Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Crazy Reception.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. will hold a *Crazy Reception* in the Y. M. C. A. Parlor on Friday evening, May 13th. Meat Supper, and Refreshments will be served. The tables will be richly decorated, and guests waited upon by beautiful young ladies in *fancy costumes*. The ladies make a special request for a full attendance.

An important meeting of the Refreshment Committee will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Parlor this, Wednesday, afternoon, at 4 p. m.

The young men of Buena Vista have organized a Social Club with the following officers: Thos. D. Bailie, President; W. G. Williamson, secretary; W. E. Galloway, treasurer.

There have been fifty additions to the membership of the Baptist church of this City since the 1st of January last, when the present Pastor, Rev. W. J. E. Cox entered upon his duties as such.

On last Friday about 5 p.m., the kitchen of Sam'l B. Vanfausen, just beyond the City limits on the Staunton and Parkersburg road, was burned. The dwelling was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

On Saturday, Mr. W. C. Barton, who lives near the water-works, found that some one had killed his fine Irish Setter dog "Ponto." He was a remarkably sagacious dog and his loss causes the family great distress.

The most beautiful and striking dummy sign that we have observed is that of the beautiful dappled gray horse, life-size, life-like, and neatly caparisoned, which stands in front of the store of Frank Alexander & Co., as an advertisement of harness and saddlery which they have for sale.

When Traveling

Whether on pleasure bent, or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cents and $1 bottles by all leading druggists.

The New Supervisor.

Judge Stout supplied the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Gamble, Esq., a few days before his death, by the appointment of Mr. H. B. McFall, of Mt. Solon, who possesses the requisite qualifications to discharge satisfactorily the responsible duties of that office.

Opera-House, Monday night.

There will be fun at the Opera-House next Monday night, when the fine comic actor Wilfred Clarke, supported by a good company, will give an entertainment which all will enjoy. He will give three brief comic plays—"A Happy Pair," "My Boy," and "Toodles." The last alone is worth the admission. The others may be as good, or better, but as we have never witnessed them, we cannot speak of them so confidently.

When a person "strikes the nail on the head" it is well, but when the nail strikes a person on the head it is not so well, as can be testified to by N. M. Varner, whose head a nail served in that way when he was entering the cellar at his residence a few days since, when he held his head too high to suit the nail, whereupon it struck him on the top of his head inflicting great pain.

Repetition of "Ralston's Revenge."

The rendition of "Ralston's Revenge," which, as heretofore noticed, was given by the Amateurs of this city on Friday night, April 22nd, was repeated on last Monday night, May 2nd, and it was enjoyed by a large audience, though but a short notice of the purpose to repeat it was given. The performance passed off well to the delight of all, and though the tickets of admission were very low—being only 25 and 15 cents—the receipts amounted to nearly $100, which will be added to the $250, the receipts of the first performance, for the benefit of the City Mission for the poor. It was well to have it repeated.

I. O. G. T. Election of Officers.—At the election of officers for the ensuing quarter held last Friday night, by the "Mountain City Lodge" of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the following were elected:—

C. T., R. J. Kennedy; V. T., Miss Alice Steinbock; secretary, F. B. Kennedy; financial secretary, A. S. Woodhouse; treasurer, Mrs. Bettie Irving; marshal, G. D. Anthony; chaplain, Major J. W. Newton; guard, W. H. Barkman; sentinel, Zach Stuart; superintendent of juvenile templars, Mrs. J. W. Bryan.

Y. M. C. A. Officers.

The following are the officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the present year:—

President, J. N. McFarland; Vice Presidents—H. M. McIlhany, H. D. Peck, J. W. Bodley, J. H. Skinner and G. G. Gooch; Treasurer, G. G. Child; Recording Secretary, W. D. Hoge; Directors—Frank Alexander, Reeves Catt, C. T. Hammond, W. H. Kable and T. C. Morton.

"The Valley Messenger."

The *Valley Messenger* published at Ronceverte, Greenbrier Co., W. Va., of which W. B. Blake is the Proprietor and Publisher, made its appearance on Wednesday last in a dress of new type, and illustrated with likenesses of U. S. Senator John E. Kenna, of Charleston, W. Va., and Hon. R. D. Erwin, a member of the Legislature, of Irish Corner, Greenbrier county. It is an eight-page paper, and is published in the interests of the Farmers' Alliance.

South River District in Rockbridge Goes "Day."

At the local-option election in the South River District in Rockbridge county on April the 27th, the vote resulted, for license 25; against license 275, as follows:—

	DRY	WET
Fairfield	101	9
Raphine	97	9
Cedar Hill	77	6

At Campbell's Mill there was not a vote cast for or against.

Teachers' Institutes.

Teachers' Institutes will be held in this State this Summer at the following places and times:—

Bedford City.—Four weeks, beginning June 27th.

Staunton—July 12th to August 8th.

West Point.—July 12th to August 8th.

For colored teachers:

Petersburg.—Summer session of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, June 15th to July 19th.

Lynchburg.—July 4th to July 29th.

Summer Weather.

For the past several days the weather has been more like July than the 1st of May.—The mercury has risen the past several degrees above "Summer heat" as marked on the thermometer. 76 is Summer heat, and Monday and Tuesday the temperature was several degrees above 80. As the earth is moist with the recent rains, and the weather is so very warm, wheat, grass, and all vegetation are growing rapidly; and the foliage of the trees is speedily coming forth.

On Monday afternoon, the mercury reached 86 degrees.

The man who called sarsaparilla a fraud, had good reason; for he got hold of a worthless mixture at "reduced rates." He changed his opinion, however, when he began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It pays to be careful, when buying medicines.

PARNASSUS.

DEATH OF WM. PROPST AND ADAM LINK—SICKNESS OF MISS EMMA HEDRICK AND MR. D. M. KELLER—HARRISONBURG AND WARM SPRINGS' TURNPIKE—PERSONALS.

Mr. William Propst, aged about 33 years, died at his residence near Mt. Solon on the morning of the 28th ult. The deceased has for several years suffered from an organic disease of the heart. He was a prosperous and respected farmer and leaves a widowed mother, wife, and several children of tender age. The remains were, as he requested, not laid to rest until last Saturday. The funeral and interment took place from Union Presbyterian church, of which he was an esteemed member. Rev. Glasgow, the pastor, conducted the exercises. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Mr. E. B. Bear, Undertaker of Churchville.

The weekly *Times*, of Richmond, Va., of the 26th ult. announces the demise of an old citizen of this county who was for many years a citizen of Mt. Sidney.

Mr. Adam Link, one of the oldest, if not the oldest citizen of Richmond, died Thursday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Hutcheson, 614 north Eighth street.

Mr. Link was born in Augusta county, November 25, 1801, and had, therefore, passed the age of ninety years. He was a prominent and successful merchant in the county of his birth for many years and an honored elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Emma Hedrick has been for several weeks a great sufferer from an attack of rheumatic fever, and is perfectly helpless. Her condition is unchanged.

Mr. D. M. Keller has recently had sudden attacks of an affection that causes the most excruciating pain, supposed to be caused by the descent of gritty particles from the kidney.

That part of the Harrisonburg and Warm Springs' Turnpike that passes through this district has been abandoned by the Company, and the road in consequence is in many places impassable and dangerous. Our only relief and hope is that our County Court will without delay order this important thoroughfare to be put in good order.

Miss Carrie J. Armstrong of Doe Hill, Va., is visiting her relatives and many friends here.

Miss Sallie Hiner is visiting relatives in the city of Philadelphia.

The Favored Classes.

Teachers, Ministers, Farmers, Mechanics, Merchants, as well as their wives, daughters and sons, who would like to devote at least a part of their time and attention to a work that would bring them in a lot of ready money during the next few months, would do well to look up the advertisement of B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va., in another column, as it may be the means of opening up to many new life and larger possibilities. These gentlemen have been extensively and successfully engaged in business for many years, and they know what they are talking about when they tell you they can show how to better your financial condition.

Action of Chamber of Commerce.

At the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Council Chamber last Friday night to further consider the report against compulsory pilotage of coastwise sailing vessels offered at a former meeting, the question was discussed by Messrs. B. B. Munford and H. A. Tabb, of Richmond, in favor of the report and R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, and Capt. John N. Opie, of Staunton, after whom remarks were made by H. C. Tinsley in opposition and W. A. Burke, J. W. Todd and P. B. Sublett in favor of the report, after which the Chamber adopted the report by a vote of 8 to 3.

The Chamber, by a unanimously vote, joined in the protest against discrimination by the Brazil Steamship Company against Virginia ports.

Volunteer Company Organized.

At a meeting held last Wednesday night, presided over by W. G. Kenney, Adjutant of the 2nd Va. Regiment, a company of Volunteers to be known as the "West Augusta Guards," in honor of the former company of that name, was organized by the election of the following commissioned officers:—

Henry W. Holt, Captain; R. S. Ker, 1st Lieutenant, and W. J. Perry, 2d Lieutenant. R. E. R. Nelson was elected Secretary, and Carter Braxton, Treasurer.

There are now about fifty names on the roll of the Company and more will be added. The roll embraces good material and it will be a good company, and will, we have no doubt, become very popular as was the company whose name it perpetuates.

Staunton City Directory.

The fifth annual Staunton City Directory for 1892-93 by E. F. Turner & Co., containing a general directory of the citizens, with the white and colored separated, to which is added a Business Directory, has been completed and distributed to its subscribers. It is gotten up and printed in even better style, on good paper with plain type, than heretofore, and gives general satisfaction. Mr. Turner, who gives this business his special personal attention, is pleasant in his intercourse with our citizens, and is painstaking and careful in the execution of his work, which requires great care and patience to do it properly as he does.

Opera-House, Friday night.

For the purpose of raising funds to aid in building the new Methodist Church, the ladies of that congregation will give a good entertainment, consisting of music and elocution, in the Opera-House next Friday night. This entertainment is for a good object and should be well attended. The ladies will also have refreshments served in the lower rooms.

The programme will consist of a Piano solo by Prof. Jerichan; Recitations by Miss Lloyd, Teacher of Elocution at the W. F. Institute, and two of her scholars; Vocal Music by Miss Janson and Miss Johnson; also quartettes and solos by Messrs. Timberlake, Caldwell, Bear and Shirkey.

Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Local-Option in South River District and Basic City.

The vote in the local-option election in South River District on Tuesday, April 26th, resulted as follows:—

	For License.	Against License.
Waynesboro	9	77
Fishersville	2	101
Sherando	20	23
Stuart's Draft	1	47
	32	248

Dry majority, 216.

The vote in Basic City, Saturday, April 23rd, was as follows:—

For License, 110; Against License, 89—Wet majority, 21.

All the Districts in this county are now "dry" except North River, in which no vote has been taken on that question.

Littell's Living Age.

The numbers of *The Living Age* for April 16th and 23d contain The Correspondence of Count Pozzo de Borgo, *Edinburgh;* The Road from Mashoonaland, and Private Life in France in the Fourteenth Century, *Fortnightly;* Recollections of Tewfik Pacha, and Napoleon the Third at Sedan, *Nineteenth Century;* Society in Naples, *National;* The Race Across the Atlantic, *Scottish;* Conversations and Correspondence with Thomas Carlyle, *Contemporary;* Edward Cracroft Lecroy, *New Review;* Benjamin Robert Haydon, *Temple Bar;* The New Star in the Milky Way, *Saturday Review;* Notes on Bird-Music, *Chambers';* The Ancient Tombs and Burial Mounds of Japan, *Nature;* with "How She got out of it," "Who Rang the Bell?" "Boomellen," and poetry.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littll & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Personal.

The *Greenbrier (W. Va.,) Independent*, published in Lewisburg, in its issue of last Thursday, says:—

"Col. R. S. Turk, of Staunton, Va., was here Tuesday on his way to Charleston to look after business in the Court of Appeals."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Loury, of Huntersville, Pocahontas Co., W. Va., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday, April 26th. The *Greenbrier Independent* says:—

"Mr. Loury was a native of Virginia, and back in the forties was sheriff of Alleghany county. On the 26th of April, 1842, he married Miss Agnes Kincaid, of Greenbrier county, a sister of Dr. A. C. Kincaid, of Frankford, and lived for a number of years on Anthoney's Creek. Their children are all grown and all but one are married. Mr. and Mrs. Loury both enjoy good health and we heartily wish may yet enjoy many years of wedded lif.

The Highland *Recorder* of last Friday says:—

"Mr. Frank Paullee, of Augusta county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Newton Burns, and also his "best girl."

Mr. J. L. Harouff, who has been at the W. L. Asylum for the past six months, will be at home soon very much improved."

Rev. W. J. E. Cox will leave to-day for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. Dr. James Nelson, president of the Richmond Female Institute, has become temporary pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist church vice Rev. Dr. Goodwin, resigned, on account of ill-health. A permanent pastor will be secured as early as possible.

At the Cathedral in Richmond last Sunday, Rt. Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver announced to his congregation his intended trip to Rome. This is his first visit ad limini to the holy father. He will, no doubt, be most graciously received by his reverence. He will also meet with a warm welcome from the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American College, at one time connected with the cathedral.

Rev. D. K. McFarland, D. D., returned on last Saturday from Baltimore, whither he had gone several days before to consult the physicans of the John Hopkins Hospital in reference to the impairment of his physical system. We are pleased to state that his health seems to be somewhat improved, and it is hoped it will continue to improve in the pleasant weather of this season of the year.

On last Wednesday night, the congregation of the Baptist church of Salem agreed unanimously to extend a call to Rev. J. B. Taylor, D. D., of Lexington.

Mr. Wm. C. Straughan, with his mother and niece, will remove in a few days from here to Pittsburgh, Pa., which he thinks is a better place than this for newspaper compositors.

Col. J. C. Shields arrived here on Friday last and remained till Monday afternoon, during which time he was warmly greeted by his many friends here, and he was pleased to see the improvements that were going on here, some of which he suggested and originated, and all of which he approved and advocated whilst connected with the staff of the Spectator. Though old in years, he possesses the spirit of progress of youth, and is younger than many of fewer years. He is, as Oliver Wendell Holmes would say, "70 years *young*."

As announced last week, the marriage of Mr. A. Lee Knowles to Miss Mary Rosina Kinzley will take place at the Baptist church at half past 11 o'clock this morning.

Commonwealth vs. Geo. W. Sprouse—Jury Failed to Agree.

The case of the Commonwealth against Geo. W. Sprouse, charged with a felonious assault on Eva Sutler, a little girl 11 years of age, was commenced on Monday morning—Meade F. White representing the Commonwealth and Wm. E. Craig the prisoner. The examination of witnesses was concluded about 3 p. m., when the argument was commenced which concluded about 6 p. m. when the case was submitted to the jury. The jury remained in session till Tuesday moring when they reported that they could not agree. We understand that the jury stood 10 for conviction and two against. The following constituted the jury:—

C. W. Lynham, W. A. McPheeters, Charles J. Cline, J. B. Hanger, A. J. Reeves, Erskine Gay, S. W. Warwick, J. A. McCue, J. I. Douglas, J. J. Bocock, Baldwin Watson and J. W. Dice.

The result is another trial and more costs.

The Sad Death of a Pupil.

A little girl, aged 14 years, Mamie Davis, daughter of Mr. M. T. Davis, of Montgomery, Fayette county, W. Va., a pupil at the Augusta Female Seminary," was taken ill on Sunday of last week with peritoneal inflammation, and died at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, after undergoing a surgical operation by the able and skillful surgeon, Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, on the night before, assisted by Dr. Hoover, of W. Va., an uncle of the patient, and the following physicians of this city—Shelton, Gibson, F. M. Hanger, N. Wayt, and A. M. and H. H. Henkel. Besides her uncle, her father and brother were present, having arrived on Wednesday, after being summoned by telegraph. Her remains were taken on Friday to the home of her parents for burial.

The Parisian Fashion Journals.

"La Mode de Paris" and "Album des Modes," so well-known as the publications giving the choicest Paris styles one month in advance of all other journals, appear to be growing just a little too popular. The demand for them is growing so rapidly that the publishers, A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th Street, New York, have found it difficult to keep up with the increasing demand each month. They claim that the American ladies are now buying their journals to such an extent that most of the newsdealers are entirely out of them by the fifth of the month. As all the plates are made in Paris by the best artists, the publishers claim that it requires considerable time to catch up with such an increased demand. We agree with our lady friends that these are superior fashion journals. We suggest to them to become regular subscribers, thus making sure of receiving their journal each month, and securing that valuable book, "Dressmaking Simplified," that is given as a premium to each subscriber paying $3.50 in advance for either "La Mode de Paris" or "Album des Modes" for one year. You may place the order through your news agent, or send direct to the publishers.

"Romance" for May appears in a new cover, which emphasizes its character as "A Monthly Magazine of Complete Stories," and by its skillful use of two colors not only challenges attention but commands admiration. It now presents as beautiful and attractive an appearance as any periodical in the land. The contents of this number are upon the usual high level of interest and entertainment. There are seventeen stories, representing writers of this country, Canada, England, Ireland, France and Germany. Among the famous authors on the list are Edgar A. Poe, Alexander Dumas, Charles Reade, William Carleton, Theodor Korner and Guy de Maupassant. Recent issues of this magazine have shown rare ability for comprehending and meeting the wide variety of tastes among story-readers. The explanation is found in the announcement that Mrs. Kate Upson Clark lately became its editor. Mrs. Clark has been for several years a favorite contributor to the periodical press, and is recognized as a discriminating literary critic. Her editorship is an assurance that "Romance" will more than maintain its high character for both absorbing interest and purity of tone. The magazine is issued by Romance Publishing Company, Clinton Hall, Astor Place, New York. The price is 25 cents a copy; subscriptions, $2.50 a year.

A young lady of Jefferson, West Virginia, declares that she was all run down before taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla; but that now she is gaining strength every day. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is certainly a wonderfully effective tonic for the feeble and delicate.

Meeting of Lexington Presbytery.

Lexington Presbytery met at 11 A. M., yesterday in 2nd Presbyterian Church of this city. The Rev. R. F. Campbell, Moderator, preached the opening sermon on I. Cor. 5:6—8 verse. His sermon was a masterly exposition of the doctrine contained in the text, and his audience were evidently deeply interested and instructed. After the sermon, he constituted the body with prayer. The roll was then called and Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers. The Rev. C. D. Gilkeson was elected Moderator, and Rev. Mr. Wallace and Mr. W. M. McAllister, Clerks. The death of the venerable Patterson Fletcher, the oldest member of the Presbytery, was announced, and notice given that a resolution would be offered to have a committee appointed to prepare a memorial of the deceased brother, to be placed on the records.—The Rev. J. H. Davis, of Roanoke Presbytery; Rev. G. W. Finley, of Winchester Presbytery, and the Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Orange Presbytery, were invited to sit as corre-ponding members. Presbytery after recess listened to the reading of the Minutes of last stated meeting until 3:30 o'clock, when the reading was suspended to take up the report of the Sabbath-School committee of the Presbytery. This report was ably prepared by Rev. J. E. Booker, of Hebron church. The report was made up from reports of the sessions of the churches of the Presbytery. There are sixty-one churches on the roll, and some 12 or 15 failed to send reports. And from many of the churches a real decrease in members was reported, so that there is a falling off of some 700 or 800 in scholars and 150 in teachers. The Committee presented some clear-cut resolutions designed to stimulate and arouse sessions and Sabbath schools to more earnest and devoted efforts in the performance of the important work of preaching the Gospel to the little ones, such as the Master said of "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

After the reading of the report and the adoption of the resolutions of the Committee, "The qualifications of the Sabbath-school teachers" was announced as the subject for discussion. Rev. Mr. Booker presided, and invited Rev. A. R. Cocke, Rev. L. B. Johnston, and Rev. M. B. Lambdin to address the Presbytery and congregation on this subject. The addresses were listened to with interest by the congregation, and were each suggestive of and calculated to bring home to teachers the great value and importance of the work in which they are engaged—that of training souls for the most important duties of life and saving them for the happiness of eternity. After these addresses of the abovementioned brethren, who had been engaged for this occasion, the subject was opened for discussion, and Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Highland county, made quite a stirring address, and Rev. Mr. Lingamfelter, of Elkins, West Virginia, made a short, but excellent, address, showing the necesity of patience on the part of those who engage in this work. Great results may finally spring from work done, though it may be a long time before the result is manifest; and he mentioned instances in proof thereof.

The Rev. G. W. Finley and Rev. G. A. Wilson each presented letters of dismission from their respective Presbyteries addressed to this body. They will be examined and received at a future time and arrangements made for their installation as Pastors, respectively, of Tinkling Spring and New Providence churches. Presbytery adjourned until this morning at 9 A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cocke. Rev. Mr. Lambdin preached in the Second Presbyterian church last night.

There were 27 ministers and 25 Elders present yesterday.

For the Spectator.

A Word About the Mayoralty.

Mr. Editor:—I hope you will give me a short space in your valuable paper to express in a few words my opinion about what should govern the citizens in casting their vote for candidates for the Mayoralty. I think that the Democratic City Committee acted wisely in declining to hold a primary election to nominate candidates and draw the party lines in the election for offices that are not political. I think that candidates for office that are not political should be chosen with reference exclusively to their character and special qualifications for the offices to be filled. If a man has his leg broken, he will not go to a lawyer to ascertain what remedy should be used, but to a surgeon; so if the law be broken, he will not go to a surgeon to apply the remedy, but to a lawyer. The surgeon knows what should be done in the case of a broken limb, and the lawyer in the case of a violated or broken law, and the people have sense enough to apply to the one or to the other, as the case may be a broken limb or violated law. It is the duty of the Mayor, who is practically as much a judge as the Judge of the County or Circuit Court, to prescribe the remedy in the case of violated law, and this he cannot do properly unless he be acquainted with the law, any more than a man can reduce a fractured limb properly who knows nothing of the human anatomy or the science of surgery. Common sense should govern.

Citizen.

City Council.

From the proceedings of this body held last night, we make the following extracts:—

The Committee on Streets is authorized to rent or procure a lot near the city for the purpose of depositing the garbage from streets and alleys, and to sell to the highest bidder the street sweepings. The same Committee is also directed to purchase and use a 600-gallon street sprinkler for use in the business streets, and to use temporarily the old sprinkler that has not been used this season.

A resolution was adopted directing the committee on public grounds to procure a suitable room for the annual meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, which will meet here on August 16th.

Mr. Scheffer offered a resolution, which was referred, to build a city market-house, city hall, &c., at a cost of not over $30,000.

The street-car ordinance was amended so as to meet the views of parties who propose to put in an electric line, and also to furnish electric power for lights and other purposes.

A large number of claims were allowed and many petitions presented and referred.

Col. J. R. Miller, of Pulaski, chairman of the State Executive Committee, has called the State Prohibition Convention to assemble at Lynchburg on June 7th to elect delegates to the National Prohibition Convention, which will meet in Cincinnati on June 29th.

James Mahurran attempted to stop a runaway team attached to a plow near Fort Scott, Kan., Friday night. He was knocked down, the point of the plow striking him below the hip and tearing a furrow along his body clear to his neck. Before assistance could reach him he bled to death.

Miss Ruth Cleveland's Easter Egg.

Wytheville Enterprise

Little Maggie Venable, daughter of our townsman, Jno. R. Venable, Esq., a few days before Easter, sent Ruth Cleveland an Easter egg with her father's picture scratched on the egg, and on Tuesday received a letter from Hon. Grover Cleveland which reads:—

Lakewood, N. J., April 17, '92.

My Dear Young Friend:

The Easter egg you sent my daughter Ruth arrived yesterday, and I am led to believe, from her conduct when it was exhibited to her, that she fully appreciated your kindness in sending it. She clutched it with much glee, and I am not vain enough to suppose that her father's picture on it had much to do with her satisfaction.

Yours truly,

Grover Cleveland.

Methodists and Catholics.

In speaking of the Quadrennial General conference of the Methodist church now in session in Omaha, Nebraska, the N. Y. *Herald* says:—

"The Methodists are shirt sleeve Christians. They are not afraid of work, and have done a good deal of it in their day. Born to be pioneers, their clergy can travel further in a week—generally on horseback—put up with more discomforts, preach more sermons, and do it on a smaller salary than any other denomination in Christendom. They have thereby grown from nothing to pretty nearly everything. If there is a hamlet or a settlement where a Methodist minister is not to be found we haven't yet heard of it.

The Catholics are the only sect which has equal ardor or is willing to make equal sacrifices. They, too, are frontiermen by nature, are always to be found along the border land, and are as ready to minister to the poorest as to the richest. Their little sanctuaries dot the horizon line of our civilization and their cathedrals adorn every metropolis.

These Methodists are going to elect some more bishops, and to talk for and against the itinerancy, and discuss many more questions connected with their interior economy. They will have a social, a jolly and probably a rather quarrelsome time, but when they sing the doxology they will resume their usual good nature and the clouds will all roll by."

Northern Democrats to their Southern Brethren.

The Democrats of the doubtful Northern States say to their brethren of the South—we are willing, as we have always been, to join hands with you to wrest the federal government from your deadly enemies—to relieve you from a system of taxation, which is crushing the life out of your "infant" industries—to protect you from the horrors of the infamous Force bill and kindred malignant legislation, which will surely be enacted if our and your enemy is successful next fall. In a word we wish to help you to *home rule*, and the management of your own affairs in your own way, free from outside and hostile interference. This being our disposition, will you insist upon an economic issue, upon which Democrats everywhere are divided, and which, if it is made a party test, will surely defeat us in our States and turn the national government over to the Republicans? Is it fair, is it just, that when we are fighting your battles to the best of our ability, you, our friends, should step in and handicap us in such a manner as to make it impossible for us to win?

It does seem to us that when Southern Democrats reflect upon such appeals as these they will wonder that they ever thought of allowing a purely economic measure to come between them and those who have so often stood by them in times of need.

Take note, our Northern friends demand nothing from us in a spirit of insolence. They simply inform us in all kindness that if we insist upon this issue, we will deprive them of all power to help us in the future.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

Palmer Loyal to Cleveland.

Senator Palmer, of Illinois, is quoted by a correspondent of the New York *World* as saying: "I would rather have the credit of helping to carry Illinois for Grover Cleveland than to be President myself. I have never asked our delegates to instruct for me, and if any one should ask me what the national convention is going to do I should reply that I do not care. The resolutions adopted at our convention are very complimentary and of course afford me no little gratification. I appreciate the indorsement, but I have not asked it. The resolutions are framed with a very happy choice of language, for while indorsing me they did not lose sight of Cleveland. While in effect they recommend my nomination, if the party goes West for a candidate, they leave it clear for us to believe what we all think, and that is that Cleveland is the choice of the democrats of Illinois." In other words, Senator Palmer is only his own second choice as regards Mr. Cleveland, and evidently regards the convention's indorsement as useful to him only in the event of Mr. Cleveland's failure to receive the nomination. Asked "Who is the right man?" he replied, "Grover Cleveland." The Senator's only ambition, he declares, is to make Illinois democratic, and there seems good reason to expect that, guided by him, the Illinois delegation will cast its votes for Mr. Cleveland.

No responsibility without power.

We note that Col. Polk as well as other "professional" farmers, is fond of arraigning the Democratic party as well as the Republican for the legislation of which the farming community have a right to complain. This is grossly unjust. The Democratic party has never since the war had power to shape or control federal legislation. Therefore it cannot be justly charged with responsibility therefor. The Democratic party opposed with all its might all the high tariff legislation since the war. All the silver legislation—including the demonetization of silver, of which the farmers complain so bitterly, has been enacted by a Republican congress and a Republican administration.

The Democrats cannot be charged with responsibility for federal legislation until they have been entrusted by the people with plenary power in all branches of the government.

It is true the Democrats have controlled various State governments. But if any of the ills the farmers complain of are chargeable to State legislation, the farmers themselves must assume a large share of the responsibility, as members of their class have largely influenced such legislation. Certainly that has been the case in Virginia, especially in the last legislature which was dominated by farmers.

The farmers have nothing as yet to complain of the Democratic party, and if they desert it now, they are apt to go further and fare worse.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

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Last year we made mention of a copper mine situated just across the W. Va. line in Pendleton county. This mine was opened some years ago by two gentlemen who have since sold out to Mr. J. C. Boggs, of this place. The ore is of fine quality, according to the analysis, and if a railroad is built it will be opened up. Mr. Boggs is now negotiating with some northern capitalists who, in view of the fact that the Augusta, Highland & Alleghany R. R. will in the near future be built, have shown quite an interest and will no doubt close the negotiations soon. Mr. Boggs had a handsome offer last year, but could not sell because at that time his title was not complete; but now everything is settled and he can make a satisfactory contract.—*Highland Recorder.*

A Physician to be Tried for Arson.—A Warm Springs correspondent of the Richmond *Times* says:

"Dr. T. S. Darracott will be tried at the approaching county court for arson. He returned here Tuesday and gave himself up. The last Legislature remitted several fines imposed on him for selling whisky in Highland county.'

The body of Byron Adonis, one of the most advanced adepts of the Circle of Theosophists or—more properly speaking—Buddhists, was incinerated at the crematory in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, Cal., on Friday, with the ceremonies attending a Buddhist funeral. It took two hours for the remains to consume entirely. The ashes were taken to the open fields and scattered to the four winds.

All the bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Grand Central Theatre in Philadelphia, which was burned on Wednesday night. Six members of the "Devil's Auction Company" and one of the auditors make up the list at dead.

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MARRIAGES.

CUPP—SENSENEY.—At the Methodist church in Lexington, Thursday, April 28th, by Rev. F. J. Prettyman, Mr. Albert M. Cupp, of Staunton, and Miss Ellen Senseney, daughter of Mr. Jas. Senseney, of Lexington.

PLEASANTS—CHANDLER.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Waynesboro', Va., April 27th, 1892, by Rev. E. L. Brower, Mr. John F. Pleasants to Miss Rebecca Chandler, all of Augusta county.

SHOWALTER—FINN.—At Clifton Forge, Va., April 27th, by Rev. Father Kelley, Mr. Geo. E. Showalter to Miss Josie V. Finn.

MILLER—MASLIN.—In Moorefield, Hardy Co., W.Va., Wednesday, April 27th, by Rev. Dr. Geo. Wm. White, Mr. David R. Miller, of Buena Vista, to Miss Leila Maslin. The groom is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Cassimore Mills at Buena Vista.

HINKLE—SHIRKEY.—At Maysville, Greenbrier Co., W.Va., Thursday 21st, by Rev. G. O. Homan, Mr. S. W. Hinkle and Miss Bertha M. Shirkey. After a visit to Virginia, they will make their home at Maysville, Greenbrier Co., W.Va.

GLADWELL—WHITE.—April 27, 1892, at Mossy Creek, David S. Gladwell and Clara D. White.

PATTERSON—BALSLEY.—April 28, 1892, near Stuart's Draft, Jas. S. Patterson and Lovie Balsley.

SHEEHAN—O'CONNELL.—April 27th, 1892, at Richmond, Edward Sheehan, of Staunton, and Julia O'Connell, of Richmond.

DEATHS.

LINK.—April 21, 1892, at Richmond, Adam Link, formerly of Ft. Defiance, this county, aged 90 years.

COFFMAN.—April 23, 1892, near Moscow, Daniel A. Coffman, aged about 50. He left a wife and six children.

ARGENBRIGHT.—Near Arbor Hill, Friday, April 29th, Mrs. Jane Argenbright, wife of Mr. Augustus Argenbright, aged 75 years. Funeral Sunday at Mt. Tabor Church, Rev. G. W. Spiggle officiating.

ARGENBRIGHT.—Near Swoope's Depot, Friday morning, April 29th, Mr. Jacob Argenbright, of consumption, aged 31 years. Funeral Saturday, by Rev. J. D. Donovan, at Bethlehem Church, and interment at Mt. Sidney by the side of his wife who died a month ago. One small child left an orphan.

BUTLER.—At Clifton Forge, Alleghany county, Thursday evening, April 28th, Mrs. James Butler, aged 19 years.

PROPST.—Near Moscow, this county, Thursday, April 28th, Mr. Wm. Propst, aged 36 years, leaving a widow and several children.

PALMER.—At Greenville, at 9 o'clock last Friday night, April 29th, of consumption, Miss Lovie Palmer, aged 16 years, daughter of Mr. R. H. Palmer. The funeral was from the Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

EAVEY.—At his home near Clover Hill, Rockingham county, April 25th, Mr Michael Eavey, in the 80th year of his age, leaving a widow and 7 children. He had been for many years an active member of the U. B. Church. Interment at Pittobine.

REHERD.—Near Harrisonburg, April 26th, after a protracted illness of consumption, Mrs. D. Reherd, aged 25 years. She was a member of the Catholic church. Funeral services by Rev. Father McVerry. Interment in Woodbine cemetery at Harrisonburg.

RAY.—Near Rawley Springs, Rockingham Co., April 20th, of heart-disease, Mr. David G. Ray, in the 69th year of his age. He served 4 years in company I, 7th Va. Cavalry. He was buried at the Mt. Clinton burying ground. Funeral services by the Revs. Samuel Coffman and James F. Heatwole.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Carrie Kennedy, wife of Joseph M Kennedy, died at the residence of her husband near Staunton, Va., April 15th, 1892. Mrs. Kennedy was long and sorely afflicted with a painful and distressing malady which was subsequently much aggravated by an attack of the "cripple." It was the province of the writer of this tribute to her memory to be a frequent visitor and attendant at her bedside, and he can testify to the Christian fortitude and patience with which she bore her affliction. While deeply feeling for those whom she would leave behind, yet she often expressed a willingness and a desire that her spirit should be liberated and wing its eternal flight to the land of rest and sit at the feet of that Jesus who in this life was her stay and support. She held frequent and feeling conversations on this subject with her family, friends, and pastor, in which she always gave evidence of the hope that was within. Her systematic methods did not desert her even in her last days as she gave specific and detailed directions with reference to many things, including the disposal of her last earthly remains, which she wanted deposited in the family plat at St. Michaels' Church beside those of her only brother, Capt. Sam'l H. Wise, who preceded her to the grave but a few short weeks.

Mrs. Kennedy was a consistent member of the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, and her funeral obsequies were conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. H. Paul, who selected the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd verses of the 14th chapter of the Gospel of St. John as a basis of his discourse. The deceased leaves behind, to mourn their loss, her octogenarian father, Emanuel Wise; an only sister, Mrs. Joseph Byrd, of Bridgewater; a kind, indulgent, and devoted husband, besides numerous other near and dear friends and relatives, to whom may the God who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" ever extend his tender mercies. *Requiescat in pace.*

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