Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The building in the Court-house square owned by Mrs. John B. Baldwin, in which are the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and several lawyers' offices, has been sold for her by L. E. Williams, real estate agent, to Wm. Patrick, Esq., for $4,250.

C. T. Palmer has sold his warehouse opposite the C. & O. Depot to Col. Jno. Lewis Peyton for $4,500.

Mr. Charles H. Goodwin, formerly of the Baldwin Theatre, San Francisco, has been engaged by Charles B. Hanford as business manager for his Julius Cæsar Company. Mr. Robert Saturn, M. C. Stone, Frank Handley, Melvin Field and Antonio Greshoff will be members of Mr. Hanford's supporting Company.

Willard B. Wright, who was to have been a member of Charles Hanford's Julius Cæsar Company met with a serious accident while at Atlantic City, and has, therefore, been obliged to cancel his contract with Mr. Hanford.

"Romance," the magazine of complete stories, shows every month new signs of the improvement in its character, since Mrs. Kate Upson Clark became its editor. The September issue will be the first of a notable series of special numbers illustrating the fiction of different nations, at least half of the stories in it being from the French. Special numbers devoted largely to stories from other foreign languages will follow. The November issue will be a special American number.

Children's Entertainment.

The Sabbath school of Mossy Creek Church will give a public entertainment in the grove at that place Wednesday, Sept. 7th, to begin about 5 o'clock in the evening and to continue till about 10 o'clock at night. This is a delightful place for such festivals, and the deserved reputation of the good ladies of the church has always attracted the public. There will most probably be a large crowd on this occasion as the object is a very deserving one.

Indictments.

On Monday the Grand Jury made the following indictments:—

Jesse A. Walker, murder; James Koogler, felony, consisting of malicious wounding; M. Robert Scott, misdemeanor, consisting of assault with intent to kill, in one count, and in another count malicious maiming, shooting and wounding; Charles Dorcas, housebreaking and larceny; James C. Nutty, misdemeanor, consisting of assault and battery; John Rose, colored, felony, consisting of attempted rape.

An Assignment.

Mrs. Margaret A. Ably has made an assignment to Capt. Jas. Bumgardner, Trustee, of the stock of goods in the clothing store conducted by J. W. Alby, Agent, to pay the debts incurred, aggregating the sum of $6,285.53.

The community regret this necessity and sympathize with Mr. Alby in his financial misfortunes. He is a worthy and popular citizen who has done business in this city for many years to the satisfaction of his customers who have uniformly found him correct in his dealings and accommoding in his manner. It is hoped he will be able again to resume business with better success.

Grand Re-Union of Confederate Veterans.

On next Saturday, under the auspices of Stover Camp, No. 20 Confederate Veterans, there will be a Grand Re-union of Confederate Veterans and picnic at Fisher's Hill near Strasburg. Excursion trains on the B. & O. Railroad. All veterans are invited, and it will be an interesting and enjoyable occasion. Speeches will be made by distinguished Generals and Orators.

Several Brass Bands will be present. Hon. John W. Daniel is the orator of the day, and among others invited are Gen. Fitz Lee, Gen. John B. Gordon, Gen. L. L. Lomax, Gen. Wm. H. Payne and Hon. Holmes Conrad.

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.

A Pleasant Party.

The Misses Gray gave a delightful party to their guest Miss Nita McCoy, of Annapolis, Md., on Friday evening last, at their charming suburban home. Among the company were Misses Henderson Dangerfield, Maggie Morton, Mary Morton, Katie Baker, Lizzie Hanger, Jennie McCue, Flora Williams, Peachy Williams, Susie Cochran, Anne Cochran, Virginia Donaghe, Miss Ellyson, of Richmond, A. Ftsher and A. Camp. Messrs. Walker McChesney, T. Blackford, Lawrence W. H. Peyton, Dr. Catlett, H. Catlett, P. B. Sublett, S. Sublett, E. Sublett, Carter Harrison, Ed. Harrison, A. Morton, Harry Eichelberger and G. Hanger.

Death of Edward H. Fisher.

This well-known gentleman of Richmond died of heart disease at half past 3 o'clock last Monday morning, August 23rd at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Leroy P. Daingerfield, near Verona 5 miles from Staunton, aged 46 years. His remains were taken to Richmond for interment. He has filled several important positions; among them local editor of the Richmond *Dispatch* some years since, Secretary of the State Democratic Committee, and latterly that of Clerk in the office of the First Auditor of the State. As the *News* says, he was twice married—first to Miss Belle Taylor, daughter of the late Edward M. Taylor, of this City, and afterwards to Miss Lillie Daingerfield. He leaves two children, a daughter of his first wife, aged 25 years, and a son of his second wife, aged about 5 years. Mr. Fisher was a brother of Mrs. Annie Camp, matron of the D. D. and B. Institution, and of Robert H. Fisher, the Chesapeake and Ohio ticket agent at Richmond.

Stonewall Jackson Camp.

A meeting of Stonewall Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans was held on Monday at their Headquarters.

Thirty-odd applicants, who had paid their initiation fees, were admitted to membership.

A record will be kept of the service of each member, with the names and dates of the engagements in which he participated.

A committee consisting of comrades Ranson, Hotchkiss and Drake was appointed to get the names and residence of the soldiers in and near the county of Augusta that application thanks might be sent to each. A number of applications for membership were received, among them, those of General John Echols, of Louisville, Ky., and of General Thomas L. Rosser, of Charlottesville.

Republican Congressional Convention.

The Republican convention to consider the question of nominating a candidate for Congress for this District will meet at the court-house in Staunton on Thursday, September 22nd. The delegates and alternates elected to this convention, by the several counties and cities of this district, will be certified to S. Brown Allen, chairman of the Congressional Committee, Staunton.

The counties of the District and the city of Staunton will be entitled to delegates and alternates as follows:—

	DEL.,	ALT.
Alleghany	4	2
Amherst	6	3
Appomattox	2	1
Augusta	10	5
Bath	2	1
Buckingham	6	3
Cumberland	4	2
Fluvanna	3	2
Highland	2	1
Nelson	6	3
Rockbridge	9	5
Staunton	2	1
Botetourt	5	3

If you are melancholy or down with the blues you need Simmons Liver Regulator.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

Remarks by Capt. John N. Opie, Hon. Jas. L. Gordon, of Albemarle, and Hon. John T. Harris, of Rockingham.

There was Democratic speaking at the Court-house last Monday. Between 12 and 1 o'clock, Capt. John N. Opie, Chairman of the County Democratic Committee, took the stand to introduce Hon. Jas. L. Gordon, of Albemarle, but before doing so, he made a few remarks on the importance of this canvass and the duty and necessity of the Democrats to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of the Democratic ticket. Sixty days ago, he said, the party was threatened with disruption by being divided into Cleveland and anti-Cleveland men who had each other by the throat, but since the nomination they have patriotically become united in the support of Cleveland and Stevenson.

A party, which is called the "People's Party," is in the field threatening to divide the Democrats and make way for the success of the Republican party. The Democratic party is the true People's party as its name signifies and its character has established. It has labored for the relief which the Farmers' Alliance seek. The grievances of which they complain are not due to the Democratic party, which has not had the power for thirty years to pass any laws, and they should attach the blame to the party which has been ruling the country to its detriment and the oppression of the people. The legislation of the Republican party has been in the interests of the few at the expense of the many. He felt no apprehensions about the Farmers' Alliance men in this county—he knew they were true, and believed they would give 1,500 Democratic majority in this county; but there were those in other counties who would vote for the Third party ticket, and thus weaken the Democrats, and as every vote would count in determining the result, he urged upon every Democrat the importance of voting right, for this is the most critical campaign we have ever had. There is war now in three of the States. The man who fails to vote for Cleveland, or votes for any other ticket, is aiding to elect Harrison. The anglo-saxon race should rule this country. He then introduced Hon. Jas. L. Gordon, whom, he said, was a gentleman of culture and ability who had made national question a study, and who was also an orator.

HON. JAS. L. GORDON.

Then Hon. Jas. L. Gordon took the stand and for more than an hour held the delighted attention of the audience with a speech of ability and eloquence. It was strong in its statement of facts and arguments, which were expressed with good diction in eloquent terms, and delivered with great impressiveness. It was addressed to the reason, good sense, and patriotism of the audience, and made an impression which cannot fail to be productive of good. His appeals to the audience to rally unitedly to the support of the Democratic ticket to avoid the horrible doom impending were truly eloquent. We have not the time or space to give such a report of his speech as it deserves. We can only notice in a general way the main line of thought presented.

He acknowledged his thanks to Capt. Opie for his high, extravagant, and, he feared, undeserved compliments. He was no great statesman, no great politician, and no great orator, but simply one of the people, a plain, private citizen, anxious to do his duty to the State and the constitution. He wished to address the farmers of Augusta county, who make their bread by the sweat of their brows, but not on the question of farming, for he was not a farmer; but would seek to unite them in the support of their highest interests. The importance of the issues involved should be considered without passion or prejudice, but with calmness and judgment. The farmers felt that they were carrying unequal burdens; that they sowed but did not reap, and they were justified in banding themselves together. They were conscious that something was wrong, though they could not know what it was. They knew that fortunes had been amassed with the balance on the wrong side. The Republicans have been in power since 1861 and have blocked all Democratic legislation, and the American flag now waves over farms mortgaged to the amount of $2,500,000,000; over great fortunes and extreme poverty; over a debauched ballot-box, and foreigners who cannot speak our language.

Last year the cost of running the government was $450,000,000, and the next year it will be $500,000,000, of which $280,000,000 will be required to pay Federal pensioners. This is a great country and a great wheat-growing country, but all the wheat in the country would not pay it; neither would all the gold and silver and other metals pay it; nor would all the cotton, wine, and tobacco pay it. It costs more than the costly monarchical governments of Europe. This vast sum of money, annually thus expended, comes out of the pockets of the people, by means of the tariff—"the direful spring of all our woes"—taxing everything we wear or use in any way. It is in such a way that the people do not know how or when they pay it. but they pay it all the same. This was illustrated both instructively and amusingly, by giving the case of a Mr. smith who was a hign tariff man till he read carefully and made an application to himself of the items of the McKinley Bill. He was a man who had—

"A little farm well tilled
And a little wife well willed,"

and who, in former times, was prospering in a very satisfactory way—laying up something every year. Latterly he found that such was not the case in spite of his industry and economy, and was at a loss to understand it till he gave the McKinley bill a careful examination, when he found that everything he and his wife wore, all they had in the household, in the chamber, in the parlor, in the kitchen, and all the things he used on his farm, everything. great and small, he could lay his hands upon were taxed by the McKinley tariff,

The farmers need the world as a market, and should not be restricted to the home market, as a high tariff has a tendency to do by putting obstruction in the way of trade with other countries. Mr. Blaine in his look—"Twenty years in the Senate"—says that the people were never so prosperous as during the period of a low tariff. Wages are not controlled by the tariff, but by the supply and the demand. They are higher in England than in the protective tariff countries of Europe, which shows that the tariff does not increase wages. It is not a protection to American labor, but to monopolies. Yet, strange as it is, farmers and laborers have voted to keep the Republican party in power, and are now called upon again to vote for Harrison or Weaver. It is a difficult matter to dislodge the Republican party. The Democrats have been trying for years to do so, and they have never had so good a chance to do so as now, and but for the "People's Party" dividing the vote there would be no doubt of their success. Gen. Field acknowledges that the only effect of the People's Party in Virginia will be to give the State to the Republican ticket.

Silver was demonetized by John Sherman, a leader of the Republican party. The circulation is now being increased at the rate of $4,500,000 a month. The trouble is not so much that there is not enough money in the country, as that it is not properly distributed—some one else has got our share of it. The tariff and pension bills are drawing it from the South to the North, enriching them and impoverishing us.

Some say that Cleveland is the tool of Wall Street. The history of Grover Cleveland shows that he is the tool of no man—that he thinks and acts for himself uninfluenced by others. Some have complained of him that he was too blamed independent and honest, and could not be influenced by politicians. He is a man of ability and honesty, and has always stood by the people and their rights and interests. He has been and is the friend of the South, because he is the friend of his whole country. Gen. Weaver has abused and denounced the South and heaped contumely upon our people, and has never taken any of it back. Harrison is not a friend, but an enemy of the South, and has not put Southern men in any office of dignity

The Democratic party is pledged to repeal the act demonetizing silver, and to repeal the 10 per cent tax on State Banks, the effect of which will be to increase the circulation.

In reference to the Force Bill and its being rushed through the House of Representatives, he said it was the deadliest blow ever aimed at liberty. He then gave its horrible character in detail, showing how ingeniously it provides for robbing the Southern people of the elections, and denying them all means of redress. It invests the chief supervision with more power than was ever given to mortal man. These officers are appointed for life, and they can shoot men down or imprison them and cannot be tried by the State courts. They can go into the homes of the people at their will. They can make such returns as they choose and they cannot be prevented. And the Republican party is under pledge to pass this bill. The Democrats should stand together, rally around Grover Cleveland, and relieve the people. There is nothing more certain than that either Cleveland or Harrison will be elected—there is no show for Weaver, and a vote for him is really, in effect, a vote for Harrison. Mr. Gordon closed with an eloquent appeal to laboring men, railroad men, and heads of families, all of whom had been favored by Democratic legislation, and to the farmers and the soldiers, Federal and Confederate, at the reveille of freedom, to rally and stand with the Democratic party.

HON. JOHN T. HARRIS.

Just as Mr. Gordon closed, Hon. John T. Harris, of Rockingham, arrived at the Court-house. As soon as his presence was observed calls were made upon him for a speech. In response thereto he took the stand and made some remarks, not a regular speech, for which he was not prepared. He said that he had represented the people of Augusta for a number of years—that he always spoke the truth as he understood it. Men sometimes think ahead of the people and sometimes behind them. When he spoke in the Rink four years ago, he devoted the first part of his speech to the danger of allowing the Republicans to rule, for the reason that they would pass a Force Bill. The people then did not share that fear with him—then he was ahead of the people. Had it not been for the silver bill, the Force bill would have been passed. It is now the great and living issue. It was the misfortune of Hon. A. H. H. Stuart to think ahead of the people, but the results showed that he was always right.

Some say that it matters not how low prices are if all things are proportionately low, but he did not think so. That would do for those who merely wished to clothe their backs and feed their bellies, but not for those who wished to lay up something for their children.

He made some reference to the tariff, and said that its workings were hard to understand—that he did not, and for so saying, "his right there was none to dispute." He closed by some remarks very complimentary of Hon. H. St. G. Tucker as a Representative in Congress, saying he was the best this District has had, not even excepting his distinguished father, for he thought the son more practical.

Personal.

Mr. Marvin Watts, of Strasburg, has accepted a position as clerk in the dry goods store of S. D. Timberlake.

Miss Kate W. Burress, of Richmond, is spending a few days with friends in this City.

Mr. J. K. Smith has retired from the editorial management of the Shenandoah City *Herald of Progress*.

Miss Helen Hanger, of this city, is visiting Miss Elma Moore at Quicksburg, Shenandoah county.

Mrs. Rankin Todd, of Mt. Solon, and her two children, are on a visit to the family of Dr. F. E. Reid, near New Market.

Mr. Thomas D. Phillips, of Ritchie county, W. Va., has been visiting his friends in Staunton, and returned to his home last week.

Col. Jas. H. Skinner and his sister, who have been spending several weeks at Orkney Springs, have returned.

Hon. R. H. Clarke, congressman from the 1st district in Alabama, is at Hotel Kalorama with his family, where they will remain until the opening of congress in December.

Mrs. D. M. Layton, *nee* Cooke, who has been on a visit to relatives in this county, returned on Friday last to her home in Frankford, Greenbrier county, W. Va., about 10 miles north of Lewisburg.

On Saturday evening a week, Pres. Dolan, of Roanoke, formerly of this place, eloped with Miss Annie Oakey, of Salem, daughter of Mr. John W. Oakey, to Bristol, Tenn., where they were married.

Mr. R. H. Martin, of Woodstock, editor of the Shenandoah County *Record*, who is on a visit to this city, the guest of Mr. R. M. Timberlake, had the misfortune Monday morning to have his ankle sprained.

George A. Hutcheson and daughter, Miss Nettie, have returned home after a trip of several weeks through Indiana and Ohio.

He says he was surprised to observe that very little interest seemed to be taken in politics in those States.

On her return from a visit to Lake Chatauqua, N. Y., during which she visited Niagara Falls and the Thousand Irelands, Miss Mattie E. Cooke arrived here on last Thursday on the way to her home. In a short while she will return to Decatur, Ga., to resume her duties as teacher in the Agnes Scott Institute.

Among the deaf mutes who attended the Reunion in Staunton last week was Mr. Thomas H. Tillinghast, of North Carolina.—He came in 1842 to the Virginia Institution in its infancy, that was then temporarily located on what is now occupied by Messrs. Becher, Fauver & Co., Great American Stock Company, Clemmer & Hogshead, and P. Baylor, and graduated in eight years. In its rear was a garden that produced vegetables enough for the pupils. Mr. Tillinghast is now a teacher at the North Carolina Institution for deaf mutes. He was astonished at the grand improvements that had been made, and was charmed with the surroundings, and felt desirous of taking up his residence in this place which he still considered as his old home.

Baldwin District Fair.

Yesterday was the first day of the Baldwin District Fair. As usual, the first day was not so fully attended as will be the succeeding days. A large crowd may be expected to-day and to-morrow, and it is hoped the last day, Friday, will be more numerously attended than heretofore if the weather shall be favorable.

For the SPECTATOR.

Picnic at Blackwood Home.

It was our good fortune to attend a picnic, on the 13th inst., in the grove on the Blackwood home farm, gotten up by Mrs. Swink, Mrs. Vanfossen, and other ladies of the neighborhood. This day is another added to the list of pleasant ones, spent by me in that same grove. There were old men and women, young men and maidens, and even invalids, in their wheel-chairs, were tempted to visit the sylvan shades, and forget, for the time, their aches and hours of solitude. Many thanks are due the ladies for their most excellent and bountiful dinner, which could not fail to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious. Thanks are also due Mr. Vanfossen and the young men, who furnished liquid refreshment, in the shape of iced lemonade, which was delicious and refreshing partaken of under the giant oaks, which were wreathed in fragrant cedars and decorated with flowers, the handiwork of fair madens, whose presence was one of the chief attractions to some of the young men.

The forenoon was spent by the young people in amusing games and by the old ones in reminiscenses of their youth. Oh! how we enjoyed it all, and wished we were young again. In the afternoon, a game of base-ball afforded amusement to those who understood and appreciated the game. Long live the good people of that dear old neighborhood. May they have many such pleasant reunions, and may we be there to meet with them.

W. ***

MIDDLEBROOK.

The dry weather has done an incalculable amount of harm around here to all vegetation. Everything is burned up nearly.

D. B. Engleman, who has been a successful merchant here for several years, has, we are informed, concluded to sell out at cost his nice stock of goods and move away. He has been a quiet, good citizen, and the village will doubtless miss him. We have not learned where he will locate.

The mail contractor on the route from Staunton to the "Baths" is Mr. Hall. He has of late placed a nice 2-horse top wagon on the road for the accommodation of those persons who desire to go over the road. It is a nice vehicle with two seats, and in charge of Mr. Hall, who is a nice, sober young man. It is a long-felt want supplied, and a great accommodation to the traveling public. We wish him success.

Our village is to have a new store, if reports be true.

D. M. Smith, of this place, has used nearly 75 pounds of horseshoe nails since July 1st, and done a good deal of other blacksmithing besides.

Mr. Hess, near here, had his cancer treated by a physician from some other State and is getting well of it rapidly, so we learn. We are glad to hear of his recovery from it.

Last Sunday a week was Children's day at Oakland Church near here. The services were conducted by the Rev. Clarke, of the M. E. Church. Every piece was well rendered and everything was a grand success. The officers of the school went to a vast amount of trouble to make it a success. The whole Church was trimmed with evergreens, while around the pulpit there was hung appropriate mottos, &c. The collection was fine. The Rev. said it was the largest of any he had been present at this year on the circuit. The speakers all rendered their parts well. Much praise is due them all for the nice way in which everything was conducted.

D. M. Smith, of this place, is going to Ohio Oct. 1st, to look out a home, to which he will move some time during the early spring with his entire family.

Mr. Wm. Mish was driving a colt to his cart one day last week and in passing a house a dog run out and caught his horse by the tail. It began to kick and run. His daughter succeeded in jumping out, but was considerably bruised though. The horse kicked the front out of the cart and came near killing Mr. Mish. It was a very fortunate escape, indeed, that they were not killed or seriously hurt.—Such dogs should have a block to them to prevent their getting into the road at all.

Mr. Chas. Armstrong and Miss Lula Lightner, both of near Greenville, were married at the bride's home last week by Rev. Schenk.

We are sorry to hear of the Misses Hogshead both being so ill of fever at their home near here. They are attended by their uncle, Dr. R. A. McChesney. We hope they will soon be well again.

Mrs. R. A. Helms has returned from her visit to friends in Maryland. It is her birthplace, and is the first visit she has made there since she left to come here. She enjoyed herself very much indeed.

In a letter to a Staunton paper from this place mention is made of a young lady of this place inheriting a large sum of money from a friend in the West. We have not learned who it is that is so very fortunate.

Apples are almost an entire failure around here.

The pastures are all burned up and stock fares badly now for want of grass.

Mr. Thomas, the new preacher at Shemariah, gives general satisfaction. He is a self-made man, and has labored hard to obtain his education. He will surely make his mark in the world if he lives, and he bids fair to build up the Church.

R.

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.

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Parnassus.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION—MINERAL—PERSONAL—FUNERAL.

The convention of the Sunday-school Union of this County was in session two days at Mt. Zion U. B. Church near here and adjourned on the 19th inst., to meet at Greenville in 1893. This session was harmonious and profitable socially and spiritually. Growing interest in the cause was manifested, and is said to be one of the best meetings since its organization. Rev. Mr. B. Oney, the President, was re-elected for another year. A very appropriate address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Wm. H. Samsell, pastor of the U. B. Church, and was responded to by Rev. Wm. Cummings of Staunton in a manner worthy of the Rev. gentleman and the occasion.

The reports from the various sunday-schools showed interest in the cause. Large and attentive audiences attended and the various topics were ably discussed. The humorous thrusts made on several occasions were heartily enjoyed, but there was harmony from the beginning to the end, which is rarely ever the case on occasions of that kind among so many different persuasions. The Union was entertained kindly and liberally.

Prof. C. L. Wilson, of Staunton, with his cornet, and Prof. J. T. Clark, of Mt. Solon, at the organ, furnished excellent music, which was enjoyed and complimented by all lovers of good music.

A refreshing shower visited us Sunday afternoon, slightly refreshing vegetation that so sadly needs rain.

Miss Ellen S. Drake, of Philadelphia, a recent graduate of Penn. Hospital of the trained nurse department, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Bucher, of this village, and has returned home accompanied by her sister Mrs. B., and her niece Miss Ella Bucher.

Rev. W. Briscoe, of Charleston, West Va., will return home this week, having enjoyed a visit to his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. T. Cooper, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at this place.

The mineral recently unearthed on the farms of Messrs. John H. Jones and John A. Silling, has been pronounced by an expert of great commercial value and will in due time be utilized.

Mr. W. C. Hedrick, of the W. L. A., has returned to duty after enjoying a furlough among his kindred and friends. He visited our health-giving fountains and his healthy appearance and smiling face warrant the conclusion that he has been greatly benefited and secured a long lease of continuance on this mundane sphere.

Mr. Wm. Bryan and bride of Staunton visited their relatives here last Sunday.

The Sunday services held last Sunday in the grove on the land of Mr. A. Deafenbaugh, near Spring Hill, were well attended.

Dr. M. M. Jones of this village was summoned last Saturday to the bedside of his uncle, Mr. Jackson Jones, of Doe Hill, Highland Co., who is extremely ill.

Mrs. Mamie, wife of Prof. E. O. Peale, is convalescing after a prolonged and serious illness.

Mr. W. A. Lewin, wife and family, of Baltimore, are rusticating at our health resorts, and visited friends here last Sabbath.

Mrs. Cora Wilson is recovering from a long and serious illness.

Miss Lena Wright of Staunton is visiting frieuds here.

The funeral of Harriet, wife of George Williams (colored) took place last Monday and largely attended. The remains were laid away in a handsome casket furnished by E. B. Bear of Churchville. Harriet was a worthy woman and was greatly esteemed.

For a sluggish and torpid liver, nothing can surpass Ayer's Pills. They contain no calomel, nor any mineral drug, but are composed of the active principles of the best vegetable cathartics, and their use always results in marked benefit to the patient.

HERE THEY COME.

The Big Show and its Foreign Captives.

This year Sells Brothers' amusement holiday for everybody within a radius of fifty miles of Staunton falls on Wednesday, Aug. 31, and the indications all point to such an influx and mustering of our stalwart country cousins, their good wives, sturdy sons and rosy-cheeked daughters, as was never seen on such an occasion before. For the glory and profit of their twenty-first annual amusement campaign, the Messrs. Sells have clearly made herculean efforts to provide any amount of everything to please all tastes, while carefully excluding everything in the shape of debauching and prurient so-called "spectacles," and aught calculated to injure the morals of the young or offend a parent's sense of propriety and refinement.

The Big Show of the World will be presented here in more than the magnitude and perfection which, during the past winter months so entirely captivated Australia and won the unqualified admiration of its press and people, for while abroad most notable additions were made to its attraction, by the purchase in Australasia, the East Indies and elsewhere of many exceedingly rare and royal wilds beasts, birds and reptiles. Conspicuous among them three truly tremendous Tigers, as big a cows, and any one of which could make a picnic lunch of any other heretofore exhibited; a whole drove of giant Kangaroos of varied hue, a flock of splendid full-grown and baby Emus, prodigious constricting serpents, old apes and gorgeously plumaged, language-gifted birds. To the other novel and varied attractions of the show we need not again make special reference. They are duly and fairly set forth in the flood of advertisements, and constitute a grand and wholesome exhibit which cannot fail to universally please and profit.

The Messrs. Sells wish it distinctly and finally understood that their great show is not divided, never was and never will be, but is always and everywhere fully, fairly and squarely presented. They do not pamper New York City and starve all the rest of the land with a cut-down, interior exhibition. On the contrary, they employ for the entire season the great artists which others can only get to engage for a few days' metropolitan appearance, and, consequently, give the most expensive, brilliant and complete performances of all.

Prosperous B. & O. Relief Department.

The Baltimore and Ohio Relief Department has ordered a dividend of one per cent. per annum to all depositors having accounts drawing interest at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30th last. This is the third consecutive year this dividend has been declared. This dividend is in addition to the four per cent. interest guaranteed under the regulations and, taken with that, is equivalent to five per cent. interest per annum upon deposits. The total amount of deposits to date is $1,666,440.16; total loans $1,065,362.18. The loans to employees have been expended in building 568 houses, buying 532 houses, and improving 118 houses, already owned. Liens released 274.

Some people are constantly troubled with boils—no sooner does one heal than another makes its appearance. A thorough course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the best of blood-purifiers, effectually puts an end to this annoyance.—We recommend a trial.

PROGRESS AT BUENA VISTA.

ANOTHER NEW AND VALUABLE INDUSTRY STARTED.

[Correspondence of the Staunton SPECTATOR.]

BUENA VISTA, Va., August 19, 1892.

The hotter the weather, the harder the men in charge of developing interests here seem to work. President Barclay is untiring and has scored another good figure in urging on new enterprizes under the auspices of the Buena Vista Company. This time it is for the product of what is known as "Mineral Wool." That fabric is made of limestone and the slag or flax of iron furnaces. The abundance of the raw material as well as the superior transportation facilties here were the chief inducements which caused this place to be selected for the new plant.

I am informed that "Mineral Wool," as the sheets of this lining material are called, are much used in the Western country, principally for an under surface for houses and cars, and that Chicago is a chief market for it.

Four houses for this new industry will be erected immediately on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad near the Rarig Works. The lumber, one hundred thousand feet, is now coming forth from the mills in the Buena Vista forest. The stone is on the ground, and the brick for the buildings will come down from Riverside, five miles north of Buena Vista, on the Norfolk and Western railroad. As Haverstraw on the Hudson, thirty-five miles above New York, is the location of the brick plants for that city, so Riverside figures in Buena Vista progress.

The "Hotel Buena Vista," which was opened August 1st, under the proprietorship of Talley & Givins, is already doing a fine business. Families from Philadelphia, New Jersey, Richmond, Lexington, etc., are there for the season, and the patronage from the town is also good. Last night there was a splendid opening ball at the hotel and a large company was present.

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MARRIAGES.

SANGER—GRAYBILL—At the residence of the parents of the bride in Botetourt county, August 11th, Mr. Martin G. Sanger, Postmaster at Basic City, formerly of Sangersville, to Miss Nina Graybill.

BARCLAY—GORDON—In the Parlor of the Hoover House in this city, Wednesday, August 17th, by Rev. J. T. Williams, Mr. H. M. Barclay to Miss Virginia B. Gordon of Deerfield, this county.

EAKLE—KIRKPATRICK—On Jackson's River, Highland county, August 11th, by Rev. J. L. McNeer, Mr. Geo. L. Eakle and Miss Maggie J. Kirkpatrick.

DEATHS.

TRIBBETT—At Trinity Point Mills, Wednesday, August 17th, Willie Tribbett, infant son of Mr. A. B. Tribbett, aged 2 years.

SMITH—On Friday last, August 19th, on South Winthrop street this city, Frank E., infant son of Frank C., and M. S. Smith, aged 1 year and 15 days.

GUM—In Highland county, Saturday, August 13th, of paralysis, Mrs. Bert Gum in the 20th year of her age. She was a daughter of G. T. Wiley of Bath county.

WILSON—In Highland county, August 13th, Miss Matilda Wilson of near Doe Hill, died suddenly of heart-disease whilst making some purchases in a store.

WOODSON—At 3.30 o'clock last Wednesday morning, August 17th, after a protracted illness of dropsy and bright's disease, at the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Long his son-in-law, about two miles from Staunton, Mr. Joshua A. Woodson, aged 70 years, 2 months, and 10 days. After the funeral services by Rev. W. E. Cox at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church, of which he was a zealous member, his remains were buried in Thornrose cemetery. The following were pallbearers: H. E. Summerson, Wesley Kerr, John B. Hoge, C. O. Herring, William Thacker and John B. Engleman.

WALLACE—At the residence of Mr. John I. Wallace, near Stuart's Draft, August 15th, Mrs. Lina E. Wallace, wife of Thomas B. Wallace, in the 29th year of her age.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of August 19th, says:—

Local rains have fallen to a considerable extent in the West within the week, and returns from correspondents are somewhat more cheerful with reference to the corn crop, which implies that the tendency to impairment of the situation has been arrested, but does not justify the view that improvement has resulted in the general position. In a large portion of the West the stage of growth is such as to be especially susceptible to lack of moisture. There is nothing in sight to warrant enlargement of estimates offered a week ago.

It is quite evident that there is a considerable quantity of old corn still held in the West, not likely to be hurried on the market under the present uncertainties attending the growing crop. If a crop of 1,600,000,000 bushels should be harvested, even though the deficiency be mainly or wholly in the surplus States, this old corn, with the lessened requirements in the buying regions of the South, and the large hay crop, secured in good condition, will aid in supplying all necessities on a basis short of especially high prices.

The information concerning oats does not vary essentially from that previously available—indicating decided deficiency in yield and weight as a rule.

Information from winter wheat districts suggests little that is new. The grain has been liberally marketed in many localities. From spring wheat regions come intimations of disappointments in yield.

The week's movement of wheat as reflected by receipts at primary markets does not indicate much enlargement. The total, however, considerably exceeds corresponding period last year. Western milling operations are enlarging, and absorbing a liberal proportion of current offerings.

The export movement of wheat is good, notably so in the form of flour, which is now going forward in much larger volume than a year ago, and at prices yielding manufacturers a fair but not large margin of profit.

Current values of wheat are proving attractive to foreign buyers, and they are not showing much hesitation in placing orders liberally in the American markets.

The speculative wheat markets have been somewhat unsettled the past week, the general tendency being to easier prices, due to various causes. Chicago closes 1⅛ on September and the same on December lower than a week ago.

The Chicago corn market has held up well during most of the week, closing 1½c on September and 1½c on May lower than a week ago.

Total wheat on passage this week 24,608,000 bushels, against 25,392,000 last week, and 36,344,000 last year.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 7,749,000 bushels for the week, against 4,424,000 the preceding week, and 6,111,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 1,624,000 bushels, against 1,822,000 the preceding week, and 2,006,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

From Henry Clews's Financial review of date August 20th, we copy the following:—

"Here and there are complaints of overproduction, excessive competition, low prices, etc.; but beyond that is the steady increase in the volume of trade and the encouraging decrease in business failures compared with last year. Clearings are steadily heavier than a year ago. Railroad earnings do not show such heavy gains as in 1891, only because we are comparing with an extraordinary year; and net results, be it remembered, are satisfactory. Another reason for confidence in railroad securities is the gradual tendency to eliminate competition by means of consolidations. This tendency is working out results beneficial to stockholders, not only by greater economies, but by the avoidance of the reckless rate wars of the past decade. Again railroad building has been at a comparative standstill for several years past, some States showing no new mileage whatever of consequence, and others only very moderate extensions. For the last five years the growth of railroads has not been at all in proportion to the growth of population. At some future time we may enter a new era of speculative railroad building; but there are no symptoms of such at present, and this fact alone, that population has about grown up to a point where railroad facilities are not in excess, is another and one of the strongest reasons for confidence in the future of good railroad investments.

As already said, it is factors such as these which served to resist the unfavorable developments of the last few weeks. These developments have probably been about discounted for the present; and, in the absence of further surprises, I look for improvement later on. The silver situation takes no one by surprise. The danger has been long foreseen and well guarded against. Before long we may expect a wail of distress from the silver producing regions; for at present prices there can be little if any profit in the mining of the product. This of itself is a crumb of comfort; and there is reason to hope for some good from the discussions of the International Monetary Conference, as the distress in India is likely to force Great Britain into some sort of concession at no distant date.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 23, 1892.

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

Butter 20cts. Eggs 15cts. Corn 60 to 62cts. Wheat 75 to 76cts. Salt $1.40 to $1.60.

Sugars—cut-loaf 5⅝; granulated 5; powdered 5⅛; stankard A 4⅞. Coffee A 4¼; yellow 4; common 3¾.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
THURSDAY, August 18, 1892.

Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	$4 50	@4 75
Generally rated first quality	3 50	@4 37½
Medium or good fair quality	3 00	@3 50
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	$2 00	@3 00

Of the Cattle received 871 came from Virginia.

The market has been fairly active with values ½@¼c higher.

Milch Cows—Dull at $15@34 per head.

Veal Calves 4@5½c per lb and a few extra at 5½ cents.

Sheep and Lambs—Prices have ruled up to those of last week. Sheep 3½@4½c, and a few extra at 4⅝c per lb gross. Lambs 4½@5½c per lb, and a few extra at 6c per lb gross.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
MONDAY, August 22, 1892.

SWINE.—The receipts, something in excess of 700 over those of last week's numbers, are about the same in quality as the offerings then, and in variety and grade suitable to the demand, which is not active, but only fair, and with prices a shade easier than last week. We quote the range for fair to good Western corn-fed Hogs at 6.00@$6.40 per 100 lbs gross, with a few extra good a shade higher, though not a great number sold at 6.40; grassers sold at 5.00 @$5.75, and rough Hogs, Sows and Stags 5.00@$5.25 per 100 lbs gross. Receipts 9,775 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The market is slow, and the values are off for both Sheep and Lambs ¼c for the former and ½c for the latter. Sheep