Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

At a council meeting last week of Elk Run German Baptist congregation, Mr. Jacob Zimmerman was ordained Elder, Revs. Sam'l Driver and Hayes officiating. The annual harvest or thanksgiving services were held at that church last Sunday.

Whilst at play, Daniel, son of Dr. J. D. Bucher of Parnassus, fell and fractured both bones of the left arm. Dr. M. P. Jones rendered the necessary attention.

A friend in writing from Parnassus says:—"The chief of the Weather Bureau of the W. L. A. is enjoying an extended furlough from that Institution among his relatives and friends here."

Mr. Asher Ayers sold two building lots last week to Mr. C. T. Palmer, who will build two store-houses upon them. These lots are a part of the skating-rink lot.

The annual Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will begin next Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Milancthon church near Weyer's Cave Station and will continue probably a week.

There will be communion at Mt. Tabor Lutheran church Sunday August 21st. Preparatory services, Saturday at 11 o'clock, Rev. George E. Shuey will preach on Sunday morning. G. W. SPIGGLE, Pastor.

Fine Speech Court-Day.

Hon. James L. Gordon, of Charlottesville, will address the citizens of this county at the Courthouse on next Monday, (Court-Day) August 22nd. He is a very fine speaker, eloquent and instructive, whom it will delight our people to hear. He should have a large audience.

The Warm Wave.

The warm wave which has been gradually moving eastward for the past week from the West arrived here yesterday, and will abide with us for several days or longer, during which time we cannot hope to have more than partial rains, if any. We need a good settled rain and that we will not get till there is a considerable fall in the temperature.

Lawn Party.

The ladies of Hebron Church congregation will give a lawn party at Swoope's Depot tomorrow—Thursday, the 18th—to raise funds to make improvements in the cemetery at that church. Refreshments of various kinds will be furnished in good style. It is hoped it will be well attended and liberally patronized.

Mad Cows and Hogs.

The Good's Mill correspondent of the Harrisonburg *Free Press* says:—"The excitement of mad dogs, or rather cattle, has reached us at last. Five cattle and some hogs, close around here, went mad last week. They were all bitten by a shepherd dog, which was killed here some time ago."

Strokes of Lightning.

On last Thursday, Samuel Wagner, of Port Republic, Rockingham County, whilst horseback, had his horse under him killed by lightning, but he escaped death though he was rendered insensible for some time.

On the same day near Bell's Valley, Rockbridge county, the stable of Charles Condon was struck by lightning and burned, together with a horse, a mule, 10 tons of hay and some harness.

If the ladies would abandon cosmetics and more generally keep their blood pure and vigorous by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla naturally fair complexions would be the rule instead of the exception, as at present. Pure blood is the best beautifier.

Leg of Capt. H. P. Dickinson Amputated.

For some time Capt. H. P. Dickinson has been suffering with gangrene in one of his legs. To save his life, if possible, his physician, Dr. Shelton, advised that the leg be amputated, which was done above the knee last Thursday afternoon, by Dr. A. M. Henkel, assisted by Drs. Shelton, F. M. Hanger and N. Wayt. He withstood the operation very well, and is getting on reasonably well, but is not yet out of danger.

Gratifying Appreciation.

An intelligent citizen of Indianapolis, Ind., in a letter enclosing subscription to the SPECTATOR, expresses himself in reference to its improved appearance as follows:—"I must congratulate you on the improved appearance of the old paper in its new dress. Publishers often expatiate on the improved appearance of their papers in a new dress, when it is difficult for the uninitiated to see much change; but in the SPECTATOR it amounts to a transformation. It seems almost impossible for us to give it up after reading it nearly 50 years."

Pure and Wholesome Quality

Commends to public approval the California liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. It is pleasant to the taste and by acting gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels to cleanse the system effectually, it promotes the health and comfort of all who use it, and with millions it is the best and only remedy.

Another Insurance Company.

Staunton is to have another Insurance company, Judge Grattan on Saturday last having granted a charter to the Southeastern Life Insurance company with a capital stock of $20,000, in shares of $100 each, the principal office to be in Staunton. The following constitute the officers, who are likewise the directors:—C. W. Freeman, of Roanoke, Va., president; S. M. Ormsby, of Washington, D. C., vice-president and general manager; S. S. Price, of Washington, D. C., secretary; S. L. Scott, of Washington, D. C., treasurer; and Dr. S. S. Stearns, of Washington, D. C., medical director.

"Virginia."

The southern war play, "Virginia," will be presented at The Opera-House early in September for the benefit of the West Augusta Guards, to aid the boys in paying for their uniforms. Twenty of the best amateurs in the City will be in the cast, and the West Augusta Guards will take part in the battle scene. Hundreds were turned away in Lynchburg when the play was first presented, and it has been revised and improved since then. The scenes are laid in the Valley before, during, and after the war, and the heroine is a Staunton girl.

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

We invite attention to the advertisement of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College at Blacksburg, Va., of which J. M. McBryde is President. We have on a number of previous occasions written so much in commendation of this college, that we deem it unnecessary at this time to do more than to briefly state that it is a valuable institution which prepares and equips young men for the practical duties of life—giving them desirable and useful information at cheap rates. This county has had some of her sons to avail themselves of the advantages it affords, but she should have many more, and we hope will have.

For the branches taught and other information, we refer to advertisement. The next session will begin September 21st.

Yost's Weekly.

The first number of *Yost's Weekly*, published by Maj. S. M. Yost, formerly of the *Valley Virginian*, and L. A. Fraser, recently of the *Shenandoah News*, was issued on Thursday, August 11th. It is an eight-column folio Republican paper, printed neatly with new type on good paper, and presents a good appearance.

These gentlemen are too well known as competent and experienced newspaper men to need any introduction to this community. The only regret is that their talents will be used in supporting a party that should no longer be allowed to rule this country.

Personal.

Mrs. A. B. Lightner is on a visit to her brother near Lewisburg, W. Va.

Miss Katie E. Hamilton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lorenzo D. Fleet in Strasburg.

At Clifton Forge next Tuesday, August 23, Mr. S. Lasting, of Portsmouth, will be married to Miss Katie Shenholtz, of Clifton Forge.

Mrs. Mary C. Byerley, of this city, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Shipman at Bridgewater, Rockingham county.

Mr. W. B. Ward, who, with his family, spent a week on a visit to relatives and friends at Hinton, W. Va., returned on Friday last.

Miss Blanche Rush, of Cincinnati, is on a visit to the home of Messrs. W. T. and J. H. Rush near Steele's Tavern in this county.

In the neighborhood of Greenville to-morrow Mr. Chas. C. Armstrong will marry Miss Lula Lightner.

Mrs. Virginia B. Donaghe and her daughter, Virginia, are visiting the family of Col. Jas. C. Cochran at Folly Mills.

Mrs. Chas. E. Fretwell, and two children, of this City, are visiting the family of Jno. H. Moore, Esq., near Montevideo in Rockingham county.

Donald Allen, General Manager of Pecos Valley Railway Company arrived, here at 9 A. M., on last Monday, on a visit to friends here.

Rev. Geo. Shuey, of the Lutheran church at Rock Island, Ill., accompanied by his wife, is on a visit to his father, Mr. Washington Shuey, of this county.

Mr. Jas. R. Kemper, of the Fishersville neighborhood in this county, accompanied by his wife and daughter, went to the Bear Lithia Springs, a few miles north of Elkton, on Monday of last week.

On the 3rd inst., at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church 4 miles from Buena Vista, Rev. O. F. Burgess married Wm. H. Miller to Miss Mary L. Patterson, who were horseback, and insisted on being married without dismounting, which was done.

At Buena Vista on last Wednesday morning, J. C. Piper was married to Miss Alice Lee, daughter of Mr. E. Lee, by Rev. R. F. Campbell. The parents of the groom, whom they visited after the ceremony, live at Lynnwood, Rockingham county.

A daughter of Sitting Bull, the Indian chief, was married on Thursday at Rondout, N. Y., to Peter Markle, formerly a United States soldier, whose life she saved when he was attacked by Indians.

Capt. J. T. Long, who was hurt by a fall as heretofore published and paralyzed for a while thereby, has sufficiently recovered to make his appearance, with the aid of crutches, on the street where he was cordially greeted by his many friends who were surprised as well as gratified to see him out again. When we expressed our surprise as well as delight at seeing him getting on so well, he replied that, "It is impossible to keep a working-man down unless you fill him with whiskey and sit heavily upon him."

Capt. Thos. S. Doyle, Principal of the D. D. & B. Institutiou, and Rev. Job Turner, Missionary for Deafmutes, who attended a convention of the Principals of Institutions for the D. D. & Blind, at Colorado Springs, arrived here on their return last Monday morning, the former at 1 o'clock A. M., and the latter at 9 o'clock A. M. On his way here, Mr. Turner preached at Newport, Ky., at 4 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mr. Geo. H. Baker, the first local reporter of the Staunton *Daily News* was married at Irvington, Va., on the 11th inst., to Miss Bernice L Rowe. The *Virginia Citizen* of that place of August 12th, says:—

"A very pretty but quiet home wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Carter, the home of the bride. The contracting parties were George H. Baker, foreman of the *Virginia Citizen*, and Miss Bernice L. Rowe, one of Irvington's charming belles, Rev. J. T. Payne officiating.

The happy couple left on the boat last evening, amid showers of rice, for a week's stay in Baltimore and Washington, D. C., after which they will take up their residence at the Irvington Beach hotel."

Premiums on Sugar-beets.

STAUNTON, AUGUST 12th, 1892.

CAPT. G. JULIAN PRATT,
Sec. Baldwin District Fair.

DEAR SIR:—Since talking with you today, we have decided to make the following proposition:—

We wish to offer the following Special Premiums on Sugar-beets for the 25th Annual fair, subject to the following conditions and such others as your judgment approves.

The party or parties receiving premiums shall have grown one acre of Beets this season.

They shall inform the Judges in writing, (which shall be free for publication,) all the facts relating to their culture, the yield per acre, the cost per acre in growing, the amount and kind of fertilizers used, the kind of soil on which they were grown, and all other information concerning their growth which may be desired by the Judges. The amount of Saccharine matter and purity found by analysis in the beets by competent analyzers, shall be the main reason for deciding the value of the Beets and determining which premiums shall be awarded. The size of the beet and its dryness shall also be taken into account in determining the premiums.

The following premiums will be awarded by the managers of the fair:—

100 pounds of the best granulated sugar for the best Sugar-beets.

50 pounds of the same sugar for the second best Sugar-beets.

25 pounds of the same sugar for the third best Sugar-beets.

Yours truly,
O. K. LAPHAM & CO.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail, for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. feb 10-1yr '92

Look after the Boys.

What the Norfolk *Landmark* says of Norfolk is true of other cities than that, and that is "that many boys from 5 to 16 years of age, children of the average citizens, men and women who are supposed to exercise ordinary care and supervision over the household and family, grow up like the grass and weeds in the old uncultivated fields. They wander about at will, courting those evil associations which corrupt good manners, studying and practising ways that are dark and tricks that are vain. They feel no restraining influence from home, and acknowledge no responsibility to the city authorities unless a policeman is in sight. They know that the law prohibits smoking cigarettes, and that it forbids the sale of that pernicious and active instrument of demoralization; yet they openly and defiantly smoke it without concealment and without reserve. This is a discouraging condition of things, for, from the rising generation of boys must come largely the future citizenry of a community. Accordingly as the lads are controlled and made to conform to the usages of civilized life, politeness, obedience to the laws of propriety and of the town, respectful observance of the rights of others, deference to older persons and reverence for religion, will be their future character, and the influence they will exert on society. It is of the highest importance, therefore, that parents and guardians should keep the lines of wholesome restraint and home government over their boys with a proper degree of tightness, and it is of no less importance that the police department of the city, of all cities, should take particular care to make the boys observe the law so far as it comes within the exercise of police authority."

For Malaria, Liver Trouble, or Indigestion, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

DEATHS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanger, wife of Mr. Robert Hanger, died at her residence in this city, on Wednesday evening, August 10th, after a brief illness, aged about 60 years, leaving a husband, but no children. She was a highly esteemed Christian woman, and a member of Second Presbyterian church.

The funeral services by her Pastor, Rev. Wm. Cumming, took place at the residence on Thursday, after which the remains were taken to Waynesboro for burial.

Mrs. Kate Gibson, the only sister of Gen. John D. Imboden, died on Saturday week at Saltville, Washington county, Va., aged 59 years. She was the widow of Mr. Geo. Gibson, Lewis county, W.Va., a Confederate soldier, who dted of typhoid fever in this city, during the war, in 1862. The next year, her brother, General J. D. Imboden, was in that section of the State with a military force, when Mrs. Gibson and her two children, accompanied by her father and mother, availed themselves of that opportunity to come under his protection to this Valley to live.

Mr. Jas. A. Patterson, Senior, a prominent citizen of this county, and an Elder in Mt. Horeb church, died at Shendun on Sunday night of last week, leaving three children, James A. Patterson, Jr., formerly of Waynesboro', now of the State of Washington, L. D. Patterson, of Shendun, and Mrs. Chas. D. Crawford, of Mt. Meridian.

Mrs. M. A. Snead, wife of Capt. James Snead, who was the C. & O. depot agent at Pond Gap in this county, died at her residence there on last Wednesday morning, of cholera morbus, after an illness of twenty-four hours, aged 60 years, leaving a husband, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

On Sunday of last week at Craigsville, Mrs. Thomas, the widow of Rev. Enoch Thomas, died in the 70th year of her age.

Geo. B. Shultz, who served during the war as a member of Co. E. 5th Va. regiment, died near Greenville on Sunday night of last week of cholera morbus, aged 65 years. He was buried at Mt. Carmel, Tuesday, the 9th, Rev. A. H. Hamilton officiating.

Mrs. Elizabeth Funk, a sister of Mr. Gideon Koiner, of New Market, died at her residence at Singer's Glen, Rockingham, aged about 62 years, and was buried at St. John's Church, August 11th. She leaves only one child, the wife of Mr. John S. Funk. She was an excellent woman, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. She was related to many in this county, who will lament her death.

We learn from the Rockbridge *News* that Captain William M. Kirkpatrick died at the residence of his son, William Kirkpatrick, at Alone Mills, Rockbridge county, on Thursday evening, August 4th. His death was in the main produced by the decline and the giving away of his strength produced by old age.

He was born on what is now known as the "Cameron place," east of Lexington, in December, 1809, and was therefore in his 83rd year. He was of one of the old Scotch-Irish families of this region, his father having emigrated from the north of Ireland in the 18th century. He married Catherine McKemy of the neighborhood, where he lived and died. To them were born seven sons, all of whom reached manhood and were well-known citizens except one, who died young. These are: John A., R. D., C. W., William, Samuel L. and Givens Kirkpatrick. These survive, except Samuel L. Kirkpatrick, who died two years ago.

His funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Shreckhise of the Lutheran church, and he was buried on Friday evening, August 5th, at the Alone cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of his neighbors, with whom he was very popular.

Rev. D. L. Wilson, who was born and reared near Churchville in this county, and who had been, since last winter, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Bristol, Tenn., after a protracted illness of six weeks, died in that place about 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, August 11th, aged 43 years. He was educated at Washington and Lee University, after which he was graduated at Union Theological Seminary in the spring of 1874, and in October, 1874, he was ordained as a minister by Lexington Presbytery, when he became pastor of the church at Broadway, Rockingham Co., and remained as such to 1880, when he was called to Pulaski, Tenn., where he served till last winter when he accepted a call to Bristol, Tenn., where he rendered able and faithful service till he was stricken down by disease which terminated his useful life on last Thursday morning. His death is a great loss to the church and is deeply deplored.

His remains were buried from the church of which he was pastor in the cemetery there on Friday morning, August 12th.

THE BIG AMERICAN SHOW.

Now Known and Honored Throughout the Earth.

That permanently distinct and perennial style of amusement known from the beginning as "The Circus," has been for ages the most popular with the masses, and will presumably continue to flourish under the canvas as long as new generations come into life's broad arena and memories of youthful pastimes survive. There is ample reason for this, and those who have so sagely predicted the ultimate fall of the circus empire with that of the mighty Roman one, with whose rise it was imperially identified, not only forget the halcyon, unsophisticated days when to them the hourl of the pad was a divinity in fairy garb, the clown a being superior to all the potentates on earth, the glittering spangles genuine gold and silver, and the magically rising tent the canopy of wonderland; but, furthermore, that human nature is essentially the same in Sells Brothers' day that it was in that of Olympian-crowned Nero, and physical skill and daring equally evied and admired. Let the doubters visit the phenomenally stupendous tents of Sells Brothers' big Australian living exhibit, circus, menagerie, hippodrome, spectacular pilgrimage to Mecca, and elfland, pageantry and frolics, which are to exhibit at Staunton on Wednesday, August 31 and they will find themselves in a charmed circle, and arenic equator, as it were, of over twenty centuries, and appealing most generously and brilliantly to popular appreciation. This world-famous show has but recently returned from a most extraordinarily successful six-months' tour in far distant Australia, and a stupendous and daring trip by sea and land of over twenty thousand miles. The recognition of its imminently, attractiveness and integrity by both the press and public of the young empire of the southern seas was instanteous, unanimous, and unqualified, and the admiration with which its plucky owners were regarded there, as genuine types of the most progressive, pronounced, and sturdiest American manhood, will be appreciated at home. They did not play the lick-spittle for royal favor; pay, as was done by a notorious showman in London, for the privilege of picking their teeth under the patronage of aristocracy, or pander to class prejudice. They kept the Stars and Stripes at the fore, treated all with strict Republican impartiality, acted honorably, and won squarely. Every newspaper in the Australian colonies fully subscribed to the compliment of the Sydney *Daily Herald* that it was "*an exhibition manifestly worthy its American reputation and the extensive promises with which it came upon Australia.*" Since its famous return in June, we have the concurrent testimony of the press of San Francisco and elsewhere that it is even a bigger and better show than when it left our shores, and it will doubtless be found such here, which is saying a great deal.

If your blood is impure regulate your liver with Simmons Liver Regulator.

Deafmute Convention.

As announced in last week's paper the Deafmuts Convention commenced at the Institution yesterday morning and was hard at work all day. About 100 mutes were in attendance upon the meeting. They came from all portions of the State, several from West Virginia, North Carolina and elsewhere.

The meeting was wholly a deafmute affair, there being no interpreter of what was said or done.

Rev. Mr. Turner opened the convention with devotional exercises, consisting of a prayer and discourse from Mark XVII; 36. Capt. Doyle President of the Institution, made an address of welcome which was full of pleasant things, especially to the old pupils of the Institution.

The response was by Mr. Thos. McCreery, of West Virginia.

Miss Lavenia Argabright, of Bluefield, recited a poem, and Messrs. Berkeley and Chamberlayne, Turner and Young Mr. Doyle made addresses.

President Michael's Annual address included a number of recommendations, including one for a new memorial asking the Legislature to separate the deaf from the blind, to consider the colored mutes of the State, and for the convention to consider appointing a State lecturer and preacher. These and other matters discussed during the afternoon session will be acted upon to-day. To day the officers will also be chosen.

The meeting has been a very gratifying affair with those who are interested in it. The mutes are domiciled at the Institution and at the Va. Hotel, and make their presence felt no little. To-night they will have a ball and banquet.

On Thursday they go to Weyer's Cave, and the gathering will break up about Friday to meet within two years elsewhere to be chosen by the Directory board.

Drunkenness a Disease.—The Keeley Treatment at Newport News.

Editor of the Spectator: In view of the developments made at the Keeley Institute in this State while located at Salem, as well as since its removal to its present admirable situation near Newport News, there can be no question, but that drunkenness is a disease and that it is curable. There are few of the counties or cities of Virginia that do not present living illustrations of the efficacy of the Keeley remedy in making radical cures of 95 per cent of those who have taken the treatment, and who in some cases, had been abandoned of kindred, friends and society.

An example in point, which is worth a volume of theorizing, exists in a statement just made public by Mr. Pierce Crockett, of Wythe county. To those who knew this gentleman before he sought relief from the curse of drink, the narration of his case will be a revelation that can scarcely be credited. It, however, is but one of very many who were similarly situated and who have been equally benefitted. Mr. Crockett says:—

"Having been cured of the liquor habit at Salem, Va., and having been asked a great many questions in regard to the treatment, its effects, etc., I will endeavor to give the public the facts. When I entered the Keeley Institute, I was greatly under the influence of liquor and my nervous system was in a fearful condition. I had been drinking very hard for several months and my physician had informed me that it was only a matter of a brief time as to how long I would live if the use of liquor was continued. I had a horror of dying a drunkard, hence my determination to enter the Keeley Institute. The morning after my arrival the treatment was begun. During the day four "shots" of the double chloride of gold were given me, together with other medicine taken every two hours; this, with warm baths at stated periods, constituted the routine. The physician in charge gave me all the whiskey I needed. The second day after treatment was begun I took but three drinks; the day following, (the third), I failed to have the least desire for any kind of stimulant, and, consequently, took none. This treatment continued for three weeks, and on the 19th of July I left Salem a cured man. I feel as though I had never tasted liquor, and haven't the least desire to drink. The treatment puts men in the same condition they were before they ever knew the taste of strong drink, they have no desire for liquor, and their system doesn't feel the need of any kind of stimulant, and if an individual ever returns to the habit after the treatment it is not because he wants to drink, but simply because he wants to renew his old habits.

"I think the Keeley treatment will prove a God-send to mankind, and will gladden the hearts of thousands of women whose lives have been made miserable. It will make homes that were desolate and that were filled with sorrow, those of happiness and peace. It will bring back to lives of usefulness men who have fallen to the lowest depths of ruin and degradation. Rev. Dr. Talmage never uttered truer words than when he said, "The Keeley treatment for inebriety would become triumphant; would be recognized in all the lands of the earth; that it had upon it the mark of the approval of the Lord God almighty." Dr. Talmage visited the original institute at Dwight, was familiar with the treatment, had seen the results and knew whereof he spoke. Permit me to say, in conclusion, that I can be enlightened and receive instruction in everything except the life of a poor, unfortunate inebriate. I had used liquor to the eternal ruin of myself; I stood upon the very verge of ruin and despair, and I do not think anything would have saved me except the treatment I received at the Keeley Institute. The almighty power of God seemed inadequate in my case, for the reason that I was never in a condition to seek his guiding hand. I never had liquor out of my system long enough to realize the great danger I was in. I could not look upon the past and I dare not look to the future where all was dark and threatening. What a fearful state of mind for a responsible being to be in? When I tried to look back upon the past I shuddered and wept for the distress I had caused loved ones. God forbid that others should remain in this condition when there is relief at hand. Would to God I had known of it years ago.

"Hoping that the relation of this experience may save some one from the embraces of the dreadful liquor curse, I am most truly,

D. PIERCE CROCKETT.

Wytheville, Va., August 1st."

This institution, which has effected so much good for Virginia, has been removed from Salem to an elevated and attractive point near Newport News, where additional facilities for treatment are at hand, and where patients for either the liquor or opium habit can be retired, rest and recuperate while undergoing treatment. The bathing beach is unsurpassed on the coast, and the amusements of boating, fishing, reading, billiards, &c., will serve to while away the time. The manager will gladly furnish literature on the subject, rates, &c. to all who request it.

Meeting of County Supervisors.

TAXES ASSESSED ON THE RAILROADS IN THE COUNTY.

The Board of Supervisors held a meeting at the County Almshouse on Tuesday of last week, the 9th instant, with the following members present: Messrs. Fulcher, McFall, Dunlap, Bumgardner, Coiner and Clerk Burnett.

For the following account of the proceedings we are indebted to the *News*:—

"The levy was laid on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway based on the value of $582,745 as assessed, as follows: For county purposes at 25 cents on the $100, the sum of $1,455.96; for county schools at 10 cents, $582.74; South River district school, $134.28; Beverly Manor do $150; Pastures do $298.47; South River district roads, $167.84; Beverly Manor roads, $225; Pastures, $378.09; total assessment of Chesapeake and Ohio, $3,388.28.

The Norfolk and Western property in the county, estimated from the same source, is valued at $435,370. The county levy at 25 cents per $100 is $1,088.42; county school levy at 10 cents, $435.87; South River district schools, $116.44; Middle River do $137.21; Riverheads do. $181.73; South River district roads, $145.55; Middle River district roads, $171.51; Riverheads roads, $227.18; total assessment on Norfolk and Western road property in the county $2,503.39.

The total assessed tax on the Western Union Telegraph Company's property for all purposes for 1890, 1891 and 1892, is $69.44.

On motion of Mr. Coiner, the superintendent of the poor was directed to have the dwelling on the almshouse farm covered with tin and otherwise repaired; and to have built a suitable house for the storage of farming implements and machinery.

There are at present 28 inmates of the almshouse who range in age from babes to octogenarians, nearly all of the older ones being confirmed invalids. Among the beneficiaries is a boy six years old, who has never spoken or walked.

The board in their inspection report all the affairs of the institution in good shape, the farm in excellent condition and well cared for and Superintendent Swartzel careful, efficient and kind.

Accounts were allowed amounting in the aggregate to $639.74, the principal part of which was for land damages awarded to A. A. Sproul on Wilson road petition.

A Wonderful Family With God's Blessing on It.

[From the Christian Observer.]

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever.—Isaiah 59; 21.

A piece of family history presents a striking fulfillment of this passage which may prove encouraging to some who read it.

It is stated in Mr. J. A. Waddell's Annals of Augusta County, Virginia, that Robert Poage, as one of the early settlers of that county, appeared in 1740 before the court of Orange county, and claimed the King's bounty, *i. e.*, fifty acres of land for himself and each member of his family whom he had imported into the country at his own expense. The family then consisted of his wife and nine children. A tenth was born subsequently.

A spirit of earnest piety seems to have pervaded the household, if we may judge from an extract or two from the letters of one of the children. Writing from Kentucky, July 28, 1792, she says:

"Though at a great distance, my children are as near my heart as when they were all present with me. I would be glad to hear of old things done away, and all things become new with each of you. I would ask you, my dear children, What think you of Christ? I hope you have been particular, all of you, to ratify your baptismal engagements by setting your seals that it is true—that you have received Christ as head, and you the members of the mystical body. So as ye have received Christ, walk ye in him. I could spend and be spent upon the subject, my dear children, but I hope you will improve the talents put into your hands, knowing that upon the Lord's return, which may be shortly, He will call you to count the improvement you have made. I hope you will take a serious consideration of this matter, as it is more than probable I may not meet you until that day,—that tremendous meeting, when we will hear the final sentence passed, of joyful bliss or endless woe."

The next year she writes:

"In this country you may behold the rise and progress of religion in the young and rising generation, and read our Savior's words, that these things are hid from the wise and prudent, and revealed to babes and sucklings. Our teachers here are lively and persevering, and the people warm and attentive; and I would to God, my son, your soul's happiness were as deeply impressed on your heart as it is on mine—all my children's happiness; all day my children walk before my sight and in my dreams I see them every night."

I wish to mention the names of ministers, ministers' wives, and missionaries, who have sprung from this godly stock. My enumeration is partial, as I can follow the lines of descent—and that not exhaustively—in the case of only three of the children.

The eldest son of Robert Poage was John, a son of whom was Rev. Thomas Poage, and a daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Moses Hoge; their sons were Dr. James Hoge, of Columbus, Ohio, Samuel Davies Hoge, and John Blair Hoge; a son of Dr. James is Rev. Moses Hoge, Ohio; a daughter, Elizabeth, married Dr. Robert Nall, of Alabama, and their sons are Rev. Drs. James and Robert Nall, and another daughter, Susanna, married Rev. M. A. Sacketts; Samuel Davies Hoge's sons were Drs. Moses D. and William Hoge, and the latter's son is Rev. Peyton Hoge, of North Carolina.

From Martha, a daughter of Robert Poage, have come, through a son, Robert, Rev. John Woods, an Episcopal minister of West Virginia; through another son, Andrew, Rev. Henry Woods, of Washington, Pa., whose daughter Margaret is about starting as a missionary for China, and Rev. F. M. Woods; through another son, Archibald, Rev. Alfred Paull, and his son, Rev. George Paull, of New Jersey, Rev. Edgar Woods, and his sons, Henry and Edgar, missionaries in China, and a third, James, preparing for the same field; through a daughter, Elizabeth Cloyd, Rev. Messrs. Alexander McEwen, and William and M. H. Houston; and through another daughter, Rebecca Kelly, Rev. John Kelly, of Ohio.

Another son of Robert Poage was Thomas, whose daughter, Elizabeth, married Rev. William Wilson, second pastor of the Stone Church, Augusta county, Va., and whose daughter, Mary, married Thomas Wilson, one of whose sons was Rev. Norval Wilson, and his son, Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. F. H. Havenner, grandson, of the M. E. Church; one of Thos. Wilson's daughters, Agnes, married Rev. Homer Clark, also of the Methodist Church, and another, Louisa, married Dr. John C. Lowrie, missionary to India.

Another family of Poages, settled mainly in Rockbridge county, Va., has nearly, if not altogether, as remarkable a record. From them were descended the wife of Rev. Samuel Brown, her five ministerial sons, James, Joseph, Henry, Samuel and William, and her daughter, Mrs. Morrison, with her daughters, Mrs. Dr. Ben. Smith, and Mrs. Dr. R. L. Dabney; Rev. Thomas L. and Rev. John Preston; and Mrs. Lane, widow of the lamented Edward Lane, missionary to Brazil.

It may be added that the wife of Dr. James Hoge, of Columbus, was a grand-daughter of Martha, daughter of Robert Poage.

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For Exhibition at the World's Fair.

The following letter from Captain T. C. Morton, Secretary of the Board of World's Fair Managers to Captain G. Julian Pratt, Secretary of the Baldwin District Fair, is of interest to the exhibitors at the Baldwin District Fair:—

The board of World's Fair Managers of Virginia recognizing the importance of the exhibit which is annually made at your Fair, desires to seize upon the opportunity to be offered at your approaching exhibition. A Committee consisting of the Manager for the 7th District, the Secretary, the Business Commissioner and the lady assistant of our Board will attend your Fair August 23rd to 26th for the purpose of soliciting such exhibits as may be deemed suitable for the World's Fair and have them properly cared for until the time arrives for shipping them to Chicago.

We hope that you will co-operate with us by making public this purpose of our Board and by facilitating in any way that suggests itself to you, the efforts of our committee in this great undertaking. I am,

Very truly yours,
T. C. MORTON, Sec.

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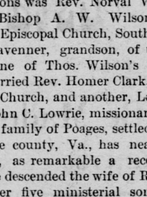

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DEATHS.

DINKLE.—Near Mossy Creek Church, Thursday, August 11th, Mrs. John Dinkle, aged 55 years.

BAILEY.—On Sunday last, on Stuart street, infant child of Mr. R. S. Bailey, aged 3 months.

Baldwin District Fair.

Bear in mind that the Baldwin District Fair will open on next Tuesday and will continue four days. The exhibition promises to be good and the attractions numerous and interesting, and it is hoped that it will be numerously attended. Great improvements have been made. Don't fail to attend.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of August 11th, says:—

"The past week has marked an absence of rains in nearly all regions of the West. Some local showers have given partial relief, but this has occurred only in a limited degree. The result is that it has been more severely prejudicial to the growing corn than any previous week since the crop got under headway. It is true that much the larger portion of the area has not yet suffered to a great extent, but the needful advancement in development has had more or less of a check, and in some portions of the Missouri valley region the injury has become positive and permanent, while in many other localities the situation is bordering on conditions of impairment which can only be averted by very prompt relief by rainfall. The general average condition of corn is not so high as previously.

In the Northwest the later information concerning wheat is somewhat less favorable than previously as a whole. Severe hailstorms have occurred during the week over quite an extent of country.

Returns relative to oats indicate disappointment more frequently than otherwise, and point to light weight of this grain.

Interest in the speculative wheat market has enlarged. The Chicago market for some days was without special change, but on Monday shared in the strengthening turn given to the corn market, from the reports of injury to this crop. The close is 1½ on September and 1⅞c on December wheat below the highest on Monday, and ⅞c higher than a week ago. On corn the close is 2c on September and 2⅛c on May below the highest on Monday, and 3⅜c higher than a week ago.

Total wheat on passage this week 25,392,000 bushels, against 23,008,000 last week, and 37,304,000 last year.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 7,424,000 bushels for the week, against 4,118,000 the preceding week, and 5,995,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 1,822,000 bushels, against 1,455,000 the preceding week, and 2,409,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

From the weekly financial Review of Henry Clews dated August 13th, we quote the following:—

The efforts of the bears to force out stocks by means of false rumors about the corn crop were not very successful. All such rumors were silenced by the Government report for August first, which showed the condition of corn to be 82.5 per cent, against 81.1 per cent the previous month. In some sections there has been considerable damage by drought, especially in Kansas, but later reports of subsequent rains are more satisfactory. To most observers the August crop report seems to have been a disappointment; yet it should not be overlooked that present low prices for wheat, corn and cotton are all due to the over-production of last year. A smaller yield of these staples this year, provided quality proves fair, is really the most fortunate circumstance that could happen. There is no prospect whatever of a shortage of cotton, corn or wheat. There will be surplus enough of each left over to meet all possible deficiencies of the coming season. Had we experienced another year of such abundance as last year, there is no telling at what prices the chief farm staples would have dropped to.

The immediate course of the market is uncertain. In view of present low prices and the confidence with which stocks are held by big capitalists, there would seem to be room for an advance, particularly as all the unfavorable influences now visible are either diminishing in intensity or have been amply discounted. As the public are not in the market, any real activity or advance would have to be inaugurated by some of the big leaders who have not yet manifested any disposition of this sort. One or two attempts were made in the Industrials and a few special stocks; but their success has not yet tempted any imitators. Possibly, the fact that there is an outstanding short interest of some consequence discourages operations on the bull side; though in case of a genuine bull market this would be an element of strength. Upon the whole, the situation is not an unfavorable one; but until the legality of the Coal combine is decided and other tendencies become more settled speculative operations will have to be conducted with caution.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 16, 1892.

We give the quotations of those articles the prices of which have been changed since last week as follows:—

Butter 18cts. Eggs 12cts. New Corn 58 to 60cts Cornmeal 62 to 65cts. Wheat 76 to 78c. Sugar—Cutloaf 6¾; Granulated 4¾; Powdered 5¾; and standard A 4¾.

Hay—Timothy, $12 to $13; mixed $10 to $12.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
THURSDAY, August 11, 1892.

Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	$4 25 @4 50
Generally rated first quality	3 25 @4 00
Medium or good fair quality	2 75 @3 25
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	$2 00 @2 50

Of the Cattle received 104 came from Virginia.

The market is not active by any means. Values showed but little difference from those of last week.

Milch Cows—Trade was slow at $20@45 per head.

Veal Calves—Trade was fairly good at 4@5½c per lb, and a few extra a shade higher.

Sheep and Lambs.—The sheep market has not been active since early in the week. Sheep 3@4½c, and a few extra at 4¾c per lb gross. Lambs 4@5½c per lb, and a few extra a shade higher.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
MONDAY, August 16, 1892.

SWINE.—The receipts, which number some 900 less than last week, are sufficient for the demand, which is generally considered as only fair at best, and at the prices ruling last week. We quote the range for Western corn-fed Hogs at 6.40@6.50 per 100 lbs gross; grassers, which are amply sufficient for the demand for them, 5.75@6.00; and rough Hogs, Sows and Stags, 5.40@5.50 per 100 lbs gross. Receipts 8,900 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Sheep are more flat at 3@4½ cents, and a few extra at 4¾ cents per lb gross,