Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

WOOD! WOOD!!

We would request those who wish to pay their subscriptions with wood to bring it on at once Have it delivered now before the roads get in a bad condition.

Mr. P. L. Cline, son of Mr. Joseph P. Cline has sold his farm on Middle River, possession to be given on the 1st of March, to Mr. Taylor Stickley for $7,000, equivalent to cash.

Welcome Legacy.

Capt. John N. Opie of this city has received the welcome intelligence that his aunt, who was the sister of his father and the wife of Senator Reid Riddle, dec'd, the successor of Senator Bazard, of Delaware, has bequeathed him a legacy of from five to seven thousand dollars. In common with his friends generally, we cordially congratulate him on his good fortune.

Hibernian Ball.

The annual ball of the Hibernian Beneficial Society in the Crowle Building Wednesday night, December 27th, was well attended, and, as usual, was an occasion of much enjoyment, and was well managed in all respects. The refreshments were furnished by Mr. J. Alex. Teabo of the Central Hotel.

Commendable Generosity.

Messrs. M. Erskine Miller & Bro., the well-known coal- and grocery-merchants, have generously donated to the City Mission, for the benefit of the poor, $50 worth of coal or groceries, of either or both, as may be preferred, subject to the order of the Manager of the Mission, Mrs. W. L. Olivier. Mr. Reeves Catt, who delights in doing good, has generously contributed to the City Mission 5 tons of coal.

THE MOST PLEASANT WAY

Of preventing the grippe, colds, headaches, and fevers is to use the liquid laxative remedy Syrup of Figs, whenever the system needs a gentle, yet effective cleansing. To be benefitted one must get the true remedy manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only. For sale by all druggists in 50c. and $1 bottles.

Sunday-school Xmas Presents.

On last Thursday evening the beautiful Xmas tree in the Lutheran church was laden with presents for the children of the Sunday School of that church, which were distributed to them, and also a gold medal to Nora Lineweaver for adding the greatest number to the roll of the school; a medal by her teacher—Miss Hiser—to Bessie Wehn for punctuality of attendance; and a medal by her teacher—Miss Mary Funkhouser—to Bessie Potter for perfect recital of the entire text of catechism No. 3.

The Sunday-school pupils presented to their Superintendent, Mr. C. C. Berry, a gold watch as a testimonial of their appreciation. It was presented on the part of the school by Rev. H. F. Shealy, the Pastor, with appropriate remarks, and was received with tender expressions of gratitude by Mr. Berry, who appreciates highly the kind motives of the donors.

Small-Pox at Lewisburg, W. Va.

There are two new cases of small-pox at Lewisburg, W. Va.,—Estill McClung and his sister Agatha, 12 years of age. These cases are more severe than the first one—that of W. D. Slaven who was first taken. He was the one who took the disease to Lewisburg, but he had no idea that he had that disease when he was taken sick there. He is a commercial traveler, and has no knowledge of where he contracted it, as he did not know that he had been where it was.

Children's Xmas Entertainment.

The annual children's Xmas entertainment at the M. E. Church South last Thursday evening was unique and highly enjoyed.

"The Log Cabin" with wintry scenery surrounding, and the appearance of Santa Claus—personated by S. E. Whitmore—with his sleigh and reindeer, and his descent of the chimney to fill the expectant stockings with presents, were quite realistic.

The preceding exercises consisted of singing and brief addresses by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Boyd, and by Mr. Reeves Catt, Superintendent of the Sunday-School.

The committee of arrangements, of which C. R. Caldwell was Chairman, deserve much credit for the manner in which they discharged their duties. They displayed great taste in conception, and much skill in execution.

In justice to the boys, whose enjoyment of the Christmas season is largely increased by the privilege of popping fire-crackers, it gives us pleasure to note the fact that not a single Christmas casualty resulted in Charlottesville from the suspension of the ordinance forbidding fireworks on the streets.—*Charlottesville Progress.*

That no casualties resulted in Charlottesville, at the recent Xmas, from fireworks on the streets, is no guarantee that there may not be plenty of them next Xmas if the ordinance be suspended. There were no casualties in Staunton at Xmas a year ago, but there were plenty of them, and some sad ones, at Xmas last week. In Charlottesville, they were not allowed on the Main staeet—in Staunton they were.

The only guarantee of safety from fireworks at Xmas is the refusal to suspend the ordinance which inhibits them.

Edward Baxter Perry.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. have secured the services of Mr. E. B. Perry for one of his concerts on Friday next at 8 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Tickets are now on sale by Mr. McCoy. Fifty cents is the price, and no additional charge for reserved seats.

All lovers of music will appreciate Mr. Perry's "Lecture Recital," of which attractive method he is the successful originator, and has had many imitators. This is the best of the entertainments, for the present season, of the Auxiliary, as a New Year will begin with March 1st, 1894.

LOW RATES TO WASHINGTON.

A Rare Opportunity to Visit the National Capital in the Heighth of its Social Season.

Thursday, January 11th, the B. & O. R. R. will inaugurate a series of mid-winter excursions to Washington from points on its lines between Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Parkersburg, Lexington and Hagerstown. The unexcelled train service of the B. & O. will be at the disposal of the tourists. The tickets will be sold at a nominal figure but will entitle the holder to first-class accommodations in both directions.

Every patriotic American should visit Washington not only once but often, and if you want to see the National Capitol at its best you should not fail to avail yourself of this opportunity afforded by the B. & O. Washington is more attractive in the winter months than at any other time of the year. Congress will be in session and you can hear your representative express his views on the Hawaiian affair, the Tariff and other matters of public interest. The numerous public buildings, Art Galleries, Museums, &c., are all open to visitors free of charge, and Mt. Vernon, Annapolis, Baltimore and Old Point Comfort, all within easy reach, offer the tourist additional attractions to fill up the ten-day itinerary.

We give below a list of stations in this vicinity showing time of trains and rates of fare.

		A. M.	P. M.	RATE
Lexington	Lv.	5 45	1 00	$6 90
East Lexington	"	5 53	1 10	6 85
Timber Ridge	"	....	1 29	6 70
Decatur	"	....	1 36	6 60
Fairfield	"	....	1 42	6 50
Raphine	"	....	1 54	6 35
Spottswood	"	....	1 59	6 30
Greenville	"	6 49	2 09	6 15
Mint Spring	"	7 01	2 22	6 00
Folly Mills	"	7 05	....	5 95
Staunton	"	7 22	2 41	5 75
Fort Defiance	"	7 40	3 01	5 40
Mt. Sidney	"	7 44	3 05	5 40
Cave Station	"	7 51	3 12	5 30
Mt. Crawford	"	8 01	3 22	5 15
Pleasant Valley	"	8 07	3 29	5 05
Harrisonburg	"	8 22	3 47	4 90

Correspondingly low rates from other stations.

Tickets will be good ten days.

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Personal.

Col. J. Hampton Hoge, of Virginia, the called back consel to Amoy, China, has been dropped from the consular service.

Miss Kate Woodson, of Harrisonburg, is visiting her friend, Miss Kate Amiss, of this city.

Miss Nisba Breckenridge, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyman Chalkley, left Monday afternoon for her home at Lexington, Ky.

Mr. J. Stacy Palmer of this City spent Sunday in Harrisonburg.

When Hon. G. W. Koiner, one of the delegates in the Legislature from this county, in which the members had had for several weeks a "monkey-and-parrot" time of it, arrived at his home to spend the holidays, he found his family all sick with La Grippe—fortunately in a mild form; and when we saw him last Friday, he, also, was suffering with the same affliction.

Addie E. Agner has been appointed Postmaster at Monmouth, Rockbridge county, in the place of Wm. H. Harrison, removed.

Mr. James R. Fisher, Secretary of the Virginia State Democratic Committee, died of typhoid fever, last Friday afternoon, in Washington, aged 64 years. On Sunday his remains were taken to Richmond and buried in Hollywood cemetery. He leaves four children; Messrs. James M., Winston, William and Miss Estelle Fisher.

Watch Meeting.

As usual with the members of that church, what is known as a "Watch Meeting," was held in the M. E. Church South Sunday night, beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing till midnight when the old year went out and the New Year came it. It was conducted by the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Boyd, D.D.

Good Resolutions.

This is the season of the year when good resolutions are formed. It is well to form them, but it is much better to perform them. There is one resolution which we hope our subscribers will not only form, but perform, without delay, and that is, to pay their indebtedness to the SPECTATOR. This would be a very great accommodation to us, whilst it would be a relief to the consciences of those who owe us.

The prompt performance of this good resolution would pave the way for the performance of other good resolutions, though of a different character. The injunction of the great Apostle was, "Owe no man anything;" and if newspapers had been published then as now, he would probably have added—"Especially the publisher of a newspaper." "Owe no man anything, but love one another;" and it is a poor way of showing love to another by withholding from him that which is properly his own. The first and highest obligation of one citizen to another is to pay him what is justly due him, and there is no excuse for a failure to do so except positive inability.

Supervisor of Immigration.

The Richmond correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says:—

"Judge Charles Grattan, of Staunton, the former commissioner of immigration under charge of the Virginia bureau of agriculture, suggests the appointment by the general government of a supervisor of immigration. His idea is that that officer, if created, should have the power to appoint agents in all of the leading points of Europe to furnish reliable and non-sectarian information to those desiring to make their homes in this country."

Missionary Work.

Rev. Randall is still continuing the good work in this city. Two leading gentlemen of this city have started him a list for his support in the work. A meeting will be held in the jail at 4 o'clock P.M. to-day.

Suit against the Staunton Development Company.

Logan Turner, Administrator of John H. Fallen, deceased, by his attorney, George G. Shepherd, has instituted a suit against the promoters of the Staunton Development Co., alleging that it was a lottery and illegal. Mr. Fallen had paid $200 for 2 shares of stock and a lot, to be assigned by a drawing. The plaintiff claims that the drawing of lots was a lottery, as the lots were not of equal value. This suit was instituted as a test case. If the plaintiff is successful in this suit, other suits will be instituted.

The defendants are, M. E. Miller, S. M. Yost, B. F. Eakle, W. P. Tams, H. M. Bell, E. L. Edmondson, W. J. Perry, and O. K. Lapham.

Sly Sarcasm.

The *News* of Friday has a facetious article on bachelors which artistically conceals, in its ironical phraseology, a sly sarcasm on that unfortunate class, as its reference to their affection for their dogs suggests that "kindred feelings make them wondrous kind."

Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain, is distinctively an American remedy, made wholly from materials procured in this country, and is not tinctured with any foreign flavor. As a domestic remedy for accidents which are of frequent occurrence in the family, such as cuts, bruises, burns and scalds, it far surpasses all similar preparations. It should be kept in the home of every American citizen. 25 cents.

Dog-Tax in Rockbridge.

They are circulating petitions in Rockbridge to their members of the Legislature to have a special law passed for Rockbridge to tax the dogs for the protection of sheep, but the fate of the delegate from that county who voted for a similar law in the Legislature of 1875 6, and the cry of "taxing the poor man's dog to protect the rich man's sheep," will make the representatives of that county very cautious about voting for such a law. The Rockbridge *News* thinks such a law is obnoxious to the objection that it is class-legislation, and to avoid that objection would have the law to tax dogs, but would have the revenue derived therefrom put into the general fund instead of being used to pay for the loss of sheep. There are "many ways, it is said, "of whipping the devil around a stump."

Arrival of Geo. Coffey.

Geo. Coffey, who was indicted last August for house-breaking at the residence of H. C. Shultz near Greenville, and who then disappeared, but was recently arrested in Portsmouth, Ohio, as stated last week, arrived here on Saturday, under the escort of N. C. Watts, Sheriff, who has furnished him accommodations in the jail to await his trial.

Death of Patrick McNamara.

Mr. Patrick McNamara, who was remarkable for his cheerful disposition, his long and faithful service as Sexton of Thornrose cemetery, his strong constitution, and advanced age, died at his residence on West Main street near the cemetery—of which he had been the grave digger for 42 years, and had dug the graves of more than 800 persons—at half past 9 o'clok Monday morning, January 1st, 1894, aged 89 years, 9 months, and 15 days. He was sexton till about a year ago. He was well known and universally respected for his sterling character. He was born in Ireland on the 16th day of March, 1804. In 1836, he immigrated to this country, and after remaining 6 months in New York, he came to Virginia, and worked on the James River and Kanawha Canal on sections between Richmond and Lynchburg, and, in 1839, came to this place and worked on the Valley Pike. After that he worked on the Parkersburg pike between Staunton and Monterey. At the establishment of Thornrose cemetery, he was appointed its sexton, and served in that position, as above stated, with fidelity till about a year ago, when, in consequence of old age, he resigned it. He leaves a widow and one daughter—Mrs. Michael Crickard—who lived with him. His funeral will take place this morning at 9:30 o'clock from St. Francis Catholic church.

Pills promote constipation—Simmons Liver Regulator cures constipation.

For the SPECTATOR.

County Judge.

[illegible] of the Supervisors at their late mee[illegible] had a right, as citizens, to express their choice for County Judge, though of doubtful propriety, inasmuch as the Board of Supervisors, months ago, had unanimously recommended Major Hanger for that very responsible position, by reason of his thorough acquaintance with the varied interests, the necessities and customs of country life, with which he has been identified from his youth. There are times and seasons of vital importance in rural economy to successful business which will be properly appreciated and respected by one who has grown up in the midst of them. The Judge, in administering the affairs of our great county, is monthly, for weeks together, dealing with the country people, a large majority of whom live more than six and many twelve miles from the Court-house, making round-trips of from 12 to 24 miles, to be traveled early and late, in cold weather, under the compulsory process of the court, leaving all their business and families at whatever inconvenience or sacrifice.—Until recently the farmer was forced to leave his business and obey the "summons on the jury," which was a very severe trial of his obedience, which was only rendered in dread of heavy penalties inflicted by the strong arm of the court. This fortunate exemption is sought by some to be destroyed by special pleading, A Judge reared amid such trials of patience and urgency, will comprehend the situation at once, punctually open court, dispatch the business and permit the people to return to their homes. There are also county property-rights which must be guarded and protected, which test the loyalty and vigilance of the Judge to his people and the State. The county has a wealth of sons, "to the manor born," capable to fill the office of Judge, in addition to Major Hanger, to whom attention had first been directed—Hon. John N. Hendren, Wm. Patrick, Capt. Bumgardner and others. But by some it is sought to determine the choice by the largest number of names to a petition for some person, unmindful of the fact that some years ago an immense petition was gotten up to elect a cheeky young man to the judgeship in requital for party work done at the precinct elections, which resulted in setting aside one of the ablest and most honorable county judges of the State, against the protests of those who saw the folly of the proceeding. This injustice to a faithful officer and the disgrace reflected upon the county by the imprudence of some of its representatives, might, to some degree, be palliated by a confession and his recall to honorable service in the county. It is not known whether Judge Hendren would now accept any position, but history must vindicate his high official services to the county without fault or reproach.

It is the duty of the Legislature to elect the Judge, and our representatives will be held responsible at the bar of public opinion for the choice, and they cannot shelter themselves behind petitions improvidently signed. If, from the excellent men the county furnishes our representatives cannot select a good County Judge, they should "be taken around the corner and spanked."

RETRIBUTION.

Mark. L. Spotts.

We made a brief notice last week of the death of Mr. Mark L. Spotts, who died at his residence in Lewisburg, W. Va., at 8.30 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, at the advanced age of 81 years, 6 months, and 21 days. In noticing his death, the Greenbrier *Independent* gives, editorially, a sketch of his life, from which we extract the following:—

He held various offices of honor and trust in the county—serving the public for many years as Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff and Clerk of the County Court. No officer was ever more faithful or efficient in the discharge of his duties and none ever served the people with more credit to himself or more acceptably to them. Indeed the faithful assiduity, scrupulous care, high integrity and unvarying politeness with which he at all times discharged his public duties made Mr. Spotts a model officer and gave him a hold upon the confidence and affections of the people of Greenbrier which we doubt if any other man ever enjoyed in such pre-eminent degree.

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Pure in thought, gentle in manner, upright in deed, conscientious and honorable in all things, Mr. Spotts was one of nature's noblemen, and died honored and respected by all who knew him.

From the resolutions adopted by the session of the Presbyterian church in Lewisburg on the 24th of Dec. we copy the 2nd, which is as follows:—

2nd, That we here record our gratitude for the mercy that spared so long to our Church our beloved brother in the Eldership; for that zeal in the Master's cause that made him delight in the service of the sanctuary; for the faithful testimony he bore through more than sixty years to the truth and efficacy of the Gospel of our blessed Lord and Saviour; for the rich, ripe wisdom that enabled him to counsel and encourage us in every season of our Church's perplexity and gloom; for that abiding faith that shed such a luster over his everyday life, and made radiant his dying chamber; and for the consecrated, pure life and christian example God's grace enabled him to set us. We feel that no words can adequately express our sorrow at the death of so pure a character. To us, as a board of Elders, the blow falls with peculiar force. We, individually, knew him as a neighbor and friend; but, as Elders, we were bound to him by closer ties as laborers in the same cause. We, therefore, feel a particular grief, and claim the privilege of special mourners. In his death the Church of which he had so long been an ornament and the community in which he lived, have sustained an irreparable loss.

During the past half-century—since the discovery of Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the average limit of human life in civilized countries, has been considerably lengthened. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is everywhere considered the standard blood-purifier, the Superior Medicine.

Marriages and Deaths

In this city there were 44 marriages celebrated during the year 1893. Of this number, 30 were white couples and 14 colored.

During the same year there were 144 interments in the Thornrose Cemetery, of which 102 were whites and 42 colored.

MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

During the year 1893, there were issued from the clerk's office of Augusta county 261 licenses to marry, of which 206 were for white couples, and 55 for colored.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The caucus of the Democrats of the General Assembly of this State will be held next Friday night to nominate five candidates for the Court of Appeals. Those nominated will be elected Judges of that high court.

Do not tamper with cold; life is too precious. Mr. Wm. Wills, 10th & Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., says: "After suffering for many weeks with an obstinate cold, using meanwhile all the available means of relief, I at last tried Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It helped me from the start, and finally brought about a perfect cure. It is a good healing cough medicine"

Fine New Year Dinner.

We noticed last week and gave the bill of fare of the elegant dinner given at the Virginia Hotel on Xmas Day to its regular boarders and a large number of invited guests.

On New Year's Day—Monday last—another sumptuous dinner was given there to which a large number were invited who enjoyed it very much. The *menu* embraced nearly everything that was palatable that could be desired or conceived of, all served in the best style. The Virginia Hotel commenced the New Year in fine style, and will keep it up.

New Year's Day.

The weather the first day of the year 1894 was pleasant with the mercury standing above 50 degrees. The sky was clear, and the weather just cool enough to be bracing. There was, in spite of the weather-prophets, neither sleet nor snow, and no storm of wind or rain. The weather for the New Year commences well.

A movement, headed by James R. Keene, has been started in New York to improve the status of the turf.

KILLED IN RICHMOND.—Thomas Atwell the yardmaster of the York River Division of the Richmond and Danville Road, was shot and killed Friday night. The killing was done by Thomas McNamee, with whom he had some difficulty about a real estate transaction. The shooting took place in the yard of the Richmond Coal Company. Atwell was shot twice, and died almost instantly after the last shot. McNamee surrendered himself to the authorities. He lives in Manchester, and claims that he did it in self-defense.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OR MURDER.—The Charlottesville *Progress* says that on last Thursday night at Mr. John Hamilton's residence, on Cochran's mill road, near the residence of J. D. Watson, Esq., Mr. Hamilton hearing a noise as of some one trying to get in the second story window investigated, when he found, upon raising the window, a negro on a ladder trying to force his way in. The negro struck Mr. Hamilton on the head with an axe, inflicting a painful wound, whereupon Mr. Hamilton fired upon the three intruders and thinks he struck one of them.

Two years ago David S. Morrison, clerk of the court of Scott county, defaulted in the State and county funds to the amount of about $30,000. He attempted to escape, but was captured in Tennessee and taken to Bristol. He escaped from custody there and the authorities were never able to find him again. He has now turned up at his home at Gate City, where the embezzlement was perpetrated. His physician states that he is a raving maniac. Morrison claims to have been concealed in his father's home ever since he escaped from the officers. His whereabouts were unknown until he volunteered to come out on the streets.

The official reports for the month of November show that the value of the exports in that month exceeded the value of the imports by nearly $41,000,000. In every month since the beginning of the current fiscal year, the balance of trade, as far as it can be shown by the value of products exported and products imported, has been in favor of this country, and the total excess on the side of exports for the five months is about $123,500,000. This excess has been caused in large measure by a decrease of imports. The value of November's exports was $90,000,000 while the value of the goods imported was only $49,250,000.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes being asked recently if a young man should smoke, emphatically replied: "Certainly not. It is liable to injure the sight, to render the nerves unsteady, to enfeeble the will, and enslave the nature to an imperious habit likely to stand in the way of duty to be performed."

Ex-President Harrison's friends in Indiana are actively at work with a view to his re-nomination for the presidency in 1896. His opponents are uniting on Governor Mckinley.

Governor Stone, of Missouri, is said to be working up a boom for his nomination for the presidency by the democratic party in 1896.

The large livery stable of Harman & Montgomery, at Covington, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, Dec. 26th. All the horses and vehicles were saved.

Mr. Louis C. Arthur has tendered his resignation as treasurer of Bedford county, to take effect on January 15. His successor has not yet been named. His trial on the seven indictments found at the November term of the County Court has been continued to the second day of the January term.

The store at Mechum's River, belonging to M. S. Gleason, was burned Sunday morning. The storeroom was the property of C. H. Price and was insured for $800; the stock of goods, valued at $2,500, was insured for $1,500.

Mr. Gladstone was eighty-four years old, Friday. Besides congratulations from the Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales and prominent members of both political parties, the British Premier received an enthusiastic reception when he appeared in the House of Commons.

Prendergast was found guilty of the murder of Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, and his punishment fixed at death.

Secretary Gresham has instructed Minister White at St. Petersburg to inform the Russian Government that "assisted" immigrants will not be allowed to land in the United States.

Representative Springer, chairman of the House committee on banking and currency, has prepared a bill providing for an elastic issue of national currency notes to be used as a circulating medium and for the redemption of which, in coin, the government shall be responsible.

From data compiled from observation taken at the Washington station of the weather bureau it has been ascertained that the lowest temperature during any January in the last 23 years was 14 degrees below zero, on January 1, 1881.

The promptness with which Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops a hacking cough and induces refreshing sleep is something marvelous. It never fails to give instant relief, even in the worst cases of throat and lung trouble, and is the best remedy for whooping cough.

Our Election Law.

Some of the papers of the State appear very anxious for a change of our election laws, and seem to think that the present Anderson-MacCormick law has been the source of great fraud and corruption in elections. Some of them want also a law that will in the future not only give us more honest elections, but that will entirely break up the use of all money in elections by punishing the parties engaged in such conduct. We believe the much abused law, as it now stands, is about as good as any that will probably be adopted; but still, we are entirely willing to experiment with the Australian system. As to the corrupt expenditure of money in elections we think the Anderson MacCormick law is about as explicit and stringent on that point as any new law will probably be, for it provides that "if any person, directly or indirectly, give to a voter in any election any money, goods, or chattels, under an agreement, express or implied, that such voter shall give his vote for a particular candidate, such person shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars. And the voter receiving such money, goods, or chattels in pursuance of such agreement shall be punished in like manner with the person giving the same."—*Lynchburg News.*

CONGRESS.

Both houses of Congress will reassemble Wednesday—to day. It is expected that the struggle in the House of Representatives over the tariff bill will begin in earnest on the opening day. Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, says a call for a caucus of the democratic members of the House to discuss the tariff bill will probably be issued to day. Instead of the tariff bill becoming weaker during the present recess of Congress, it is believed to be stronger. Chairman Wilson, of the ways and means committee, is opposed to a democratic caucus on the tariff bill. Chairman McCreary, of the House foreign affairs committee, proposes calling up the Hawaiian question in the House Friday next.

We showed two or three days ago that in less than ninety days after they obtained higher protective duties in the McKinley tariff the manufacturers of sanitary pottery at Trentou reduced the wages of their workmen by 22 per cent, thus causing a memorable strike, and that when the same manufacturers made their Trust, a few months later, they admitted in their published prospectus that their profits in the last three years of the old tariff had been 22½ per cent per annum upon their capital while for the year in which wages were reduced upon the plea that the earnings of the business were small, the profits were, by their own admission, 29½ per cent. Certain stockholders of the Trust, who were formerly owners in part of the absorbed potteries, are now asking the courts to annul that part of the Trust agreement which prevents them from setting up new and independent potteries, and in their appeal to the courts they assert that "the effect of" the agreement "is to limit the production and to maintain exorbitant prices of sanitary pottery." A merchant engaged in the wholesale pottery trade now writes to us that after the formation of the Trust the price of sanitary pottery to jobbers was increased by 60 per cent, while the advance to retailers was 100 per cent. If he has not been misinformed, the complaining shareholders have had ample warrant for their assertion that the prices maintained by their organization are "exorbitant." This is the Trust that is going straight to "ruin" because the Wilson bill gives it protective duties of 35 and 40 per cent.—*New York Times.*

The democratic party seems to play in hard luck. Despite the fact that the recent financial distress and the present stagnation of trade were due to no fault of its own, but to causes outside of politics, it is compelled to defend itself against the charges of its reckless and insincere enemies among the republicans. It is not only taxed with being the sole and direct author of the money panic which has created so much suffering, and of which it is as innocent as a new-born babe, but it is now arraigned as the foe of the old soldier element, simply because it would protect the treasury against frauds. Although the last republican secretary of the interior decided that Commissioner Raum's interpretation of late pension legislation was wrong, still the task of dropping pensioners was conveniently postponed until the democrats came into office, so that they might reap the results of carrying out the law as rightfully interpreted. It is "tough luck," to be sure, and this, taken in connection with the other great issues which have to be faced, may give some idea of the fearful burden which the democracy has taken up. Let us trust that our shoulders may be broad enough to bear it.—*Index Appeal.*

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A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—*Latest United States Government Food Report*

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MARRIAGES.

SOMERS—JOHNSON.—Friday, December 29th, at the rectory on Church street by Rev. Walter Q. Hullihen, of Trinity Episcopal church, William L. Somers and Miss Sarah E. Johnson.

SPANGLER—WISEMAN.—In Union District, Monroe county, W. Va., Wednesday evening, December 27th, by Rev. John L. McCormick, M. B. Spangler of Alleghany county, to Miss Laura Wiseman, daughter of John L. Wiseman.

Their home will be near Covington, Alleghany county.

WOODS—SMITH.—At the home of the bride in Richmond, Tuesday, December 26th, Dr. James B. Woods, son of Rev. J. Edgar Woods, of Charlottesville, to Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of Rev. Dr. James Powers Smith, editor of the *Central Presbyterian*. Rev. Dr. Hoge, of Richmond, Rev. Dr. Petrie, of Charlottesville, and Rev. Dr. Smith, father of the bride, united in performing the ceremony.

The happy couple will spend a short while in Charlottesville and at Pantops. On the 18th of January they expect to sail from San Francisco for their mission work in China.

BURNS—SPOONER.—Near Staunton, December 28th, Huggart M. Burns to Miss Bettie S. Spooner.

JOHNSON—HULVEY.—At Mt. Sidney, December 27th, Edgar P. Johnson to Miss Luella Hulvey.

NELSON—DICHE.—At Sangersville, December, 26th, Silvester Nelson to Miss Minnie F. Diche, daughter of Amos W. Diche.

SENSABAUGH—CLEMMER.—At New Hope, December 28th, David H. Sensabaugh to Miss Elizabeth S. Clemmer.

KNOTT—MICHAEL.—Near Sangerville, Sunday, December 24th, by Rev. B. A. Kiracofe, Reuben A. S. Knott to Miss Mary S. Michael, daughter of P. S. Michael.

YEAGO—BERRY.—At the home of the bride in this city, at 9 o'clock, p. m., Wednesday, December 27th, by Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D., Martin L. Yeago to Mrs. Mary Berry.

DEATHS.

BUCHANAN.—Near Middlebrook, Monday, Dec. 25th, at the residence of her son-in-law, M. r W. P. Mish, at an advanced age, Mrs. Mary A. Buchanan. Funeral at 10 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 27th, at the residence, by Rev. J. A. Thomas—interment in New Providence cemetery.

DOLD.—At Lexington, Va., Dec. 24th, after a month's illness of a complication of diseases, Mr. Calvin M. Dold, aged 59 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was buried with Masonic honors. The funeral services took place from the Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock p. m., Dec. 25th, Rev. Dr. T. L. Preston officiating. His wife, who was a Miss Ott, of Harrisonburg, and four grown sons, the eldest of whom will succeed him in business, survive him.

ALEXANDER.—At her home near Union, Monroe county, W. Va., Wednesday, Dec. 27th, Mrs. Belle Alexander, daughter of M. S. Alexander, Esq., aged 40 years. Mrs. Alexander was a daughter of Jacob Zoll, Esq., and was a lady of many admirable qualities. She had for years been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church.

SNAPP.—In West End, Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Blackburn, her granddaughter, Mrs. Geo. K. Snapp, in the 85th year of her age; The funeral was from the Baptist church Saturday afternoon. Interment in Thornrose cemetery.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of December 28th says:—

"The past week has been a period of mild temperature for the time of year in the Central West, and in various regions plowing operations have been carried on, in preparation for spring seeding. The freezings have not been severe enough to disturb the condition of the growing wheat, although the snow covering has to a large extent disappeared, and there are evidences in the current returns that fears are entertained that if hard freezings should overtake the crop before more snow is had severe damage can hardly be avoided. Conjectures as to what may happen under conditions not yet reached are of little significance.

Intimations from various sources suggest that farmers having marketed wheat in the recent past to secure money for taxes and the holiday period will now reduce their offerings, still having faith in better prices before the crop year is ended. It is evident that outside of Ohio and Indiana the winter wheat stocks in the interior are low. In Ohio, where the crop was somewhat larger than last year, the supply on hand is quite likely as large as a year ago. In Indiana, for the entire State, there is evidently less than a year ago. Illinois has not got enough wheat remaining to meet the requirements of that State to harvest time. Supplies in Missouri and Kansas are low.

So far as can be judged from available information the outlook favors light offerings of wheat by farmers in the near future, notably so in winter grain regions. At the same time the condition of the flour milling interest is such as to not enlarge the demand essentially, although there has of late been more inquiry than previously for mills south of the Ohio River.

Wheat values have further declined the past week, and are at a surprisingly low position for the time of year—closing at the lowest point in the week at Chicago, and 2¼a2½ cents lower than a week ago. The visible supply was slightly reduced, although continuing a little larger than a year ago, but quite likely the comparison will shift after the present week, and continue the remainder of the season to show less instead of more than last year.

The corn movement has continued fair, but the indications appear to favor lighter offerings of this grain in the interior in the near future. Prices have suffered some decline, closing at Chicago ⅞c lower than a week ago. In some of the western localities there is an abatement in the local demand from feeders of cattle.

May wheat at Chicago closes 2⅛c below the highest point of the week, at the lowest point, and 2⅛c lower than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for May closes ⅞c below the highest point of the week, ⅛c above the lowest point, and ⅞c lower than a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 3,017,000 bushels for the week, against 3,697,000 the preceding week, and 4,348,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 3,676,000 bushels, against 3,837,000 the preceding week, and 2,548,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

The following are extracts from the financial review of Henry Clews of December 30th:—

"Upon the whole, the year closes with a better feeling on the Stock Exchange than might be expected under so many unfavorable conditions. We are now on the eve of the disbursement of some $350,000,000 of interest and dividends, a large portion of which will be re-invested; and the anticipation of this large demand from that source has naturally the effect of sustaining the market. Considering that bonds are becoming scarce and high and that the dividend-paying stocks are in comparatively moderate supply, it would therefore seem reasonable to expect some improvement in the higher grade stocks, which would naturally act favorably on the general list.

It is a long period since the old year has closed under such serious conditions as now everywhere prevail. Every country in Europe has its troubles, worse than our own; and they are of a character so radical that it will require time to heal them. In this country, the derangements are acute, but they are of a kind more directly under our own control than are those of the European nations. In our case, there had been no antecedent overtrading, nor excessive speculation, nor general unsoundness of credit. On the contrary, 1893 opened with a generally sound and fairly prosperous condition of business; and although the panic was one of perhaps unequalled severity, yet it was due to causes not inherent to business proper but outside of business and connected with a great alarm about the condition of our currency system. The silver panic however became the cause of a general prostration of trade and credit, from which recovery could not possibly be immediate, even though the cause of the alarm has been remedied. The period of recovery, moreover, is further postponed by intervention of a sweeping revision of the tariff. This latter circumstance would, under the best of conditions, have proved a very serious cause of commercial disturbance; but, mingling with the immediate effects of a great panic, its seriousness is doubled. * *

We enter the new year with reasonable grounds for hope that its close will find affairs in a largely recovered condition. There is ample capital waiting employment; but industry has no use for it until conditions are made clearer by the enactment of the new tariff. That point being reached, the utterly depleted stocks of every kind of merchandise will find employment enough for our industries. In the meantime, wages are declining in every trade, and to that extent preparations are being made for the cheaper conditions of production that the new situation will require."

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Jan. 2st, 1894.

For want of room, we omit the price current, and give the only changes since last week as follows:—

WESTERN BACON.—Long clear sides 8 cts; short clear sides 8⅛; bellies 8½ cts.

SUGARS.—Cut-loaf 5½; Granulated 4½; Powdered 5¼; Standard A 4¼; Coffee A 4; Yellow 3¾.

TEA.—Black 25 to 40; Breakfast 25 to 75; Japan 20 to 50.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET.
THURSDAY, Dec. 28th, 1893.

Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best.....4¾@4¾
Generally rated first quality.....4¼@4¼
Medium or good fair quality.....3¾@3¾
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows...2 @3

Of the Cattle received 475 came from Virginia.

BEEF CATTLE.—The market has been very slow this week, comparatively few buyers being on hand, and held on rather longer than usual. Values of tops are unchanged, though there were fewer at our extreme quotation than last week, in the absence chiefly of the Christmas cattle; other grades were a strong ⅛c lower.

MILCH COWS.—The market is slow, and very few sold at our top figure. Quotations at $20 to $40 per head.

VEAL CALVES.—A very light offering, but ample for the demand. Quotations 3a5½c per lb. Rough grass calves $3a5 per head, and hard to sell.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—There is a light offering, over 200 head less than the limited number last week, but is equal to the very moderate demand. A little higher range of prices rule over those reported last Monday, with favorable prospects for next week. Quotations for sheep 2a3½c per lb, and lambs 3¼a4¼c per lb.

SWINE.—The market is not active, and prices were as on Monday. Fair to best hogs sell at $5.50a5.75 per 100 lbs gross, and roughs, sows and stags $4.50a5 per 100 lbs gross.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET.
MONDAY, January 1, 1894.

SWINE.—The market for hogs is somewhat stronger this morning, with a fairly good trade. The receipts are about 900 head less than they were last week. Prices are ⅛c higher than they were last Thursday. Quote: Fair to best light Western hogs at 5.60a$5.87 per 100 lbs; heavy 5.50a$5.75 and roughs 4.50a$5.00 per 100 lbs. Receipts 8,269 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—There is a fairly active trade in both sheep and lambs, sheep being ⅛c higher than last week, and lamb