Staunton Spectator.

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The Question in a Nutshell.

It should not take a person long to decide how he should vote in the election next Saturday, if he wishes to vote as his conscience dictates, and as Pope says—

"What conscience dictates to be done,
Or warns me not to do,
This teach me more than hell to shun,
That more than heaven pursue."

It simply requires, first, to decide by judgment and observation, if not by sad experience, whether the licensing of the sale of spirits is productive of more harm than good. If of more good than harm, then vote for it; but if of more harm than good, then vote against it, for if you do so, you will be acquitted of all responsibility for whatever evil may result from it; but if you vote for it, you will be responsible to that extent for the evil that may result.—If you vote against it, your conscience will acquit you of all blame, it matters not what the results may be—if you vote for it, and evil should result from it, your conscience will be your accuser, and no plea will avail against its accusation. It does not require that you should think long, but that you should think well before you decide how you will vote.

In the one case you can have no fears of an accusing conscience—in the other you risk, and will most probably incur its condemnation, and feel the keen thrust of its scorpion sting. When immunity from danger and peace of mind are so easily secured, why court danger and the lashings of an accusing conscience? The one course is positively and absolutely safe—the other is fraught with danger. The wise man will choose the safe course.

Prohibition not Unconstitutional.

In view of the decisions of the courts, Federal and State, it is very wonderful that any one should claim that prohibition is unconstitutional.

We give a few references:—

In the case of Foster vs. Kansas, 112 U. S. 205, this language is used:

"A State law *prohibiting* the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is not repugnant to the constitution of the United States."

In the case of Bartemeyer vs. Iowa 18 Wall, 129, this is the language used:

"The usual and ordinary legislation of the States, regulating or *prohibiting* the sale of intoxicating liquors, raises *no question* under the Constitution of the United States. * * * * *

The *right to sell* intoxicating liquors is *not one* of the *privileges* and immunities of the citizens of the United States, which, by the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution, the States were forbidden to abridge."

The extracts given above are from the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Large Foreign Shipments of Wheat—Advance in Prices.

We learn from the Commercial Bulletin of August 15th, issued by Henry Clews & company, that the shipments of wheat are simply enormous, and far exceed those of any previous year. The engagements for late shipment also are extremely heavy, contracts being made for as late as next February. This proves beyond a suspicion of doubt that Europe is at an extremity, and that this will in all probability be an exceptional year in the history of the wheat market. That foreigners are believers in a continuation of the advance is clearly shown by their eagerness to secure wheat at prevailing prices, and it would seem as though their ideas were not without foundation, for if report is to be believed, America is about the only country from which supplies can be secured in quantity to make up for the existing deficiencies. The principal item of foreign news received is the actual prohibition by Russia of the exportation of rye and rye flour, to go into effect August the 27th next. This new feature of the situation shows that conditions in that country are critical, and the action of the Government has caused an advance in cereals all over Europe and America. Rye has advanced here some 25c. per bushel during the past ten days, which brings the price up to $1.00 per bushel, and the news from Russia has, with the exports here, formed the basis of the week's bull market. Other news from abroad has been confined principally to reports of rains on the continent, which have interfered with harvesting operations, and of higher markets in England and France. The Government agricultural report, issued on the 10th inst., was thoroughly satisfactory, but it had practically no effect on the market, as a good one had been expected, and consequently about discounted by the trade. The Government's figures are as follows: Conditions of spring wheat August 1st, 95.5, against 83.2 last year; corn, 90.8, against 73.3; oats, 89.5, against 70.1. Indicated approximate yield of wheat, 13.8 bushels per acre, against about 11 bushels last year; corn, 25.9 bushels per acre, against 20.7 last year; oats, 26.5 against 29.8. Prospective yield of winter wheat for 1891, 363,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 180,000,000 bushels. Government estimate of total yield on August 1st, 543,000,000 bushels, against 399,262,000 last year. Prospective yield of corn, 2,018,000,000 bushels, and of oats, 686,000,000 bushels.

Two boys, students in a Vienna college, who were spending their vacation at Ischl, a fashionable watering-place in Upper Austria, attempted to make the ascent of a mountain near that city. A dense fog set in and the boys lost the beaten track. One wandered around until he fell over a precipice and was instantly killed; the other walked on the mountain side for two days, when he was found, almost starved to death, by a rescuing party.

Congressman Oates, of Alabama, has upon several occasions given the alliance people some pretty hard nuts to crack regarding some of the theories and demands they put forward, but within the last few days he has knocked the wind clear out of them. Two Alabama alliances called upon Mr. Oates either to indorse that organization's platform or resign his seat in congress. Mr. Oates declined to resign and then proceeded to smash the platform into smithereens. As to the pet scheme of the alliance, the sub-treasury, he said:

"I refuse to swallow this sub-treasury land-loan medicine as the panacea for all the cramps, pains, aches and gripes that afflict the body politic. I have no faith in this nostrum. It was invented, compounded, and prepared for the stomach by a noted quack doctor."

Farmers in and out of the Alliance in Alabama or elsewhere will do well to read these remarks of Mr. Oates's several times and with closest attention.—*Index-Appeal.*

Cardinal Manning denounces the employment of lotteries and raffles a bazars for works of charity and religion.

James Russell Lowell.

As the New York *Herald* says, "Mr. Lowell, who died on the 12th inst., in the old colonial mansion in Cambridge in which he was born nearly seventy-two years ago, occupied a unique place in our American literature.

His childhood was passed in an environment of scholarship. He inherited literary tendencies as one inherits real estate, and it was as natural for him to follow their lead as for the heir of a family to look after his property.

Fame may hesitate to rank Lowell among the proudest poets we have produced, but she will readily concede that in all his work there was a remarkable degree of grace and graciousness. He discussed every subject with the artistic refinement and delicacy of a widely cultured gentleman, and his public speeches were as charming as a symphony of Beethoven and as rich in color as the pictures of the old masters.

A great preacher once said of himself that he was democratic in theory, but a thorough aristocrat in practice. That is to say, he believed in the multitude, but didn't care to mingle with them. In like manner, Lowell took great interest in politics, but didn't care to enter the field. He hurled his hot shot at corruption and intrigue through his open study window, but had no taste for the practical work of the reformer.

His most efficient service to the country was rendered by a quill pointed with satire, from whose nib flowed the nasal dialect of a New England farmer. He struck a fresh vein when he wrote the Biglow Papers, and his stinging rhymes had a tremendous effect on public opinion. He did not swing the six-foot sword of Richard, which could only be wielded by the arm of a giant, but rather the razor-edged blade of Saladin, which could cut a cobweb prejudice in two. You get a glimpse of his peculiar power in these lines on a candidate for political honors:—

Ez to my princeeples, I glory
In hevin' nothin' o' the sort;
I ain't a Wig, I ain't a Tory;
I'm jest a candidate, in short.
Thet's fair an' square an' parpendicler.
But ef the Public cares a fig
To hev me an'thin' in particler—
Wy, I'm a kind o' peri-Wig.

A second series, in the same style, was published after the War of the Rebellion. In 1862, when there was a mighty deal of "squabblin" as to our duty to the South, he wrote:—

Oh, Jon'than, ef you want to be
A rugged chap agin an' hearty,
Go fur whatever'll hurt Jeff D.;
Nut wut'll boost up ary party.

We detract nothing from the praise which is due to him as lawyer, professor, editor, essayist or diplomat when we say that these dialect poems are the real basis of his fame, and that they will be remembered when his other work is clouded by the gathering years.

Lowell's death is an unspeakable loss to the great company of scholars. Of the group in which he was a conspicuous figure only the gentle Whittier and the incomparable Holmes are left."

Republican State Committee.

The Republican State Committee of which Gen. Mahone is Chairman met at his residence in Petersburg on Monday night of last week. It was held with closed doors. It is learned that they have determined to issue an address advising the Republicans of the State not to make any nominations for candidates for the Legislature. Mahone is still the ruler of the Republican party of this State.

The house of Appomattox, Va., in which General Lee surrendered to General Grant has been sold for $10,000 to representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The attaches of the Department of Agriculture who went to Texas to experiment in the production of rain by explosives claim to have been successful.

Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, in an interview at Washington, opposed the project for the colonization of the colored people of the Southern States at Liberia. He says the colored people are making amazing progress where they are.

The order of the Russian government forbidding the exporation from the country of rye and rye meal of every kind and brand has created a great sensation in Berlin, where the price of rye was advanced almost to that of wheat. Much suffering among the people is expected in Germany.

Fourteen person were killed and thirty injured Wednesday afternoon at Cold Spring Harbor, on Long Island. A barge with an excursion from Brooklyn was about to return when a heavy squall struck it and the upper deck fell upon the people below.

Mrs. Mary Durand, seventy-five years old, a sister of the French General Durand, and reputed to own an estate in France worth $5,000,000, died Monday of last week from starvation at her home in Egg Harbor City, N. J.

James Russell Lowell, the poet, essayist and diplomat, died Wednesday, August 12th, at Cambridge, Mass., aged seventy-five years.

Mr. Seitz, people's candidate for Governor of Ohio, has been in the field before, though without success. Originally a democrat, he joined the greenback party in the seventies, and in 1881 and 1887 he ran for this same office on the ticket of that organization.

President Polk, of the National Farmers' Alliance, has forbidden the proposed fusion between the Louisiana alliance and the anti-lottery democrats.

Mr. Thos. Johnson, the oldest citizen of Charlottesville, died Sunday week. He was born in Augusta county in 1801, but moved to Charlottesville fifty-five years ago, where he had resided ever since.

Fire in Pulaski early Monday morning of last week, destroyed the Bertha Hotel, in which was also the general merchandise store of the Bertha Zinc Company. The loss on the building is estimated at $15,000, and on furniture $1,500. The stock in the store was valued at $23,000, about $3,000 worth being saved.

JOHN F. RYAN RE-NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION.—The Democratic Convention to nominate a candidate of the party to represent Loudoun in the next House of Delegates of Virginia, assembled in the Courthouse, in Leesburg, on Monday of last week when John F. Ryan, Esq., was re-nominated by acclamation. He has been for six years a member of the Legislature, and his re-nomination by acclamation is a good endorsement of him both as a man and a representative.

At a meeting of the colored secret society of True Reformers, held at Mossingford Church, near Drake's Branch, Saturday night a week, a noise was heard outside, and it was thought that some one was trying to overhear what was going on. The guard, James Brooks, went out and fired a pistol several times. One of their own members, Henry Logan, received the last bullet, and died from the wound.

The Windsor Hotel at Bessemer, Ala., was burned at 4 o'clock, August 11th A. M. Incendiaries started the fire in the kitchen. The hotel was full of guests, who narrowly escaped. The loss on the building and furniture is $20,000, with small insurance.

"Now you never smell the odor of liquor on my breath," said the young clergyman, expostulating with Staggers for his bibulous propensities. "No; what do you do for it?" asked Staggers with deep interest.

It is estimated that 146,000,000 meteors fall upon the earth annually. The mystery is that they never hit anything of importance—a candidate, for instance.

Mrs. Walter Beverley Crane, formerly Miss Alice Cooper, of New York, has asked a London court to annul her marriage, on the ground that Mr. Crane threatened to shoot her unless she married him, and that entering a church in London, dazed and hardly knowing what she was doing, she went through a marriage ceremony with him.

Governor Fifer, of Illinois, has been charged with favoring Senator Cullom's candidacy for President or Vice-President in order to create a vacancy that he himself might be chosen to fill. But "Private Joe" declares "upon his word and honor" that he would not accept a seat in the United States Senate if it were offered him this minute. He thinks he could not support his family on a Senator's salary.

WORSE THAN WHISKY.—The remark of Miss Willard, of the Woman's National Temperance Union, that the corset, or the pinched waist it makes, has "caused more deaths than whisky," gives, it is to be feared, to drinkers of intoxicants a retort that they will be quick to use. "What if I do get drunk?" the toper will say to his corseted wife and daughters; "what if I do? It's not as deathly as the waist-pinchers you all wear. Miss Willard, who knows all about whisky and corsets, says so, and I'll tie to her?" The corset must go.

A flexible sandstone is found in the mounrains of the southwestern section of North Carolina. When cut in a thin piece like a whetstone it can be bent considerably without breaking, and will resume its shape when the pressure ceases.

THINKS LANGSTON WILL BE APPOINTED JUDGE.—The N. Y. *Age* (colored organ) expresses the belief that J. M. Langston (colored) will be appointed one of the nine appellate Judges of the Federal court created by act of the 51st Congress.

It is said that President Harrison will appoint Langston to a federal judgeship as a bait for negro votes. Is it not just possible that the late action of the G. A. R. was a bait of the same character?—*Danville Register.*

LEG CUT OFF.—On Saturday evening last as the way freight came into Broadway, Joseph Granger, the kilnman in the Broadway pottery, and formerly of Trenton, N. J., while attempting to board the train while yet in motion, became entangled in the truck and had his right leg cut off above the ankle, and was otherwise bruised.

Strong drink has made two such victims in this county within the last two weeks.—*State Republican, Aug.* 13th.

The St. Louis Republic puts it this way: "The average Ohio Republican wants Ohio wool to go up, and Mr. McKinley was stupid enough to take the contract of putting it up. As a result Ohio wool is down—lower than ever. And Mr. McKinley is going down with it."

The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria *Gazette* says:

"A member of the Farmers' Alliance from Virginia, here to-day, says the bitter feeling which Mr. John Ambler Smith, republican, says is developing between the alliance men and the democrats in Virginia, exists only in Mr. Smith's imagination, and that so far as he is informed the alliance men and the democrats are working in harness, and that they couldn't do otherwise in view of the republican threat of the Force bill."

A COLORED MAN KILLED AT LEXINGTON.—Silas Bright, an old colored man of Lexington, was thrown from a cart by a runaway horse on Saturday week near the Lexington depot and instantly killed.

The horse was frightened at the steam whistle of the factory and ran off, and went over the embankment at the unfinished cut of the Valley Railroad. The Rockbridge *News* says:—

"It was one of the horses which on May 5th, 1887, ran off at Collierstown and threw Mr. Andrew Montgomery from a wagon and killed him.

Silas Bright was one of the old colored men of Lexington. He was hardly less than seventy five years of age, and was raised by Mr. Sam'l Darst. He was somewhat infirm and doubtless for that reason failed to control the horse. He was a well-behaved and industrious man."

ROBBED.—Two negroes robbed a man on the train near Buchanan early Monday morning, (Aug. 10th), of ninety dollars and a watch. The negroes went to Buena Vista and hired a double team of Henkle & Co. and started for Lexington. About thirty minutes after they left Buena Vista a telegram was received by Policeman Boggs telling him to arrest the men. He went to the livery stable of Henkle & Co., and got a buggy, and he and Mr. Charles Henkle started in pursuit. When they reached East Lexington the axle of the buggy was broken, throwing the occupants of the buggy to the ground. The horses started to run. Policeman Boggs was considerably bruised, but Mr. Henkle had his face and head badly cut.

On reaching this place the thieves went to the Palace Livery Stable and had their horses put up. On the arrival of Policeman Boggs he procured the services of Captain Porry and went in search of the negroes. They arrested one and placed him in jail, the other escaped and went towards East Lexington, and at this writing is still at large, with Messrs. Perry and Boggs in pursuit.—*Lexington Gazette.*

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For the SPECTATOR.

A PICNIC AT VARIETY.

The 12th of August was arranged, by the young people of Swoope's and Arbor Hill, to be spent in pleasure-seeking, at the famous Variety Springs, which are noted for their excellent mineral water, and beautiful grounds, both of which are essential to the happiness of a picnicing party. It was very desirable to gain an early start, so that the joys of the day might be of long duration, and accordingly those residing at Arbor Hill and vicinity were compelled to bestir themselves from their lowly couches, even while the earth lay wrapped in the arms of Morpheus, and make the needful preparation for the sixteen-mile drive, that lay between them and Variety. And, with the return of Aurora, illuminating the earth with light, and chasing away the dewy shades of darkness, the party set out, one of the merriest, jolliest crowds, that it has ever been our good fortune to accompany. At Swoope's we were joined by others of our number, and after a delightful drive between the rugged mountains with their towering heads, and majestic scenery looming up on either side, we arrived in safety at our destination, quite thirsty, and fully prepared to appreciate the cooling effects produced by the various kinds of water to be had, without money, and without price. After a few hours spent in rolling ten-pins, playing croquet, and various other amusements, dinner was announced, to the great delight of all, and soon, seated upon the grass, in picnic style, a most delicious repast, embracing all that tempts the palate, was served, after which, the party dispersed in groups, or pairs to engage in games or conversation as their tastes demand, and soon all were enjoying themselves in the highest degree. But while we were thus engaged in merriment, a rumbling was heard, and, casting our eyes toward the summit of Elliott's Knob, we saw that a cloud was rapidly approaching which threatened to mar our pleasures, and dampen our high spirits, to say nothing of the ladies' hats and white dresses: but even this did not dismay us, for with one accord we hastened to the hotel, and ten-pin alley, and again all was happiness and joy. But as time sped on, the black clouds became brighter, and at five o'clock the rain had ceased, and very reluctantly we bade farwell to the many pleasant associations of Variety, and started *en route* for Buffalo Gap, where we stopped and ate supper, and then again we moved on toward our respective homes, sorry that so soon this day of pleasure would be ended; but while it has forever flown and is now a thing of the past, the many pleasant memories entwined around it shall ever live in the hearts of those who pronounce this one of the most successful picnics that it has been their good fortune to enjoy. The following constitute the names of those who composed the party: The ladies were Misses Maggie and Mattie Craig, and Lizzie Crawford, Richmond, Va., Miss Katie Strause, Terra Haute, Ind., Miss Scottie Gilkeson, Churchville, Miss Maggie Youell, Craigsville, Misses Annie Scott, Maggie Wilson, Mollie Hoover, May Baylor and Lucy Baylor, Swoope's, Misses Mattie and Mamie Bell and Ella Yates, Arbor Hill. The gentlemen were Messrs. T. J. Thompson, James Scott, Alex. Scott, R. F. Thompson, Willie Wilson, and Tune Hoover, Swoope's; Mr. —— Sellers, Churchville, Mr. Youell, Craigsville, Mr. Wm. Hartman, Staunton, J. J. Fix, Greenville, and Messrs. E. C. Fulcher, and C. P. and F. M. Bell, Arbor Hill. J. F.

MIDDLEBROOK.

TEMPERANCE SERMON—DEATH OF MISS JENNIE CARWELL—ILLNESS AND DEATH OF MISS KATIE STOUFFER—SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. LOTTS—SICKNESS OF D. M. AND JAS. M. SMITH.

Rev. G. W. Spiggle, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Lutheran church, preached a temperance sermon last Sunday, to a large and very attentive congregation. To say he just simply "got there" would be too mild to put it. He is a very able man indeed, and his sermon was to the point. How can a man who calls himself a Christian and a member of God's Holy church, go to the polls and vote that strong drink shall be placed wherever enough trade justifies it and where it will be a temptation to the boys and young men who are daily getting into the habit of strong drink. A man who has been over the ground knows all about it, and, of course, knows whereof he speaks. Some folks are terribly afraid they will cut a stick to break their own heads with. A strange argument, indeed.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Pastor of Mt. Carmel church, Midway, Va., will lecture here sometime before the election. The day is not yet appointed.

There were some of the colored population pretty "Salubrious" last Saturday night here, and made night hideous with their demoniacal yells and curses. The darkies are always alluding to white folks as "white trash," and more so when drunk, and as they are solidly for "panther blood," we local option men will vote the white man's ticket.

There are those who will not vote, but stay at home. Well, this is a little like the Christian, so called, who tries to serve God so as not to offend the devil.

We are very sorry, indeed, to announce the death near here of Miss Jennie Carwell, daughter of Mr. Michael Carwell, and sister of Mrs. John Forsythe of Staunton. She had been sick for a week, but it seemed to be of a trivial nature and her friends thought she would soon be able to resume her place among them. But our fondest hopes are often dashed away at one fell swoop of the monster—disappointment. She was thought to be better on Monday, but her friends were sent for. But before they arrived, she had passed away to that rest prepared for the finally faithful, and the spirit to the God she had served so faithfully for 20 years. She was a very earnest Christian lady, kind to the needy, liberal to the church. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She leaves an aged father who is sorely afflicted with Rheumatism—so much so he can not leave his room. She was his faithful attendant at all times, and her last words of love to him were to meet her where her mother was, which, according to nature, will not be long with him.

It was indeed a pitiful sight to see this aged and afflicted father take a last sad farewell of his best friend. A peaceful, happy home has been invaded and broken up by the "grim monster." The mother having died years ago, it now leaves the father and brother alone. She was laid to rest at Tabor cemetery by the side of her mother. Rev. Julius H. Shuford of the Reformed Church conducted the services. A large crowd of sorrowing friends attended the obsequies. The Methodist church has lost one of its best members and the country a good lady. That she was ready for the summons there is no doubt, and her death is a warning to all that they, too, must soon follow, and it behooves them to be ready when the message comes. Mr. Carwell, the father, as well as her brothers and sister have the sympathies of all. The father especially is greatly sympathized with owing to his great age and infirmities.

Miss Katie Stouffer of Saline county, Mo., is here on a visit to Wm. B. Glover and family, who are relatives. Her mother is with her. Soon after their arrival, the daughter was stricken down with fever, of a very malignant type. At this writing, she is hovering between life and death. This is a particularly sad case. She is 1500 miles from home among strangers, although everything kind hands can do has been done. Everything money can procure has been gotten. The physician has remained almost constantly by her. Her father has been telegraphed to come at once. This young lady had never been here before, and came expecting to enjoy her visit. But Lo! she is laid upon a bed of sickness. There are no hopes at all for her restoration to health. She may die at any moment.

Since this above was written, Miss Katie Stouffer died at the residence of Mr. Wm. B. Glover near here on Sunday last at noon. She is a daughter of Judge Tillman Stouffer of Saline Co, Mo. Her father arrived on Saturday from Missouri. This is a heavy stroke upon these parents. The remains were put in a metallic case, and were started to her home in the West. She came here buoyant in spirits expecting to enjoy a visit to the birth-place of her father. But alas! that fell disease, Typhoid fever, took her away. May the God of all consolation cheer up these broken-hearted parents in this sad loss of their last dear child. Their visit to Va. has been one of great distress instead of joy and pleasure. She will be buried at her home in Missouri about Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lotts, near here, sat down to the supper table and ate the meal as usual. There was no indication that she was not in as good health as usual. After supper she sat down to repair clothes for the children, and fell from the chair a corpse. This sad dispensation of Divine Providence serves to show us all that death is abroad in the land and that we must remember that the hour of our departure from this world is often ushered in upon us unawares. The Scriptural injunction is, "Be ye therefore ready, for in an hour that ye know not the Son of Man cometh." Interment at Newport.

D. M. Smith of this place has been quite ill for several days, but has improved somewhat in the last few days.

Jas. M. Smith of this place is suffering with hemorrhages of the lungs. He is badly off, indeed.

For the SPECTATOR.

The Farmers' Institute.

It was contemplated, for the benefit and improvement of the agriculturists of Augusta and the surrounding counties, to hold a Farmers' Institute in which addresses, by practical and able men, would be delivered on some of the leading industries of this great department of business. On the subject of roadmaking by an able engineer and public instructor; on entomology explaining the causes, nature and ravages of insects on grain, trees and vegetable life, and the best remedies, a highly interesting subject; on the diseases of live stock, the remedies and cautions; on dairying, with a view of reviving and making this industry a greater success in the Valley of Virginia; on Sheep husbandry, to induce enlarged and general efforts to utilize the superior protection, resourses and advantages of this section of country; on horse raising and live stock in general; on fruit culture and horticulture; on fowls and their profits; on drainage and its effects on the cereals, grasses and fruits.

In these addresses it was expected to have brought out the results of the experiments made by the State Experiment Stations and elsewhere, as far as time would permit. It was expected to awaken a spirit of enquiry, avoid errors in theories and practice and lead on to more satisfactory solutions of the many abstruse problems which arise in the broad field of agriculture.

The Board of Agriculture is so thoroughly convinced of the benefits to be derived from such discussions that it is proposed to extend its benefits free to all who will hear, in each district where as many as 300 farmers will give assurance that they will attend. It is regretted that the papers sent out for signature only received 204 names, after considerable effort. This explanation is made in deference to the interest manifested by the intelligent gentlemen who circulated the papers and those who expressed their willingness to attend the meeting. It is hoped that there will yet be a sufficient number who will give assurance of their purpose to attend an institute at Staunton, as to warrant the Commissioner of Agriculture in providing for the same at a later time.

Respectfully,
ABSALOM KOINER.

Enjoyable Entertainment by the Colored People.

FINE COMPANY AND GOOD ACTING.

The entertainment given in the Temperance Tabernacle on last Thursday night by J. F. Draper and Company, consisting of excellent vocal music and good acting, was greatly enjoyed by the audience of about two thousand. The music consisted of solos, duets, quartettes quintettes, and the chorus of many voices, and were all admirably sung. The performance concluded on that night with the presentation of the play entitled "Strong Drink," in which the evil of intemperance and the strength of the appetite of the inebriate for strong drink was strikingly represented and well acted. The excellent singing and acting displayed a degree of talent, both in singing and acting which excited the surprise and admiration of the large audience who manifested their delight by rapturous applause.

Rev. John H. Hector, the colored orator, was expected to speak there on Friday night, but, in consequence of an accident on the Railroad, could not get here in time, and telegraphed Mr. Reeves Catt that he would get here on Saturday morning. To entertain the large audience which had assembled, the same colored company repeated a good portion of the programme of the night before, and concluded with the play entitled the "Editor's Troubles," which was well done, and in which the female character "acted well her part" in her indignant assault of words upon the assistant editor in the absence of the editor-in-chief who, considering "discretion the better part of valor," was discreetly concealed that he might avoid the terrible wrath of the irate woman, who, not understanding the French terms used, imaged that her notice of a festival she proposed to give, had been so published as to make her a subject of ridicule. She boiled over with rage and threateningly flourished her umbrella with vigor o'er the head of the trembling assistant editor, and if the editor-in-chief had been present, the consequences would have been terrible, and that umbrella would have been "smashed into smithereens" on his luckless pate.

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TO RENT.—I wish to rent my farm for money rent. Call on or address,
MRS J. SUMMERFIELD MOON,
Batesville,
Aug 19-2ts Albemarle Co., Va.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.—I will hold an examination on **September 2nd and 3rd** in the Public School Building at Staunton. I want all the teachers of Augusta to be present. I will renew the certificates of all who stood one of my regular examinations. Those holding 2nd or 3rd grade certificates will be given the opportunity to better their grades. All teachers who want their certificates renewed will bring them in official envelopes, self-addressed and stamped. Be present promptly at 9 o'clock A. M.

E. O. PEALE,
Aug 5-4ts Supt. Augusta Co. Schools.

HUGH G. EICHELBERGER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.
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THE DUNSMORE COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS COLLEGE,

STAUNTON, VA.,

Will begin its 20th session **SEPT. 3rd, 1891.**

A full corps of practical, industrious and experienced teachers.

The training here, is thorough, comprehensive and up with the times.

Wherever the character and reputation of the school is known, business men seek its graduates. We were unable last year to fill all of the places for which we had applications.

Joint Stock Business, Short-hand, Typewriting and Penmanship specialties by a specialist.

Send us the names and P. O. address of ten young men who want to go to school, and receive by return mail a useful present.

For circulars and testimonials address,
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NOTICE TO TEACHERS.—The ANNUAL EXAMINATION of teachers for the Staunton Public Schools will take place in School Building No. 1, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd and 3rd, beginning promptly at 9 A. M., each day.

W. W. ROBERTSON,
Supt. Staunton City Pub. Schools.
Aug 19-4ts

WESTERN LUNATIC ASYLUM,
STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 18, 1891.

SEALED BIDS will be received at my office up to 12 o'clock M., on SEPT. 1st, to furnish the following articles for this Asylum. To each sample sent there should be a card giving plainly the price and the bidder's name. Right reserved to take the whole or a part only of the articles offered, at the prices mentioned in bids. Terms Cash, on delivery by Sept. 10th.

75 Prs. Double Grey Blankets, medium quality.
30 Bolts Bed Ticking.
20 do Osnaburg, ½ heavy, ½ light weight.
30 do Blue Check for spreads.
60 do Fine Unbleached sheeting 5-4.
30 do do do Cotton.
20 do Coarse do do
20 do Grey flannel for skirts.
30 do Hickory shirting.
10 do Canton flannel.
25 do Check cotton for dresses.
30 do Calico for dresses.
4 do Furniture calico.
12 do Huckaback.
8 do Marble oil cloth—white.
12 do Cassimere, not over 60 cts.
6 do do lower grade.
12 do Heavy cottonade.
6 do do Kearsey.
2 do Linsey lining.
1 do Canvas.
1 do Vest padding.
1 do Bl'k drilling.
1 do Italian lining.
6 Doz White spreads, 9-4.
30 do Towels; 6 do women's vests.
6 do Men's undershirts.
12 do Men's wool hats. 6⅞ to 7½.
12 Bales cotton yarn No. 10.

CROCKERY.

20 Doz Stone China dinner plates, white.
20 do Soup plates.
2 do Butter dishes.
2 do Medium size meat do
6 do Small do do
2 do Vegetable do—no covers.
6 do Small bowls.
6 do Large white pitchers 1 gal.
6 do Small do do ½ gal.
20 do Tumblers.
6 do Salts.
6 do Peppers.
20 do Cups and saucers, plain white.
12 do Table spoons, medium quality, plated.
12 do Tea do do do do
1 do Sugar bowls, plain white.
3 do Molasses cans.

Address, C. MILLER,
Aug 19 1t Steward.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS!

FERTILIZERS--FALL 1891.

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I am now receiving and offer for sale, a complete line of the

BEST AND CHEAPEST FERTILIZERS

(quality and condition considered) that my experience in this line of business and knowledge of the wants of our section enable me to select, and respectfully ask all farmers who wish to be sure of

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Of course it is understood that I think I have the goods to suit the MOST CAREFUL BUYERS when I invite an inspection, and I promise to try to make prices and terms agreeable.

JAS. H. BLACKLEY,
Aug 19-6ts Opposite C. & O. Depot, Staunton, Va.

FOR SALE.—SPLENDID LIVERY! BUSINESS

If not sold privately before the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, I will offer for sale at public auction, my entire livery outfit at Staunton, consisting of between 25 and 30 excellent horses—some of them *very superior*, and all sound and good workers; seven carriages in good condition; five "surreys"—three of them nearly new—others in serviceable order; nine buggies—six of which are nearly new; three "busses"; one four-seated pleasure wagon; one three-seated pleasure wagon; one furniture; two road wagons; twelve sleighs and cutters in good order; harness—single and double—some very handsome; saddles, bridles, robes, whips, and in short everything necessary for a well appointed livery stable. I mean business, and if I do not sell privately before the day named, will sell this stock, &c., unreservedly.

TERMS very reasonable—will be made known on day of sale.

Aug 19-tds ALEXANDER HARMAN.

NOTICE.

IN the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Augusta County, Va., in Vacation of said court, August 14th, 1891.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Augusta County; Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. F. Templeton, W. M. Chew, J. T. Smith, T. H. Antrim, A. C. Braxton, trustee for J. A. Patterson, Jr., J. A. Patterson, Jr., R. N. Pool, trustee, Francis A. Osborne, Wirt X. Fuller, W. H. Ward, The Boston Development Company, The Amazon Mineral Springs Company and H. C. Braxton trustee to appear at the clerk's office of our Circuit Court for Augusta county, at the Court house the third Monday in September 1891, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them in said Court by W. E. Bibb, trustee, and Edward L. Evans trustee, and unless they shall answer the said bill within the time prescribed by law, the court will take the same for confessed and decree accordingly; and this they shall in no wise omit, under a penalty of £100; and have then and there this writ.

Witness, J. N. Ryan, Clerk of our said court at the Court-house, the 14th day of August, 1891, in the 116th year of the Commonwealth.

J. N. RYAN, Clerk.

The object of this suit is to enforce the specific performance of a contract dated July 11th, 1890, for the purchase by R. N. Pool trustee and Wirt X. Fuller, Francis A. Osborne and W. H. Ward, of W. E. Bibb trustee and Edward L. Evans trustee, of a certain parcel of land near Waynesboro', Va., known and plotted as Baker Springs tract, containing 167 acres, with some exceptions and reservations; also to force the execution of a release deed to a portion of the above named land, by J. F. Templeton, A. C. Braxton trustee, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. M. Chew, J. T. Smith and T. H. Antrim, and to determine the rights of the parties, and should a sale of said land, or any portion thereof be necessary, to determine in what order the same shall be sold and how the proceeds shall be disposed of between the parties; and it appearing by affidavit filed that J. A. Patterson, Jr., R. N. Pool trustee, Francis A. Osborne, Wirt X. Fuller, W. H. Ward, The Boston Development Company and The Amazon Mineral Springs Company are not residents of this state, and that there is no agent of the Boston Development Campany, nor of the Amazon Mineral Springs Company in Augusta county, wherein said suit is commenced, and no other person in said county on whom there can be service as to said Boston Development Company and said Amazon Mineral Springs Company, respectively, the said J. A. Patterson, Jr., R. N. Pool trustee, Francis A. Osborne, Wirt X. Fuller, W. H. Ward, The Boston Development Company and The Amazon Mineral Springs Company are hereby summoned to appear here in fifteen days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

J. N. RYAN, Clerk.
W. E Bibb, p. q. Aug 19-4ts

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Court of Hustings for the city of Staunton—In Vacation—August 18, 1891.

H. Guggenheimer,