent of Pulaski. Cook is a native of Ohio, a Republican in politics and has been twice elected a member of the town Council of Hinton. The negro man killed is said to have been inoffensive. Cook has fled.

SENATOR HAMPTON.—The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria *Gazette* says Senator Hampton was in his seat in the Senate Monday for the first time since he was accidentally shot and since Mr. Irby was elected as his successor. His eyesight has not been impaired; he looks well and hearty, and he regards his defeat as only an evidence of the instability of popular favor.

Workmen on the farm of Abraham Drushel, near Cantor, O., have discovered the remains of a huge animal, supposed to be a megatherium. They were digging in a marsh, which proves to be the bed of an ancient lake. One short rib measured three feet, indicating six feet for the largest rib. The claws, still perfect, were six inches long.

Mr. D. W. C. Sanker died of heart disease at Split Rock in Pocahontas Co., W. Va., on the 19th inst., leaving a widow and five grown children. His son John is confined to his bed with a broken leg.

Whittier is fond of pets. He has three handsome dogs, two cats and three fine horses. When the poet goes abroad in pleasant weather a young St. Bernard dog is his constant companion.

Two bloodhounds connected with an 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' company got loose and besieged the manager and treasurer of the Annapolis Opera House for half an hour in the manager's office.

President Harrison has issued a proclamation declaring that the World's Columbian Exposition will be opened at Chicago, in the State of Illinois, in May, 1893.

Sadie Martinot paid $115 for the doll dressed by Mrs. Cleveland for the New York charity dolls' fair.

Near Charleston, W. Va., Gus. Steptoe aged sixteen years, shot and killed Richard Gardner, a bar keeper.

There is a fight going on between the Senate and House over the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

The thermometer registered forty degrees below zero at Lyndonville, Vt., last night.

ROUND-HOUSE AT RALEIGH, N. C, BURNED.—On Dec. 28th, a fire occurred in the round-house of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, which is used for the purpose of housing the locomotives of the Seaboard railway system. The building was valued at $20,000 and there were seventeen engines in it. The engines were valued at over $200,000. The round-house was entirely destroyed, but the locomotives were gotten out in time to avoid their total destruction. They sustained considerable damage, however, which will prevent their use for some time.

Mr. Parnell complains bitterly of the action of the priests in the Kilkennyelection.

The Russian Government has ordered the expulsion of 11,000 Germans and Austrians.

There are 60,000 laborers of both sexes out of employment in the German capital.

A bazar recently held in New York City by the Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association cleared $50,000.

MARRIAGES

GORLEY—RICHARDS.—In Roanoke, Dec. 24th, Mr Lewis P. Gorley, formerly of New Market, and Miss Sallie B. Richards, daughter of Mr. B. W. Richards. They spent the holidays on a visit to the parents of the groom at New Market.

SLAUGHTER—NUCKOLS.—At Buena Vista, Va., on the 24th instant, by Rev. E. J. Kreglo, Mr. Richard F. Slaughter and Miss Mary Sue Nuckols, both of Buena Vista, Va.

O'BRIEN—GIBSON.—Last Wednesday night, at the residence of Col. John Gibson, near Timber Ridge, his daughter, Miss Theresa was married to Mr. O'Brien, of Culpeper. They left for the groom's home at Culpeper.

PATTERSON—WITT.—On the 24th in Staunton, by Rev. J. F. Williams, Mr. Charles N. Patterson and Miss Hallie B. Witt, both of Nelson county, Va.

HANBACK—KENNEDY.—On the 23rd of December in Staunton, by Rev. J. T. Williams, Mr. Robert L. Hanback, formerly of Fauquier county, now of Waynesboro', and Miss Lelia S. Kennedy, of Augusta county.

SIMMONS—LANDES.—December 11th, by Rev. W. B. Oney, at the Lutheran parsonage, in Mt. Sidney, Augusta county, Va., John P. Simmons to Miss Nannie M. Landes, all of Augusta.

LAWRENCE—GIBSON.—In Staunton, Dec. 24th, by Rev. J. D. Donovan of the U. B. Church, J. Wm. Lawrence to Miss Julia Gibson, daughter of J. W. Gibson.

NELSON—SYDNOR.—In the First Baptist church in Richmond, Monday night, the 21st inst, by Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Staunton, brother of the groom, Mr. A. Jefferson Nelson to Miss Gertrude Sydnor, daughter of Mr. Thos. W. Sydnor, of Richmond.

DEATHS.

MCCLURE.—Near Brownsburg, Rockbridge, Dec. 10th, George W. McClure, aged sixty-eight years. Interment at Bethel church, Augusta county, 13th.

KING.—At Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 14th, J. B. King, aged 60 years, father of Mrs. A. P. Funkhouser of Harrisonburg.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 30, 1890.

Another snow falling the 25th instant upon that of the previous week effectually blockaded the country roads again, diminishing wagon-trade, though that is usually small during the holidays.

There is nothing of special interest to note in our local commerce nor in the distant markets affecting the surplus products of our section of country.

Baltimore Live-Stock Market, Dec. 24

Beef Cattle.—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows:

Best	$4 25	@4 40
Generally rated first quality	4 00	@4 12½
Medium or good fair quality	2 75	@4 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 00	@2 50

The offerings were in excess of the demand and their quality generally very indifferent. Values were unchanged from last week.

Milch Cows—There is a very light offering and a slow trade at $20a45 per head.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade has not beefl active. Sheep 3a5½c per lb gross. Lambs 4½a5½c per lb gross.

Monday, Dec. 29, 1890.

SWINE.—There has been rather a light offering this week, but only a moderately fair demand prevails in all the yards. Values have advanced a strong ½c per lb We now quote the range from 4½ cents for very rough Hogs to 5½ cents for the best; most sales at 5a5½ cents per lb net. Receipts of Hogs this week numbered 9805 head.

New York Live-Stock Market, Dec. 29

Beeves—Receipts 3,600 head; market firm; native Steers 3.50a$5.70, Bulls and Cows 2.00a2.87 per 100 lbs. Dressed Beef steady; 6.50a7.75 per 100 lbs. Shipments—Beeves and —— quarters of Beef. Calves—Receipts 177; market steady; Veals 6a8c, Grassers 2.40a3.75, Westerns 2.50a3 per 100 lbs. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 6500 head; market higher; Sheep 4a$5.50, Lambs 5.37a$7.25 per 100 lbs. Dressed Mutton firm at 7½a9 cents; Dressed Lambs steady at 9a10½ cts per lb. Hogs—Receipts 13,000; market steady; 3.20a$3.70 per 100 lbs.

Richmond Live-Stock Market, Dec. 29

Receipts: 261 head of cattle, 252 sheep and 1,697 hogs.

Sales: 221 head of cattle, 252 sheep and 1,697 hogs.

Prices:

Cattle—Best, 3¾a4c. gross; medium to good, 2¾a3½c. gross; common to fair, 1½a2½c gross.

Sheep—3¼a5c gross.

Hogs—4½a5c. net.

Bulls—2a2½c. gross.

[*The quotations are wholesale, not retail.*]

Country Produce.

BACON—country cured.	
Hams	14c
Shoulders	8c
Sides	8c
BEES WAX	20@25c
BUTTER	16c
CORN—	62c
CORN MEAL	70c
EGGS	22c
FLOUR—Patent	$6.50
New process	$5.00
" " extra	$4.50
Country—Family	$4.75
" Extra	$4.50
" Superfine	$3.50
FEATHERS	50
LARD	7½c
OATS—shelled	44c
POTATOES—Irish	75c
RYE	55c
TALLOW—	4c
VINEGAR—pure apple	16c
WHEAT	99c
WOOL—unwashed	20c

Groceries, etc.

BACON—country, see country produce.	
Western, canvas hams	11@12c
" " long clear sides	6¼c
" " short clear sides	6¼@6½c
" " bellies	6½c
CANDLES—adamantine	@8¼
Paraffine wax	25