Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1891.

Death of P. T. Barnum.

P. T. Barnum, the famous showman, died at 6:22 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 7th, aged eighty-one years. His death was due to heart failure Up to 10 A. M. he remained conscious at times and recognized those about his bedside.

He died at his residence in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was born at Bethel, Connecticut, on July 5, 1810. His grandfather, Ephraim Barnum, was a captain in the revolutionary war. In early life he had the advantages of a farmer's boy. During the short time he spent at school he distinguished himself by his arithmetical abilities. As he grew older he developed a settled aversion to manual labor, and made his mark at a Bible class. He never drank and always had a Bible with him. Later Mr. Barnum conceived that he was born to be a showman and formed the determination to be one. Accordingly, in 1835, he purchased the right for $1,000 to exhibit Joice Heth, one of the countless negro nurses of George Washington. Although her eyes had sunk so deep into her head that they couldn't be seen, and her toe-nails had grown to be an inch thick, she was quite garrulous and talked freely of "little George." For some time after that he had the experiences of an ordinary showman. For a number of years Mr. Barnum conducted a museum in New York, and through his instrumentality Jenny Lind visited this country in 1850. He became opulent at one time, but by the miscarriage of some of his plans when about 46 years old he had, in a pecuniary sense, to begin life anew. His subsequent career has been a series of ups and downs, his shows on many occasions having been destroyed by fire, and though he had worked as assiduously as during his early days he never fully retrieved his lost fortune.

In November, 1842, at Bridgeport, he found Charles S. Stratton, who afterwards became famous as Gen. Tom Thumb.

In 1874 he married his second wife, the daughter of John Fish, the Englishman who had profited so well by his advice. The year following he was elected mayor of Bridgeport. He received this honor twice. He also struck up a warm friendship with Lord Rosebery, the present liberal leader in the House of Lords.

As the New York *Herald* says, "for more than half a century the name of P. T. Barnum has been familiar as a household word the world over. In his field he was a genius without an equal—fertile in resources, versatile, enterprising.

No other American had his faculty for catering to the amusement of the public and especially the world of children. No other man has or could have achieved his success.

In his early career he proved himself a master in the art of humbugging the people and advertising himself. With him it was as legitimate to palm off such humbugs as the nurse of George Washington, the wooley horse, the mermaid, &c., as it was to bring out Jenny Lind or show Tom Thumb. They afforded the public innocent amusement and coined money for him. If the people were gulled that was their lookout, not his.

The same ingenuity and enterprise then displayed in presenting humbugs were directed in his later career toward securing from every quarter of the globe genuine curiosities and devising original attractions for the instruction and entertainment of the public.

He has entertained generations of people and given happiness to millions of children. This more than his liberal charities made him a rare public benefactor."

A despatch from Bridgeport, under of April 8th, says:—

"Deep and profound sorrow prevails throughout the city over the death of P. T. Barnum. Flags are displayed at half mast and emblems of mourning are shown from public and private buildings.

Mrs Barnum bears up remarkably well under her burden of grief, and, although much fatigued from loss of sleep, is as comfortable today as can be expected. She has received numerous telegrams of condolence from sympathizing friends in all parts of the globe. Mr. Barnum leaves an estate of over $5,000,000, which he disposes of by will largely to his legal heirs. The bequests are not yet known. The executors named are Major Wm. B. Hincks, treasurer of the City Savings Bank, of this city, and Benj. Fish, treasurer of the Barnum and Bailey Snow."

Organize Road Clubs

WHO WILL LEAD?

The *Index-Appeal* urges the farmers to organize Road Clubs, and asks, "what farmer is willing to put the ball of progress in motion by taking the first step towards the organization of a road club in his county? Somebody must do it, and there never was a more opportune time than the present in which to do it. Why should the farmer who reads this wait for another? He can start it as well as any one else, and unless it is started at once, matters will go from bad to worse, and the depreciation and retrogression of our land values will go at an accelerated pace, *until it will be money in the farmer's pocket to give his land away!* This is not the language of hyperbole, but of solemn truth. It is the effect that will follow continuance of the old method of wasting time and money by scraping the dirt from the gutters into the roadway to be returned to the gutters by travel and rainfall. Such a method is sheer idiocy, and the most amazing part of the whole farce is that intelligent men, as farmers usually are, will not learn wisdom from such long and sad experience.

The current number of *The Century* magazine says that it is estimated by excellent authorities that the present slipshod method of road making and repairing cost each household in delay and wear and tear not less than ten dollars a year, which is more than the cost of schools, and almost as much as all the state and federal taxes combined. Think of this when you rail against high taxes. Your bad roads tax you more than your schools, and almost as much as your whole intricate system of government, and brings you nothing in return but depreciation of land and vexation of spirit. Here is a matter that overshadows in importance any and all the questions on which you are organized in alliance and grange. Wake up, farmers, to a realization of its magnitude, and don't let the broken-down politicians divert you from it. Your individual prosperity and the greatness of your state are involved, and these are more important than the success of that class of office-seekers who pretend to be farmers, but who don't keep the weeds away from their door-steps.

Who will take the lead? Who will take the first move for the organization of road clubs?"

SUDDEN DEATH OF GOV. FOWLE, OF N. C.—Gov. Daniel G. Fowle, of N. C., died suddenly of heart-failure at Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, the 8th instant. By his death, North Carolina lost, as the Baltimore *Sun* says, an able and devoted sun.—He was born in Beaufort county, in that State, in 1831, graduated at Princeton College in 1851, and began the practice of law in Raleigh in 1854. He entered the Confederate army as a private, rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was captured in the spring of 1862. His imprisonment was of brief duration, and in October of that year he was elected to the North Carolina Legislature. At the end of his term in that body he was elected adjutant-general of North Carolina, and discharged his duties with marked ability. In 1865 he was appointed judge of the Superior Court by Governor Holden, and the Legislature one year later elected him to the same office.—He resigned in 1867 because of a difference with the military Governor. In 1876 he was democratic presidential elector for the State at large, and from that time became one of the most prominent democratic leaders in the State. He was elected Governor of North Carolina in 1888, and took his seat the January following. Governor Fowle was one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and as a public speaker had few equals in the country. He attended the unveiling of the Lee monument in Richmond, in May last, accompanied by his staff, and at the head of the North Carolina troops attracted a great deal of attention, being a gentleman of splendid physique and fine soldierly bearing. He remained over and attended the Confederate memorial exercises at Hollywood, where he delivered an eloquent address.

The Grave of Mastodon.

The New York *Tribune* publishes a lengthy description from a Washington correspondent of a visit to the grave of an alleged mastodon, near Edom, Rockingham county, Va. The story of the finding of this mastodon was related to the *Tribune's* correspondent by Mr. Frank, its discoverer. He intended to deepen a small and somewhat boggy depression lying northeast of his house for the purpose of constructing a fish-pond. Having plowed up the alluvial deposit on top, a layer of blue clay was met with and cutting away this with picks, the remains of the creature were brought to light. They lay scattered over an area of about fifteen feet by seven or eight, and were situated at the base of an outcropping ridge of argillaceous limestone with an appearance of vertical dip. At first the massive bones were not recognized as belonging to an animal. He said, in fact, that he did not know what they were, and thought little about them. The subsequent unearthing of a portion of one tusk and some teeth revealed their true character, but all those parts which had been removed were heaped upon the side of the excavation and left there. There they remained until the attention of Dr. M. S. Zirkle was attracted to them by rumors of some remarkable and mysterious objects which had been dug up in his neighborhood. It is to this gentleman that the National Museum will be indebted for the specimen when it comes to be mounted, and it was by his care that all those parts by which it was identified were preserved.

The net profits of the Methodist book concern last year were $140,000.

Increase of Imports at New York.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* says that the imports at New York from foreign ports for the last month were larger than for any previous March in our history. The largest amount reported for the same month in any previous year was in 1881, but that total included over seven millions in specie, whereas for the last month the receipts of coin and bullion were less than one million dollars. The most striking feature is in the total entered for warehousing, which included ever five million dollars in sugar that was placed in bond to take advantage of the new tariff, which on April 1 admitted all sugars not above No. 16 Dutch standard free of duty.

The free list is very largely represented in the imports, and this seems likely to continue for some time to come. The dutiable goods entered directly for consumption amounted to less than usual, the high rates operating to check that branch of business.

The direct entries of dutiable goods have declined nearly eleven millions, while the free goods have increased fourteen and a half millions in three months.

The foreign imports at New York for nine months, ending with March, for the years 1889, 1890, and 1891, exclusive of specie, were as follows: 1889, $347,838,815; 1890, $373,316,508; and 1891, $407,557,248.

This is the largest total exclusive of specie and bullion for this period in the history of the trade.

The duties received at the port of New York for the save periods were as follows: 1889, $113,091,731; 1890, $115,185,825.98; and 1891, $122,467,290.38.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.—The weather crop bulletin for the week ended Saturday last indicated that the weather in the spring and winter wheat region was generally favorable. Cold weather has retarded farm work in the eastern portion of the winter-wheat region. In Louisiana, Florida and Southeast Georgia the frost did considerable damage. The injury in Georgia was greatest to melons. Frosts have caused some damage in the southern portion of the peach region. Pacific coast crops were greatly improved by rains.

It is said the Farmers' Alliance membership in West Virginia now aggregates 27,000.

The President's Trip.

The Washington correspondent of the Balt. *Sun*, under date of April 9th says:—

"The official itinerary of the tour of the President from Washington to San Francisco, via Chattanooga, Birmingham, Memphis and Galveston, and returning via Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, Springfield, Indianapolis, Pittsburg and Harrisburg, was made public today. He will leave via the Richmond and Danville Railroad April 14, and is scheduled to reach Washington, returning, at 5 P. M. May 15, via the Pennsylvania Railroad. He will leave Washington at 12.10 A. M., reach Charlottesville, Va., at 4 35 A. M., where a stop of ten minutes will be made; Lynchburg at 6.45 A. M., stop of fifteen minutes; Roanoke at 8.50 A. M., stop twenty-five minutes, arriving at Bristol at 2 P. M., where a stop of half an hour will be made. These will be the only stops in Virginia. The party is scheduled to reach San Francisco April 25, and will remain in that city and vicinity until the night of May 3, when the return trip will commence. The total distance going and returning will be 9,060 miles.

The personnel of the party is not yet finally determined, but it is almost settled that Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Dimmick, Postmaster-General Wanamaker, Secretary Rusk, Private Secretary Halford, Marshal Ransdell, and Mr. E. F. Tibbett, an executive clerk, will accompany the President. Mr. George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania R. R., will have general charge of the train."

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature have put themselves on record as favoring the election of United States Senators by popular vote.

By the will of the late P. T. Barnum, Charles H. Seely, a grandson of the Greatest Showman, receives a two-thirds interest in the show.

The salmon fisheries of Alaska have yielded since 1884 more than the original cost of the territory.

Mayor Bishop, of Buffalo, N. Y., has ordered that alleged immodest play posters about the city be torn down.

Minnesota is apparently determined to exclude performances in tights from its theatres.

Anna Dickinson is in New York. Her doctor says that she is sane and that she always was sane.

President Harrison commuted the death sentences of Jones, Key and Smith, the Navassa murderers, to imprisonment for life.

Lewis Booker, who was arrested in Richmond, charged with embezzlement, is reported to be ill.

From the Altar to the Tomb.

It has been but a short while since we published the marriage of Count Lewenhaupt to Miss Ellen Bayard, a daughter of Ex-Secretary of State, Jas. F. Bayard, and now we record his death. He was married on the 2nd instant, and died at Wilmington, Del., Monday. In this case there was but a step from the altar to the tomb. As the Balt. *Sun* says, the wedding bells of the young couple were almost mingled with the funeral knell, and the bright romance of which they were the central figures has been abruptly terminated almost at the outset. Miss Bayard's personal accomplishments and attractions were in every way calculated to adorn the highest rank, and the bridegroom, according to general report, appears to have been in every way worthy of the American wife he won, which is more than can be said of most foreign noblemen who marry in this country. Everyone will sympathize with the young bride whose life has been clouded so suddenly and so tragically by this great sorrow.

LACKS CONFIRMATION.—The rumor which comes from Rome that the Radini ministry have given to the government of the United States until Tuesday (yesterday) to make a satisfactory reply to the Marquis di Rudini's last dispatch, failing which our minister at Rome, Mr. Porter, is to receive his *conge*, the Italian legation at Washington to be closed, and all further direct diplomatic intercourse between the two countries suspended, lacks official confirmation from Washington.

FOR THE U. S. JUDGESHIP OF THE VIRGINIA CIRCUIT.—The Washington correspondent of the Alex. *Gazette* under date of the 11th instant says:—

"A well-informed and wide-a-wake Virginia republican here to-day says the Virginia Mahoneites have determined to do all in their power to have Judge Paul appointed to the new U. S. judgeship of the Virginia circuit, and that as a means to attain that object they will try to get the legal bar of all the counties in the State to endorse petitions for the Judge's appointment. These petitions will be forwarded to U. S. Attorney Craig, by whom they will be presented to the President. Should Judge Paul be appointed, the fight for his present position, as U. S. district judge, will be between District Attorney Craig and ex Congressman Waddill."

LYNCHING IN MERCER COUNTY, W VA.—Alexander Foote, the negro who murdered J. J. Meadows at Bluefield Tuesday morning of last week, was taken from the jail at Princeton, Mercer county, W. Va., last Saturday night, and swung to a tree back of the village school house.

A despatch to the Baltimore *Sun* says:—

"Heavy snow fell at Bluefield Monday night, and about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning two negroes entered the box of Watchman Meadows, at Sink Hole, near Bluefield, and asked to be allowed to warm themselves. When they were warm the watchman asked the negroes to leave, when Foote drew a revolver and fired, the ball striking Meadows over the left eye and penetrating the brain. The negroes fled immediately, Foote attempting to board a freight train. The conductor discovered him and ordered him off, when the negro fired three times at the conductor without effect. Detective Baldwin, who lives nearby, heard the firing and hastened to the scene, but before reaching it was fired at by the fleeing negroes, who knew him. Several shots were exchanged, but the negro escaped. Tuesday morning Miss Capri, who teaches school near Ingleside Station, seven miles from Bluefield, was riding to school on account of the deep snow, took a boy along to return the horse, when she saw Foote hurrying through a field, and sent the boy back to tell her brother, who soon overtook Foote with a double barrel shot gun and captured him. Foote having fired away all his cartridges. Foote was taken to Bluefield, given a preliminary hearing and sent to jail at Princeton, accompanied by a strong guard. Parties of men from Bluefield followed before and behind, and were scattered in the woods along the roadside waiting for an opportunity to shoot Foote, but the guard kept him so closely surrounded that no opportunity was given. Thursday Foote set fire to the jail, and when other prisoners raised the alarm they were taken out, water was carried to Foote, and he was told to put it out or take the consequences. He decided to wait for the limb. About forty men left Bluefield Saturday evening for Princeton, and demanded the keys from the sheriff, who surrendered them, and in obedience to the mob led the way to Foote's cell"

Forty masked men broke into jail at Sealand, Washington, and shot to death John Rose and John Edwards, who were convicted of the murder of Hans Fredericksen and his wife about a year ago. The men were confined in jail awaiting a new trial.

At Charleston, W. Va., Saturday, S. M. Johnson, colored, aged 15 years, was found guilty of felonious assault on Miss Alice Bailey on April 7. The penalty is death, and sentence will be pronounced this week

The well known stallion Corsair, a son o, Ryesdyks Hambletonian, died at Knoxville, Iowa, Sunday afternoon at the age of twenty years, of inflammation of the stomach. He was the sire of Competine 2.29½, and Ada M., 2.30. He was owned by N. R. Cornell.

Near Oneonta, Blount county, Ala., El. Strange, a farmer, while loading his rifle to shoot hawks, accidentally shot and killed his wife, to whom he had been married only two months.

At C. J. Hamlin's village farm, near Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday night the chestnut stallion Prince Regent, record 2.16½, died from bronchital pneumonia.

President Harrison is said to have forbidden any reciprocity negotiations, formal or informal, with Canada, and this is said to have been the cause of the sudden departure of Sir Charles Tupper and the other Commissioners from Washington.

RESIGNATION OF SENATOR EDMUNDS.—Senator George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, who has been in the Senate of the United States since April, 1866, and in nearly if not quite all of that time has been one of the republican leaders, has resigned, the resignation to take effect the first day of November next.

His letter of resignation addressed to the Governor of Vermont is dated April 6th, and under the same date writes to Vice-President Morton, the President of the Senate apprising him of his resignation.

ELECTION IN LEWISBURG, W. VA.—In the election for Town officer, of Lewisburg, W. Va., on Saturday week, the nominees of the Democratic Convention, heretofore published, were elected.

Rev. Dr. George W. Carter has been elected to succeed the late Dr. Edwards as pastor of Court Street Methodist Church, of Lynchburg until the next meeting of the annual conference of the church, which takes place in November.

Parkersburg, W. Va., has been a republican city, but the democrats made a clean sweep there Tuesday April 7th, electing their candidate for mayor, H. S. Wilson, and three out of four councilmen by majorities ranging from 40 to 300.

It is reported in London that Mr. Parnell has been privately married to a daughter of Mrs. O'Shea, a ward in chancery, rendering himself liable to prosecution.

The Italia (newspaper,) of Rome, says Italy must strike the United States in their strong box, where their God resides, by demanding the largest indemnity for the men killed at New Orleans.

The "strong box" is not as strong, or rather not as full, as it was. The Republicans have emptied it, and it now emits a hollow sound.

RETURN OF STOLEN PROPERTY.—The Charlottesville *Chronicle* of the 10th says:

"Mr. Robert L. Carter received a package from Waynesboro', Va, a few days ago, containing a watch which had been stolen from him last October. No explanations accompanied the returned article."

ARREST OF A NEGRO FIEND.—John Robinson, a colored youth, was arrested and lodged in jail at Petersburg last Thursday morning on the charge of having attempted to commit an assault upon the person of Miss Caroline Berberich, a young lady of German family, living in Chesterfield county on Tuesday evening before.—The lady lives with her brother, Mr. Frank Berberich, on the north side of Swift creek, a short distance beyond the village of Mechanicsville. They are recent settlers in the county, having come to Virginia about one year ago.

He failed in his fiendish purpose, as by main strength she fought him off and her cries finally frightened him away.

DISCOURTESY OF PRESIDENT HARRISON.—A week ago, by explicit agreement with Secretary of State J. G. Blaine, the Canadian Commissioners went to Washington to open negotiations looking to commercial reciprocity between Canada and the United States, and the day after their arrival they returned because the President would not postpone his pleasure trip, thus showing, as the Pittsburg *Dispatch*, a Republican paper, says, a "most astounding neglect both of the interests of the country and the first principles of international courtesy."

This conduct has very naturally incensed both Blaine and the Canadian Commissioners. Blaine will get even with him yet.

The remains of Gen. John R. Cooke were buried with an imposing military demonstration in Richmond Sunday.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN-WRECKER SENTENCED.—In the County Court at Charlottesville on Friday the German tramp, Mike Suitzer, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for placing obstructions on the track of the Virginia Midland railroad near Red Hill station on the night of the 4th inst. with a view of wrecking a train.

ONLY A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—In New York on Saturday Dr. Rovosi, of *Il Progress Italo Americano* stated that he had been authorized by Baron Fava, the Italian Minister, who sailed that day, to state for publication that he was only going to Rome on a "leave of absence," and that he is still the Italian Minister at Washington.

The Road Question.

An intelligent citizen of this county, who feels an interest in its prosperity, and appreciates the importance of having some decided action taken looking to the improvement of our county roads, in a private letter, makes the following suggestion for consideration, which we think is a very good one, as it is very natural, as well as right, that the Road Board should be assured that any action they might take would receive the endorsement of the people. From this letter, we take the privilege of publishing the following extract:

"The Road Board have the power to put the district road-tax up to twenty cents on the hundred dollars, if they would exercise that power, but it has never been over ten cents in our district, and they would not like to exercise that power without the consent of the majority of the people. My idea is that it would be a good plan to get all the road men together on Court Day and let them talk the matter over and make some arrangements to bring this matter before the people at the coming election, and let them decide what they are willing to do in regard to the matter.

I know two sections of as much as two miles in my district, that the people are willing to supplement one half if the Road Board would pay the other."

DEATH OF BISHOP GILMOUR.—At St. Augustine, Florida, Bishop Richard Gilmour, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, died at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening. Bishop McCloskey, of Kentucky, Fathers Wright and Houck, and his faithful nurses, Sisters of the Sacred Heart, were with him to the last. Father Houck left there with the remains yesterday for Cleveland. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in September 1824.

EXPLOSIONS.—Near Washington, Pa., Sunday, three small boys threw stones at an empty nitroglycerine can which they found in a fence corner. One rock struck the can and a terrible explosion followed.—It was heard for miles. Two of the boys were blown to pieces. The third was badly bruised and will likely die. Near Pittsburg three other boys found a can of blasting powder which they placed on a fire.—An explosion followed and all three boys were fearfully burned—two it is thought fatally

"The Recent Political Deal."

Under the above heading, the Weekly *Herald*, of Petersburg, a paper published by colored men, one of the editors of which is Scott Wood, a native of this city, and favorably known here, in its issue of April 4th, publishes what follows, which shows how wisely suspicious the intelligent colored people are of the recent alliance of Mahone and Langston, and how very gingerly they nibble at the bait in the trap set for them. We give the article of the *Herald* in full as follows:—

"The recent political alliance, said to be entered into by Gen. Mahone and ex Congressman Langston, has put all well-meaning men to studying, especially the thoughtful colored brother. For indeed he is amazed when he contemplates how bitterly Gen. Mahone fought their cause in 1888 and 1890, that he so soon thereafter should be found willing to extend the olive branch. Every colored man who has been in anywise familiar with the General politically, views this recent deal with much suspicion and characterizes it simply as a scheme to regain political ground which the General has undoubtedly lost, and which he now hopes to gain at the expense of the colored voters of this District. The General has diagnosed the situation thoroughly. He is mad with the administration; he owes the men who have dared to oppose his will, a severe punishment; he is opposed to the president's re-nomination, and right here let us remind the colored voter, that President Harrison has appointed more colored men to good paying positions than any other republican president, and with all brag and bluster, Virginia is the only southern State, which cannot boast of a colored man appointed to office by the President, and its all due to Mahone and Mahoneism.

The General is playing a big hand in order to get the next delegation from this State to the next National Convention and he has chosen certain men as the cat's paw to assist him in pulling the chestnuts out of the fire.

What assurance have we, before we enter into this compact that we are to receive at the hands of the Chairman any better treatment, than we have received in the past. In 1888, a republican president, a Senate and House of Congress, together with a member of our race, were by our assistance elected, yet what has the colored voter to brag of. In all Virginia, a few petty offices. Why? Because as the party is now conducted Gen. Mahone and his friends are willing to have us vote, but they must hold the offices. We had, by the movement we made in 1888, started in to remedy the evil, but our only chance has been swallowed up in the recent alliance without even consulting the people, who have borne the burden in the heat of the day.

We have indeed allowed ourselves to be blindly led too much. It is time we should stop, put our heads together and consider a little. We have been consulted in the past. Why not now? The *Herald* has ever been true to the people since its advent into the field of journalism. It has stood steadfastly for the rights of the colored voter, and the race. Our political course has been straightforword. We have fought, bled, and suffered too much in the recent political battles, to stand quietly by and see the rights for which we have spent our time, our energy and our money, and plenty of it, so lightly traded away. Who knows the result of the bargain? Who has seen the articles of agreement? What gain are we to hope for? Certainly if we are men, and the fights of 1888 and 1890 have demonstrated fully that we are, we will hesitate to follow any man, no matter how much we may appreciate him, or how implicitly trust him, into a compact, unless we are beforehand thoroughly satisfied that we are without a contradiction or doubt to be amply benefited by the deal. Look well before you leap. Don't, for the good of our cause, leap in the dark."

HOW LA GRIPPE MAY BE EFFECTUALLY CONQUERED.

THE DISCOERY OF A REMEDY FOR THE DEBILITATION THAT FOLLOWS THE EPIDEMIC.

The medical and scientific authorities on both sides the Atlantic have been unavailingly searching for a remedial agent for the epidemic influenza so widely prevalent just now. It was hinted recently that Lorenz Reich's Hungarian Tokayer Ausbruch was the long-sought and desired remedy. An investigation of the report was immediately started, the results of which are reported below.

A physician of long and widely extended practice is Dr. Edward Bradley of 19 West Thirteenth-street, N. Y. Dr. Bradley talked freely and heartily about the Tokayer Ausbruch. "In all my experience and practice," said he, "extending over thirty-two years, I have been very careful about publicly recommending any article whatever, no matter how excellent I might think it was myself. I tell you this in order to let you know how high an opinion I have of Reich's brand of Tokay in all cases, but especially in such as you have indicated. Grip and pneumonia are always preceded by nervous debility, the system being generally run down. The trouble is that the patient never visits a physician until the last moment. If a tonic were taken at an early period, in nine cases out of ten the disease would be warded off, and there is no tonic in the world which I would sooner recommend than Reich's Tokayer."

Dr. F. E. Marcy of 396 Fifth-avenue, the late A. T. Stewart's physician, and an old-time practitioner, said he had used many brands of Tokay, but had no hesitation in saying that in all cases of debility or convalescence there was none equal to Mr. Reich's. Said he, "It is one of the best things in the world to prevent an attack of the grip. One of its greatest recommendations in the profession is its purity and high quality. Whenever a physician prescribes it to a patient he is confident that he is prescribing an unadulterated article."

Dr. Nathan Bozeman of 9 West Thirty-first-street, cordially seconded the statements of Dr. Marcy.

Dr. Alfred K. Hills of 465 Fifth-avenue, the author of "The Therapeutic Use of Alcohol," said: "I have used Lorenz Reich's Tokayer for fifteen years with confidence because I have analyzed it and proved it pure, and therefore superior. The recent grip epidemic particularly took hold of persons whose systems had become debilitated and who needed just such a tonic. Reich's Tokayer Ausbruch certainly does promote recovery in cases of convalescence and nervous or physical prostration."

Dr. H. Marion Sims, the noted female specialist, 267 Madison-avenue, said that he had used Lorenz Reich's Tokayer Ausbruch almost ever since he commenced practice, and had found it an invaluable tonic. "My patients in cases of debility and convalescence can take and assimilate it as they can do nothing else. Moreover, I know it to be pure, and it has the advantage, in addition to its pleasant flavor, of never flushing the face. I am very glad at all times to say a good word for it."

Dr. Edward S. Peck of 53 West Fiftieth-street, said: "In all the cases of grip which have come under my notice, a good tonic would have prevented and did prevent the disease in its incipient state. Members of my own family have been thus taken down, and I have let them drink Reich's Tokay moderately, and in a week their systems had become toned to such an extent that the influenza gained no further progress. I don't regard it as a medicine, but as a tonic, and the most efficacious one I know of.

Dr. Hammond, the nerve specialist, said: "I find Reich's Tokay to be a wonderful tonic and an undoubted preventive of such diseases as are brought on by low physical pressure."

Other physicians who were found to use and have a high regard for Reich's Tokayer Ausbruch are Dr. Fordyce Barker, of 24 East Thirty-eighth-street; Dr. William Tod Helmuth, of 180 West Fifty-nine-street; Dr. T. H. Burchard, 24 West Fortieth-street; Dr. J. W. Wright, 53 West Nineteenth-street; Dr. Alexander J. C. Skene, of Brooklyn, and Prof. Alfred L. Loomis, Dr. Geo. E. Belcher, 522 Madison ave.; Dr. Chas Carroll Lee, 79 Madison ave., and Louis F. Sass, 50 W. 39th st.

In making further investigations it was learned incidentally that Mr. Cyrus W. Field had recently recovered by the use of this wine from severe debility brought about by the grip and that another prompt recovery due to its use was in the case of Mrs. R. R. Cable of Chicago, wife of the well-known railroad man. Before closing the inquiries Mr. Reich was called upon at his office, the Cambridge Hotel, corner Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue, but that gentleman modestly refused to say anything except that physicians generally knew what they talked about.—*New York Press.*

Cable despatches from London and Buda-Pesth reports an uneasy feeling on the Continent and active military preparations, especially in France and Russia.

POOR HOUSE BURNED.—A crazy negro woman last Sunday night set fire to the Crenshaw county, Tenn., poor house which burned to the ground. One of the inmates was consumed with it.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.—On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Thos. S. Schoppert was killed by a train at Elysville, Maryland, whilst crossing a bridge over the Patapsco river. It is supposed that the roaring of the waters prevented his hearing the train. He was a brother of Mrs. Wm. Edwards of Lexington, Va., and a brother in law of Mr. W. S. Merchant of Charlestown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.

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VIRGINIA, TO-WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, in vacation, April 14th, 1891.

Squire Jackson.....Complainant.
vs.
Lucy Ann Jackson, Lillie Jackson, Esther Jackson, Channing Jackson, Caroline M. Jackson, J. W. Austin and S. J. Austin, his wife, M. C. Lambert and T. M. Lambert, her husband, S. A. Austin and Mary C., his wife, W. L. Austin and ——, his wife, Kitty Ragland, Sylla Johnson and Wm. Johnson, her husband, Ann Ragland, Lucy Ragland, Rose Brooks and Ed. Brooks, her husband and Octavia Ragland an infant over 14 years of age,.....Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to set aside as fraudulent, illegal, or improparly obtained, two deeds to Lucy A. Jackson—one from James A. Austin and wife made January 26th, 1877, for one acre of land, and the other from Benjamin Ragland made February 27th, 1890, for about two acres of land, both tracts being situated in Augusta county, near the town of Waynesboro, and to have the deeds for said one acre of land made to Squire Jackson, and for the two acres to Lillie Jackson, Esther Jackson and Channing Jackson; and it appearing by affidavit that Lucy Ann Jackson, Lillie Jackson, Esther Jackson, Channing Jackson, Ann Ragland and Lucy Ragland are non-residents of the state of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here in fifteen days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Teste:

W. E. Craig, p. q. J. N. RYAN,
ap15-4t Clerk.

VALUABLE LOT FOR SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered at the Nov. term 1890, in the suit of Tannehill, &c., vs. Butler, &c., I will, as commissioner of said court, sell at public auction, in front of the court-house in Staunton,

ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 1891,

a valuable lot of land in West End, about a half mile from the court-house in Staunton, containing

ONE ACRE OF LAND,

and is lot No. 45, in what is known as the Tannehill and Wheat addition to Staunton. This land is susceptible of division into four good building lots, and is well worthy the attention of buyers.

TERMS OF SALE:—One third in cash and the residue in three equal annual payments, bearing interest from the day of sale, for which the purchaser will give bonds with good security, and the title will be retained as ultimate security.

G. M. COCHRAN,
Commissioner.

I hereby certify that Geo M. Cochran, Commissioner as above named has executed bond in the penalty of $1,000 with security deemed sufficient, and conditioned according to law.

J. N. RYAN, Clerk.
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VIRGINIA, TO-WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, in vacation, April 14th, 1891.

William P. Tams, Executor of John Geary, deceased, ...Complainant.
vs.
John M. Carter and Susan Carter, his wife, J. J. Kean, A. Van de Vyver, the corporation known as the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, T. A. Wallace, William Wallace, E. W. Wallace, C. A. Wallace, David Hawkins and Lucy, his wife, Frank Wallace and Fannie Wallace,..... Defendants.

The object of this suit is to obtain a construction of the will of John Geary, who died near Staunton, Va., in October 1889, and to have a division and disposition of his estate under his will and according to law; and it appearing by affidavit that the Corporation known as the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is non-resident of Virginia, it is ordered that it appear here in fifteen days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect its interests in this suit.

Teste,

T C. Elder, p q J. N. RYAN, Clerk.
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN WEST END, NEAR STAUNTON.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county entered at the November Term, 1890, in the chancery cause of Kerr's Ex'or., &c., vs, McComb and als., I will offer for sale at public auction in front of the court-house in Staunton, Va., on

MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 1891,

at 4 o'clock a m., that valuable house and lot in Augusta county, near the city of Staunton, in what is known as the "West End," and fronting on Maple street, formerly the property of J. K. McComb, and now occupied by W. C. Barton.

TERMS:—Cash in hand to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue on a credit of one two and three years from day of sale, payable in equal annual instalments, the purchaser executing bonds for said deferred instalments, bearing interest and waiving the homestead, with approved personal security, title to be retained as ultimate security.

A. C. GORDON,
Special Commissioner.

I certify that A. C. Gordon, Special Commissioner in Kerr's Ex'or. vs. McComb has executed the bond therein required.

J. N. RYAN, Clerk.
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On Tuesday morning of last week, while the arrival of the Czar was being awaited at a review in St. Petersburg, a man who refused to remove his overcoat was arrested. In his possession were found a Smith & Wesson pistol and a bottle supposed to contain poison. It is supposed he intended to shoot the Czar, who would pass near him, and poison himself at once.

A number of unemployed Saxons and Bavarians April 8th attacked a gang of workmen, composed of Poles, who were engaged in the work of laying the cable at Hof, Bavaria. A fierce fight followed, during the progress of which twenty-five men, some on one side and some on the other, were more or less seriously wounded.

It is understood that Major McKinley claims that his election of Governor of Ohio is sure on a straight tariff issue, and that President Harrison has agreed to prevent, if possible, any foreign interference.

Gen. L. L. Lomax, president, of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College at Blacksburg, has resigned.

Mr. James M. Whittle, a prominent lawyer of Pittsylvania county, and brother of Bishop F. M. Whittle, died last Wednesday aged eighty-five years.

Bedford city (formerly Liberty) has voted $35,000 for town improvements.

FIRE AT BUENA VISTA.—About 10 A. M. on Friday week at Buena Vista the feed stables belonging to J. D. Bellmyer took fire from a stove in the office and burned rapidly. The roof fell in, but the timely arrival of the fire company, that soon attached a hose to a fire plug, saved the part of the building not already burned, and saved the Wilbourn house within a few feet of the burning stable, thus demonstrating the value of the water-works and of a good fire company.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.—On Monday of last week, John Fink, aged 28 years, son