Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1891.

Local Department.

WOOD! WOOD!!

Those of our subscribers who wish to pay their subscriptions with wood, would confer a favor by sending us some at this time.

Gentlemen, Economize.

NOTICE.—THE STATE DYE WORKS is now in full blast and is prepared to Clean or Dye your clothes and make them look equal to new.

Robinson's Circus will exhibit here on Tuesday, May 12th. The advertisement will appear in our next issue.

Phil. Knapp, Optician,

Will again be in Staunton on April 22 and will remain until Thursday evening, April 30. Thorough examination of eyes free, and glasses accurately suited. Office at Dr M. O. Burkholder's dental rooms, in postoffice building.

PROGRESS.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

Scotch-Irish Congress.

The third annual Congress of the Scotch-Irish people of America will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, from May the 14th to the 17th next. A number of addresses by distinguished men and eloquent orators will be delivered.

All Scotch-Irish people are earnestly invited to attend, and the local population, without regard to race, will be cordially welcomed. Reduced railroad fare and ample facilities for sight-seeing will be extended to all who come.

The objects of the Society are historical, educational and social. It is strictly non partisan and non-sectarian. The only requisites for membership are Scotch-Irish blood, in any degree, good character, and nominal dues, for which members receive the valuable historical works issued by the Society.

Send applications for membership and for further information to

A. C. FLOYD, Sec'y Nat'l Society,
Columbia, Tenn.
HELM BRUCE, Local Sec'y,
Louisville, Ky.

Rockbridge and Augusta counties, in which there are so many worthy descendants of the Scotch-Irish who were the first settlers of these counties, should be well represented.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES IN ROCKINGHAM FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.—In the nominating Convention of the Democrats in Harrisonburg on Saturday week, the following nominations were made:—

For Commonwealth's Attorney, James B. Stephenson.

For County Treasurer, Hon. George B. Keezel.

For Sheriff, John D. Scott, of McGaheysville.

For Commissioners of the Revenue—Plains District, I. F. Branner; Ashby District, W. H. Blakemore; Stonewall District, A. E. Wyant; Linville District, James R. Price; Central District, Frank G. Woodson. After the nominations, speeches were made by Stephenson, Keezel, and Hon. Charles T. O'Ferrall.

CORRECTION.—R. F. Larew was nominated Commissioner of the Revenue in Riverheads District. In publishing the vote last week an error was committed in the type and 200 was given as the vote he received instead of 260.

STATE DYE WORKS.—At No 108, N. Augusta street, opposite the Catholic church, Mr. C. W. Caffray has established the "State Dye Works," a cleaning, dyeing, and bleaching establishment in all its branches where ladies' silk, satin, velvet and woolen dresses can be cleaned and dyed in the most delicate color and made to look as well as new, also ladies' fine hats cleaned, dyed and remodeled to the fashion desired, and kid gloves cleaned, and ostrich feathers curled and colored, and cleans and dyes gentlemen's clothing in fast colors, and bleaches silks, satins, lace curtains, hats, blankets, &c. Ladies' will find Mrs. Caffray in attendance.

SALE OF A FINE STALLION.—Mr. B. F. Smith of this county has sold "Pollux," his fine Percheron stallion to Mr. Harman Hiner of Doe Hill, Highland county, for the sum of $600.

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING.—J. W. Alby advertises that he is now receiving at his old stand, No. 9, Main Street, opposite National Valley Bank, his stock of Spring and Summer clothing for men, youths, and boys, with a nice line of neck-wear, outing shirts, and underwear of all kinds; also a large stock of hats, all of which he promises to sell "as cheap as the cheapest," and "a few heavy suits and overcoats at cost and less."

THE BASIC CITY POST-OFFICE.—The Basic City *Advance* says: "The postoffice cabinet has been received and we venture to say no postoffice in Virginia with similar receipts, has a more handsome arrangement. There are lock boxes, drawers and call boxes, numbering in all about three hundred. Besides this there is a money order and stamp window. It is very handsome in every particular. M. G. Sanger, of Bridgewater, has qualified as assistant postmaster, under Mr. J. E. Sanger. He is a very efficient gentleman and is making an excellent official. The postmaster's bond has been doubled here and a money order office established. The receipts for last quarter were $2,250.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IN ROCKINGHAM.—In the County Democratic Nominating Convention held in Harrisonburg on Saturday week, in the course of his speech nominating Jas B. Stephenson for Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. Winfield Liggett said: "It is hard to tell just what sort of party we have to fight in Rockingham. Is it a Mahone party? a Yost and Lewis party? or is it a Langston party? [Laughter.] Mahone and Langston have the swing on Yost and Lewis just now, and Langston appears to have the swing on them all [Renewed laughter.]

For the SPECTATOR.

A Tribute to the late Matthew Pilson.

I have just read the kind article written by the editor of the SPECTATOR touching the death of Matthew Pilson. When a man of ninety years of age has stood, as Matthew Pilson stood, plumb for over forty years squarely in the path that walks straight up; and when we see the clammy cold hand gathering the silver locks around that splendid brow, it's time to give us pause. Mr. Pilson's conscience lived in his face, and shone forth always like illumination; his triumphant walk has brought him at last safe, within the burnished precints of the pearly postals of the empyreal.

When a man attains the age of four score and ten and more, he becomes conspicuous whether he will or no. If, being steeped in the age of Inquity, he can still point to forty years of service in the vineyard where, without once turning, he has trodden the winepress hard, hard; on, on; slow, slow; but up, up he has worked his way to the lilies and the crown who of us but will say: God grant it, and, Amen.

Matthew Pilson was born in 1799, and, my young friends, think! He has been an honest lad and true since the war of 1812, when he was a boy of 13 years of age—since when he was 16 years of age, at the battle of New Orleans; since the Seminole Indian war, when he was 19; since '36, the Massacre of the Alama, when he was 37; since, way this side his majority, the war in '46 with Mexico; since the discovery of gold in California, 52 years ago, when he was 59 years of age.

Matthew Pilson has left every one of his children very rich—rich in an inheritance whose metes and bounds are stars and jasper walls; landlords, in precincts whose eternal tenure touches the Lord.

What a man a man may be! Here is one who, thro' all the vicissitudes of a long life, has stood like a stonewall, safely entrenched behind the mail of an ennobled character: Safe—any time within half a hundred years, safe—safe in the arms of Jesus.

It is not to be presumed that the children of Matthew Pilson will grieve because he is dead. Death to him means life.

All the flowers that sunbeams can color, all the fruition of all the fields planets may compass; all the honeyed chords stars can attune; all the love light that all the stars and moons and suns and God's love can send towards that glad meeting will be there.

They do not grieve.

Take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again. S.

Personal.

Mrs. Charles E. Young, of Lewisburg, W. Va., is visiting relatives in this city.

Rev. W. T. Yarbrough will preach at Hermitage next Sunday afternoon, April 19th, at 3½ o'clock.

The *Spirit of the Valley* says that Mrs. Wm. McCue of this county is visiting Miss Mary Bell Nicholas in Harrisonburg.

Miss Mary Knightly is now Register-Letter Clerk in the Staunton Postoffice, the place recently filled by E. J. McMahon.

Mr. H. L. Baxter, of Long Glade, has sold his crop of 45 tons of prime timothy hay for $11.50 per ton, and is now delivering it.

E. V. Blakemore has been appointed Postmaster at Orkney Springs, Shenandoah county, in the place of J. A. McGee, removed.

Rev. John A. Broadus has taken a Southern trip for the benefit of his health. He is one of the ablest ministers of the Baptist Church.

On Saturday last, J. G. Dixon was appointed postmaster at Crowder, Rockbridge county, in the place of W. T. Moore, removed.

Miss Mary Dickens, granddaughter of the novelist, has adopted the stage and has been making a tour of the British Provinces in "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

In the Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville at half past 10 o'clock this morning the marriage of Mr. Lorraine McKnight and Miss Hunter Garrett Bailey will occur.

Rev. J. E. Booker, pastor of Hebron Church, in this county, has been holding a series of meetings of great interest in the Presbyterian Church at Buena Vista.

Dr. Willie Montgomery McKemy, son of the late Capt. W. C. McKemy, of Spottswood in this county, is now at home, having graduated at Bellvue Medical College of New York and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The Rockbridge County *News* of the 9th inst., say: "Col. John D. Lilly, of Augusta county was in Lexington on Monday. He was a brave soldier in the late war and has many friends and acquaintances in this county."

Baron Fava, the Italian Minister at Washington, sailed for Europe Saturday morning on the French steamer La Gascogne. A number of prominent Italian citizens and some of the attaches of the Italian consul's office were at the pier to see him off. He will go direct to Rome.

The marriage of Mr. Victor du Pont de Murgiondo, formerly of Baltimore, but now a resident of Charlotte county, Va., and Miss Marye Campbell Young, daughter of Mr. G. T. Young, of Petersburg, will take place in Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg to-day.

The Basic City *Advance* says that "Mr. W. W. Brenaman, formerly editor of the *Highland Recorder* and more recently connected with a newspaper in Roanoke, has been chosen associate editor and business manager of the *Valley Virginian*, soon to be moved to Clifton Forge. Mr. Brenaman is a newspaper man of considerable experience and is well fitted for the position for which he has been selected."

Mrs. Mary Maddox Boyse, who has been in Virginia, and whose great-grandmother was, it is said, a sister of Gen. Washington, died recently in Richmond, Indiana, aged 86 years. More than fifty years ago she settled near Rushville, Indiana. The Rushville (Ind.) *Republicans* says; "Her home has been in Wayne county during the past thirty-five years. Mrs. Susan Gregg and Mrs. Harry Miller, daughters, survive her, and Mrs. Burbank, another daughter, is dead."

The *Spirit of the Valley* says the Democrats of Rockingham are harmonious and have nominated a strong ticket, and that the Republicans should see that they likewise nominate a strong ticket.

STEEL PLANT AT HARRISONBURG.—The *Spirit of the Valley* says that the Harrisonburg Land and Improvement Company has secured a Steel Plant that will employ 400 hands. We congratulate the Old Burg on that valuable acquisition and hope it will be followed by others.

At half after 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon we had lightning and thunder and a heavy shower of rain for a short while. The cloud came unexpectedly and soon passed away, and in a short time the sun was again shining. It was truly characteristic of the month of April, which is a compound of tears and smiles.

Life Among the Lepers.

Sister Rose Gertrude has written another article for *The Ladies' Home Journal* for June, on "What it is to be a leper," in which she gives a clear glimpse of leper-life in Molakai; how the disease is contracted; how it is treated and cured, and how the lepers live in their exile.

DEATH OF MRS. R. R. ANDREWS.—Mrs. R. R. Andrews, formerly of Pittsylvania County, the wife of Mr. R. R. Andrews, of the firm of Myerly & Andrews of this City, after an illness of pulmonary consumption of several years, died at her home in this City on Friday last, April 10th aged 37 years, and was buried in Thornrose Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst. from the Episcopal church. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn their irreparable loss of a devoted wife and loving mother

We tender the bereaved husband and children our sincere sympathy.

A Novel Offer.

We have received a copy of the Dominion Illustrated, which is the only high class illustrated journal published in Canada. With the beginning of the present year it was enlarged to twenty-four pages weekly, and new and striking literary features have been added. It is profusely illustrated in the highest style of photogravure art, and is altogether a highly interesting journal and a credit to Canadian skill and enterprise. The publishers have inaugurated a prize competition for the current six months, which bears the stamp of originality—six questions are published each month, and the material for answering them is found in the numbers for that month. Only subscribers compete, and the prizes, which number 100, exceed $3,000 in value. The smallest is valued at $5, and the first $3,000 in gold. The publishers announce that any dissatisfied prize-winner may exchange a prize for the cash value at which it is rated in the published list. As the Illustrated is not a "fake" journal it has every reason for keeping faith with subscribers. The publishers (The Sabiston Litho and Pub. Co., Montreal) announce that on receipt of 12 cents in stamps (Canadian or American) they will forward to any address a sample copy with full particulars as to terms, etc.

Death in Illinois of a native of this county.

We copy the following notice of the death of Mr. J. H. Kennedy from the Danforth items published in the *Gilman (Illinois) Star* of March the 28th.

"J. H. Kennedy died Wednesday morning, after an illness of six weeks, which started with stomach trouble. Deceased was born in Augusta county, Va., Oct. 30, 1825. He served throughout the war, during which he was three times wounded, and at its close settled in Illinois. He leaves a large family of children, two girls and five boys, all grown, five of whom live in Danforth, one in Ohio and one in Virginia. Mrs. Kennedy, his wife, died quite a number of years ago. Mr. Kennedy was a Mason, and by his wish the funeral, which took place from the town hall yesterday morning, was conducted under the auspices of that order. The remains were taken to the Wenger cemetery for interment. Mr. Kennedy was one of our most highly respected citizens. Testimonials of regard and confidence were on a number of occasions given him in the bestowal upon him of public offices. An upright and honest man, a good father and citizen, his death is felt as a personal loss by many.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the aid and sympathy extended us in the hour of sickness and death, we wish to return to the many friends our most grateful thanks.

H. C. KENNEDY AND FAMILY."

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Mr. Robert McWade gave a good presentation of Rip Van Winkle, the vagabond of the Catskills, as dramatized by himself, in the Opera-House last Monday night, not to a very large, but much delighted audience. The voice, language, and action of Mr. McWade was well adapted to the character he impersonated.—The play is a compound of pathos, wit, and humor, and as the chief role was acted by McWade, the risibilities and the tenderest emotions of the audience were alternately excited. The scene in the 2nd act of the spirits who roll ten-pins on the Catskill mountains, or domnies as old Rip called them, was strongly presented. The most interesting part is the 3d act, in which Rip Van Winkle awakes from his sleep of twenty years, and is surprised to find that he knows no one and no one recognizes him in the village of Failing Waters. This part is particularly well acted, and the scene when he is finally recognized by his daughter Steenie is very affecting. The acting of the children—Master Jos. Trotter as Petie Stuyvesant, the boy lover, and little May Richards, as Steenie, Rip's little daughter, and the sweetheart of Petie—was much enjoyed.

Natural Gas and Oil Company at Basic City.

On the 7th instant, at Basic City, a company composed of citizens of Rushville, Indiana, and of this country, formed a company, with a subscribed capital of $10,000, for the purpose of boring for gas and oil in that vicinity.

The members of the company from Rushville, Indiana, are Messrs. Puntenny, L. Link, John F. Scanlan, George W. Young, E. D. Kelley, George W. Bliss, M. Nolan, and G. G. Mauzy; and from this county, J. M. Quarles, J. A. Wise, Dr. D. W. Hanger, George H. Selb, M. A. Booker, George S. Magee, and J. Alex. Bumgardner, all of Basic City.

Officers were elected for the first year as follow: M. Nolan, President and General Manager; M. A. Booker, Vice-President; J. A. Wise, Treasurer; George S. Magee, Secretary.

The company was granted a charter by the Circuit Court on Monday of last week, with a capital stock of $200,000, with the Principal office at Basic City. They will bore for coal as well as gas and oil. A firm from Muncie, Ind., will do the work.

Major Jed Hotchkiss, a geologist, who is acquainted with the geology of this State, in the Shendun *News* of March 26th, of which he is the editor, "unhesitatingly" expresses the opinion that "no oil, in paying quantities, will ever be found in any portion of this great Valley or on the adjacent mountains on either side of it."

He says:—

"Elsewhere the Valley rocks are gas- and, to some extent, oil holders, but in Virginia they are so broken up they cannot hold either gas or oil. They are the mere wrecks of natural tanks and gas-holders—only the loose staves and hoops that in regions of undulated and unbroken stratification become complete structures—natural oil-tanks and gasometers for the holding of oils and gases."

We hope this company may have the good fortune to find a "natural tank" which has not been broken, and that they may find oil and gas in paying quantities. It is difficult, in the absence of experiment, to know what is in the earth hundreds of feet beneath its surface.

This company, in acting upon their judgment in opposition to that of a geologist, shows great faith, which, it is to be hoped will be justified by the result. If faith can remove mountains, it may find what Major Hotchkiss calls an unbroken oil- or gas-tank which will prove remunerative.

The Basic City *Advance* is very hopeful of success, and ventures this confident prediction:—

"The *Advance* predicts that gas wells will be started at Basic City within thirty days. There's millions in it."

There is nothing of the "doubting Thomas" about the *Advance* in anything that concerns the advance and progress of Basic City.

Lexington Presbytery.

Lexington Presbytery will hold its stated meeting this Spring at Mossy Creek Church Tuesday, May 5th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Commendable Act.

Mayor Pemberton of Charleston, Kanawha County, W. Va., is a native of this City, and it affords us pleasure to commend him for the manner in which he discharges his duty as such. We see that he has fined a driver for working his horse when he had a sore shoulder. No conduct more richly deserves punishment than wanton cruelty to dumb animals; They suffer, but cannot complain, and the man who cruelly beats or wantonly causes them to suffer in anyway, should be severely punished.

FIRE AT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.—An alarm of fire was sounded between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday morning when it was discovered that it was the Public School Building for white puplis on Main street. The steps in the basement leading from the Engine room to the floor above were burned, and also a part of the floor above. The Firemen responded promptly to the alarm and soon extinguished the fire and saved that valuable building from destruction. The fire was accidental. It is not known certainly how it originated, but the supposition is, that it was from some kindling wood that caught fire from the furnace.

Va. Weather Crop Bulletin.

FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH.

Reports for the past seven days show that the temperature has been decidedly below the normal, with heavy frosts on four days that injured fruit slightly along the southern portion of the state. There was generally fair weather and sunshine, except towards the southwest, and much progress was made in farm work. Oats and clover-seed has been sown in some sections, and corn planting begun in Surrey county. The rain fall was very last night at Lynchburg, and probably extended over a large portion of the State and will again retard farm work.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

STAUNTON.—.07 inch precipitation in 2 days Farmers have preparing the ground for Spring crops. Late season will cause a small oats crop this year.

STANARDSVILLE.—No rain. Frost nearly every morning. Plowing, gardening, and sowing oats have been pushed rapidly.

BOLAR (Bath).—Weather has been fair and cold, and slightly injurious to wheat, but has been favorable for plowing.

DALE ENTERPRISE (Rockingham).—Heavy frosts 7th, 8th, and 9th, but fruit not enough advanced to be injured. The fair weather has been very favorable for farmers.

STATE GEOLOGIST.—The State Board of Agriculture commenced its quarterly meeting at Cape Chase City last night. It is supposed the Board will recommend the Legislature to make an appropriation to pay the salary of a State Geologist. The State has several competent geologists, among the most prominent of whom is our citizen, Major Jed. Hotchkiss.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.—Mr. J. H. Drechsler, who has been for some in the Book and Stationery business in this city, has concluded to abandon it, and Mr. W. L. Olivier has purchased from him his entire stock of Books, Stationery, Fancy articles, etc., which he has added to his already large stock in his store.

Many a firm that now says "there is nothing in Newspaper Advertising for us," will find within the next few years that there has been much in it for others in the same line. Is not now your opportunity?

A NATIVE OF AUGUSTA COUNTY IN THE COUNTY CONVENTION OF ROCKINGHAM.—In the Rockingham County Convention held on Saturday week to nominate county officers, in seconding the nomination by Winfield Liggett of Jas. B. Stephenson for Commonwealth's Attorney, Dr. L. P. Coyner of Spring Creek, Rockingham county, a native of Augusta county, as reported in the Rockingham *Register*, said: "Dr. L. P. Coyner, of Spring Creek rose to second Mr. Stephenson's nomination, and for several minutes kept the convention in a tumult of laughter and applause by his vigorous denunciation of the Republican party. He saw before him the tone and sinew of Rockingham county assembled to make nominations for the county offices. The Democrats had been asleep and slumbering. They had been told there was "no politics in it." But there is politics in it. He said he was originally an Augusta county man, and it was well known what sort of majorities that old county rolls up. He had been surprised that Rockingham was so backward about falling into line. He most emphatically endorsed Mr Stephenson for the position now held by Mr. Harrison, who was elected solely for political reasons. His nomination means the election of an honest straightforward democrat. Alluding to his interest in the welfare of the farmers, he declared in a most dramatic manner that he was a farmer, an Alliance man, a prohibitionist or anything else except a Republican—a statement that was greeted with prolonged merriment and applause. He again threw the convention in an uproar by abruptly closing his speech by seconding the nomination of "Mr. What-yer-call-him."

Opera-House—Musical event of the Season.

On next Monday night, the musical event of the season will take place in the Opera-House when the "Associate Artistes of the Abbott Opera Company" will render parts of several of the favorite operas. Among the number who will charm the audience on that occasion are Senor Fernando Michelena (Tenor), Wm Broderick (Basso), Eva Cummings (Prima Donna), Mme Broderick (Contralto) and others.

For the parts that will be played next Monday night, we refer the reader to the attractive list given in the advertisement printed elsewhere, and also for the prices of admission.

Box sheet for sale of reserved seats will be open this morning at 9 o'clock at Olivier's Bookstore.

For the SPECTATOR.

The Maphia.

Mr. Editor:—Recent occurrences confirm the conviction which has been growing for years, that the time has arrived when more stringent measures should be enforced against the importation by wholesale of promiscuous populations into our country, some of whom are devoid of the sence of propriety and self-restraint necessary to constitute a citizen of this free country. The terrible riots and resistance to the legal authorities which are now of frequent occurrence, are so shocking to the public conscience that silence can no longer be maintained by an indignant public. In the earlier years of the Republic there was a vast unoccupied territory; a long line of western coast to be possessed and defended; the Indians to be repressed and the power of the country to be built up to first-class nationality; but now, all that has been changed, and now it has from three to sixty-odd millions of people, fully able to maintain its position in the family of great nations. What we need now is a patriotic, *virtuous*, intelligent, order-loving and homogenious people. The isolated communities, insisting on the maintenance of foreign political theories and allegiance and secret organizations to intimidate the courts and its officials, affording shelter and immunity to criminals from foreign lands and defeating the operation of our own laws made for the protection of persons and property, are in direct hostility to our whole theory of government, and are making war on our people and government without making proclamation.

There should be general expression throughout the country in favor of a thorough overhauling and modification of the naturalization laws, a repression of the influx this damaging influence which is rapidly corrupting the very fountains of liberty and endangering the peace of the country. A well-guarded statement of this grave question should be made a prominent issue before the American people in the near future.

In connection with the above communication from one of the most intelligent citizens of the county, the following, we think, will be read with interest:—

"Certain views made public by Mr. H. Schroeder, editor of a German daily, the Baltimore Journal, are attracting attention. He thus supports the proposition that the government should exercise the right to send undesirable immigrants out of the country: "Maybe you will now ask, 'Is America always to be the gutter of the whole world?' By no means. America must help herself, and can do that by forming a practicable law. In the law books of the German States you will find a provision which can be, after some changing, very well applied to the immigration question.

"I think many Americans will be surprised to learn that a good many people immigrate into Germany, but this is an undeniable fact. The census of 1885 showed that more than 200,000 foreign-born men lived in the German Empire. Italian laborers may be found working at railroad constructions in South and Middle Germany, and digging in many collieries. Russian Poles cover the frontier of the eastern provinces of Prussia, because, as they say, 'A child of six years earns as much money in Germany as a man and his wife in Poland.'

"Swedish workingmen and Swedish servant girls are quite a common appearance in Northwest Germany. Now, there are no laws that forbid or discourage the immigration of any foreigner, but the governments of all the German States have the right to exile every immigrant, provided that he is dangerous to the welfare of the population or is an enemy of the existing laws and authorities. And, to tell the truth, the governments use their right sometimes very freely. In 1881 and 1885 thirty thousand Russian Poles had to go back to Russia. The Prussian government knew that these Poles, if naturalized, would be at the polls willing tools of the Polish clergy of the eastern provinces, and the Polish Catholic priests are an essential anti-German element. A young Italian journalist, correspondent of a Roman paper, had to leave Berlin some years ago because his correspondences were a little too spicy. He afterward lived in Munich.—Some weeks ago several socialist leaders had a conference, and Domela Nieuwenhuis, a Dutch socialist, wanted to participate. But scarcely arrived, he was notified by the police that he had to go back to the Netherlands at once.—Nay, a German-American photographer was exiled from Hamburg because, when asked after a stay of two years, he refused to become a citizen of Hamburg. Now, have not the people of the United States fully the right to do the same? The country is the house of the people, and if any body who has no right to stay there does not behave well it can order him to look out for another residence. I think the best way would be if all foreigners who are not yet full citizens would be submitted to the jurisdiction of the federal courts. These courts ought to get the right to exile certain kinds of foreign-born, unnaturalized criminals, and also every person who incites the inhabitants of the country to change the institutions and laws of the Union in an unlawful way, to wit—by rebellion and dynamite. The provisions of this law could also be applied to foreign laborers who are imported under contract. I think such a law would work quite well."

DR. H. M. Patterson has removed his office to No. 121 East Main street.

BANQUET OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The Banquet to be given by the Chamber of Commerce of this city, in honor of Col. J. C. Shields, who was its founder and Secretary from its establishment till a few weeks since, will take place on Thursday, May the 7th.

For the SPECTATOR.

Baldwin District Fair.

MR. EDITOR:—In your announcement, "The City and the Fair," of last week, it is stated that the Board of Directors of the Baldwin District Fair Association at a meeting on the 25th ult., decided to accept the proposition of the City Council for the purchase of the Fair Grounds—that the time of the Fair was changed to August and the Marshals were named. Nothing was said about providing other grounds, or whether the Association is to be continued, &c. Something more on the future of the corporation will be looked for with interest by the Corporators and others. It will be remembered that it is a District Fair—the neighboring counties will desire information. A development of the future plans of the Board, so far as compatible with the interests of the Association, would gratify the reasonable expectations of those interested and avoid any mistaken conjectures and criticisms.

CORPORATOR.

[Our understanding is, that under the agreement the District Fair Association has the privilege of the use of the present Fair Grounds as long as they will use them for holding Fairs and do not fail so to use them for three successive years, in which case they forfeit all right to use them in future, and they become the property in fee simple of the city.—ED. SPECTATOR.]

The weather for the past several days has been very pleasant, not to say delightful, but there is no telling how long it will continue to be such.

To the Survivors of the Stonewall Brigade and Rockbridge Artillery

LEXINGTON, Va., April 4 h, 1891,

It is meet that the surviving veterans of the Stonewall Brigade, should in an organized capacity, take a prominent part in the exercises of the unveiling of the Heroic sized Bronze Statue, at the tomb of Gen. T. J. Jackson on the 21st of July next.

You are therefore called to assemble in Staunton, Va., on Tuesday, the 9th day of June next, to consider the matter and make arrangements for participating in these ceremonies.

J. K. EDMONDSON,
Chairman Ex. Com. of the Jackson Memorial Association, and late Col. 27th Regiment of "Stonewall" Brigade.

Valley, Southwest and West Va., papers please copy.

The President Monday accepted the resignation of J. N. Huston as United States treasurer and appointed Enos E. Nebeka his successor.

A fire at Franklin, Southampton county, destroyed the Franklin Lumber Co.'s works; loss $20,000, partly insured.

By an explosion of one of the tanks on board the British steamer Circassian Prince, from Philadelphia, at Havana Cuba, the first engineer and a watchman were killed.

BISHOP WILSON.—Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of the Southern Methodist Church, arrived at his home in Baltimore on Saturday evening from his third trip around the world. After his long journey, which will not really terminate till he reaches Louisville, the bishop is looking well. He reached New York from Liverpool that day on the steamship Britannic.

The lightning last Saturday played some unusual pranks in Queen Anne's county, Md., among other things breaking open a trunk in a house which was struck.

The resignation of Senator Edmunds is attributed to the movement of the Western republican Senators to resist the further omination of the Eastern Senators.

Antiquarian Notes—Letter From John H. Peyton.

In 1826, John H. Peyton obtained an appointment as Cadet at West Point for his brother-in-law John B. Lewis, of the Sweet Springs. As young Lewis was inexperienced, had never traveled beyond the limits of Virginia, Mr. Peyton determined to accompany him to the United States Military Academy, though the journey at that day was long and tedious and his professional engagements made his absence at any time a matter of great inconvenience to himself and clients.

The following letter to Mrs. Peyton will be read at this day with interest and something like astonishment, so great has been our progress and development within the past sixty-five years—such changes would hardly have occurred in European countries in centuries. At that day the old fashioned stage-coach was still in use, there were few macadamized roads and no railways. The entire journey, therefore, from Staunton in Virginia to West Point was made in what were called "hacks"—most of them rickety and unsafe, and in steamboats no better, and not so safe as the Tug and Ferry boats of the present and as unlike as possible the floating places of our day. It must be remembered that railroads were not opened in the United States until 1830, and travel was somewhat in the unsatisfactory state described by Mr. Pickwick. "Travel," said Mr. Pickwick "is in a troubled state and the minds of coachmen are unsettled. Stage-coaches are upsetting in all directions, horses are trotting, boats are overturning and boilers are bursting." Such was true in no Pickwickian sense in our country in 1826 and the perils of travelling were increased by the use of high pressure engines on the boats and unskillful drivers and bad horses in the coaches. There was not much improvement in things in Virginia since A. D. 1665 when Col. Valentine Peyton, of Nominy, in the county of Westmoreland, Virginia, thus remarks in his last will and testament [See note, April number 1881, of the New England Historical and geneological Register] before leaving home, "*being about to take a voyage to Jamestown and knowing the life of man to be uncertain, I do make this my last will and testament.*" If a man were indifferent to such dangers, there was little pleasure to be derived from travelling. The taverns were miserable and the rural districts almost destitute of the comforts of civilized life. Excitement there might have been in journeying then, but none of the pleasant exhilaration which attends a jaunt in a Pullman now-a-days. Mr. Peyton makes no complaints, though it is obvious from his discription of a half hour "nap" on the Baltimore boat, that he had not stumbled upon a bed of roses.

John H. Peyton to Mrs. A. M. Peyton.

NEW YORK, June 18th, 1826.

My dear Ann: On the 15th at 5 o'clock we left Baltimore on the steamboat for Philadelphia. The view of the city, Fort McHenry, the light-houses on North Point, and of the Chesapeake Bay, with its numerous vessels spreading their canvas to the winds, just as the sun was sinking below the horizon, was animated and enlivening, majestic and sublime. From the prow of the vessel I contemplated this interesting scene as long as the light enabled me to enjoy its beauties. Soon after dusk a pealing bell summoned us to the supper table, where we were surprised to find a sumptuous repast spread out. We had not anticipated such variety or delicacy of food. After partaking of the good cheer, we drew lots for our berths. I was unlucky—my berth was so warm, not to say hot and stuffy, that before I could get any sleep our arrival at French town was announced. Turning out at 12 o'clock at night but with no regrets, we shortly after continued our journey and at 3 o'clock in the morning, found ourselves at New Castle. Here we re-shipped in a steamboat without berths. This I did not regret after my recent experience of them, and Benjamin and myself essayed to secure a half hour's sleep stretched upon two pine benches. How long we might have courted sleep on these hard and narrow coaches I know not. We were not left to make the experiment any length of time, but were shortly roused up by the bustle among the seamen and passengers preparatory to landing at Philadelphia. The breakfast table, when we entered the so called saloon, was smoking with coffee and steak, and about the time we had paid our respects to both, the boat was at Chesnut street wharf. Landing here we proceeded immediately to Campbell's, and it was a glad surprise to find him astir, thanks to the business habits of the city of brotherly love.

Under his guidance, after another cup of coffee, and a hot roll, we proceeded to attend to the numerous commissions with which we were charged. This occupied us something over four hours, when we bade our friends adieu and went aboard the New York steamer. About 6 o'clock P. M. we reached Princeton, where I spent four of the happiest years of my youth, and which I had not seen since taking my degree in 1799. The stages were running with such rapidity, however, that it was impossible to call, as I wished, upon my old friends Dr. Alexander and Prof. Comfort, or deliver the letter for Miss Waddell. I chanced to meet a young gentleman of my acquaintance from Washington, who stopped at Princeton, by whom I sent it to her.

I shall make it a point to stay over a day at Princeton on my return. In due time we arrived here. Benjamin is perfectly well, does not regard either the fatigue, or loss of sleep, but I am worse for the wear and tear. And I would not advise those to take the trip whose only business is pleasure.

On yesterday I dined with Mr. Gallager where I met Mr. Reid, whom you may remember preached some time since at the Presbytery in Staunton. He is to preach in New York to-day, and I hope to hear him. He is highly esteemed here as a preacher and man. In the evening I took tea with Mrs. Murray, mother of my brother Rowze's wife, where all the family were collected round me making enquiries after their relatives and friends in Virginia. For the most part I was unable to gratify their curiosity, having recently neither seen nor heard of the kith and kin in Richmond or the Northern Neck.

At 10 o'clock to-morrow I shall set out for West Point with Gen. Huston of Tennessee, to whom I was introduced on yesterday by Gen. Scott. [Gen. Winfield Scott.] I requested Miss Heiskell of Philadelphia to execute Jane and Lynn's Commissions, which she promised to do against my return.

Give my love to all the family.
Yours affectionately,
Though in much haste.
JOHN H. PEYTON.

LA GRIPPE IN WASHINGTON.—The grippe prevails to an alarming extent in Washington, but as yet the people of that city have scarcely awakened to the gravity of the epidemic. Surgeon General Hamilton, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, says he regards the epidemic as the most serious one that has afflicted this country for many years. If it was yellow fever or cholera that was decimating the population as the grippe is, there would be the most intense excitement.

Cleveland's Speech at New York. A Democratic Club Dinner.

The Democratic Club of New York city gave a dinner last Monday in honor of the birthday of Jefferson. Mr. Cleveland was the first speaker, and among other things said:

"It seems to me that the atmosphere which pervades this place is ill suited to selfish and ignoble designs, and I feel at this moment that I am surrounded by influences which invite patriotic partisanship and disinterested devotion to party principles. This sensation is most agreeable—for I am glad to be called a partisan if my partisanship is patriotic. If a partisan is correctly defined as "one who is violently and passionately devoted to party or interest." I must plead guilty to the charge of being a partisan so long the democracy is true to its creed and traditions, and so long as conditions exist which, to my understanding, make adherence to its doctrines synonymous with patriotism.

It is a glorious thing to belong to a party which has a history beginning with the first years of our government and full of achievements interwoven with all that has made our country great and kept our people free. It is an inspring thing to know that by virtue of our party membership we are associated with those who resist the attempt of arrogant political power to interfere with the independence and integrity of popular suffrage, who are determined to relieve our countrymen from unjust and unnecessary burdens, who are intent upon checking extravagance in public expenditures and who test party purposes by their usefulness in promoting the interests and welfare of all the people of the land.

These considerations furnish to those who love their country the highest and best incentives to constant and faithful effort in the cause of true democracy."

MARRIAGES.

HUGHES—DICKENS.—In Roanoke, Va., April 20th, by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Archie K. Hughes of Staunton; to Miss Minna J. Dickens. Their future home will be Big Spring, Montgomery county, Va.

PENCE—HARSHBARGER.—April 2d, 1891, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Good's Mill, by Rev. Isaac Long, Mr. Samuel Pence and Miss Mary Catharine Harsbarger, all of Rockingham county.

McDANIEL—MOBREY.—At East Point, Rockingham county, on the 7th instant, by Rev. S. D. Skelton, Mr. Chas. M. McDaniel and Miss Margaret L. Mobrey, both of Rockingham.

McCARTHY—SONNER.—In Strasburg, Shenandoah county, in the parlor of the Central House, a few minutes before three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, April 8th, Mr. C. A. McCarthy, of Harrisonburg, was united in matrimony to Miss Eugenie L. Sonner, daughter of Mr. S. H. Sonner, proprietor of the Central House. Rev. J. B. O'Reilly, of the Sacred Heart Church, of Winchester, Va., performed the ceremony. The groom is a telegraph operator at Harrisonburg where the parties will reside.

SHIFFLET—DOYLE.—At the residence of D. V. Buckman, at Mill Gap, Highland county, on the 5th instant, by Rev. R. S. Cunningham, Mr. Samuel P. Shiffletand Miss Clara M. Doyle.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS.—At her residence in this city, April 10th, after a protracted illness of consumption, Mrs. Emma Andrews, formerly of Pittsylvania county, wife of Mr. R. R. Andrews aged 37 years, of the firm of Myerley & Andrews, leaving her husband and four children to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and an affectionate mother.

SHANDS.—At her home in Harrisonburg, Mrs. Mary Shands, aged 70 years, 2 months and 12 days.

Mrs. Shands was married to E. A. Shands in 1844. Her husband was a lawyer and railroad contractor. He was captain of a troop of cavalry, and was killed at Mauck's Mill, on the 9th of April, 1862, during the raid of Banks, Fremont and Shields.

Mrs. Shands was the mother of five children, Mary S. Bowers (dead), Sallie R., William (dead), P. R. and E. A. Shands.

Mrs. Shands was a member of the Episcopal church, and was devoted to its tenets and doctrines, but had many warm friends among other sects. She was a lady of fine literary tastes and in her old age her love of literature and reading afforded that recreation and consolation which tends to smooth the downward path when labor ceases to be possible.

SOUTHARD.—On April 7th, at 1:30 P. M., at the residence (No. 312 north Monroe street, Rich