Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The Right View.

The *Augusta Baptist* for March, edited by Rev. W. J. E. Cox, says with truth:—

"It is of as much importance to the cause of the Master for a church to exclude from its fellowship a member who persistently walks disorderly as it is to receive into its fellowship one who gives evidences of conversion. The progress of a church and the cause of Christ are greatly hindered by immoral and inconsistent Christians."

Conviction of Ira Shiflett.

On Tuesday of last week, the trial, in the County court of Albemarle, of Ira Shiflett, charged with house-burning was concluded, and the jury fixed his term in the penitentiary at two and a half years. The *Progress* of Wednesday says:—

"His counsel asked for a new trial on the grounds that the verdict was contrary to law and evidence. The motion was overruled and sentence passed. This morning counsel asked for time to apply for writ of error and *supersedeas*, whereupon judgment was suspended for thirty days. An affecting scene was enacted this morning when the prisoner parted with his wife."

Salem Sentinel.

This is the title of a new paper established at Salem, Roanoke county, Va., by W. W. McClung, formerly of Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., and A. H. White, late of the Roanoke *Record*, who are the editors and publishers, the former being a man of enterprise and business capacity, and the latter an experienced and skilful printer. The *Sentinel* has our best wishes for its success in all respects—financial and otherwise.

Andrew and Philip Brotherhood.

At a meeting of the male members of the Second Presbyterian church held in the basement of that church last Thursday evening an Andrew and Philip Brotherhood was organized by the election of the following officers:—

President, Capt. H. W. Henry; vice-president, N. C. Kester; secretary and treasurer, F. T. Holt. B. F. Hughes was elected chairman of the membership committee, and Major Jed Hotchkiss chairman of the visiting committee.

IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

Appointments of Washington Conference M. E. Church, Colored.

The following are the appointments for the ensuing year for this District, of the Washington Conference of the M. E. Church, colored, recently held in Washington city:—

Staunton District—J. A. Holmes, P. E.; Staunton, M. W. Clair; Augusta, E. Ayers; Waynesboro, J. W. Meredith; Jefferson, J. H. Griffin; Harrisonburg, S. H. Brown; Woodstock, J. W. Colbert; Winchester, W. T. Hill; Charles Town, T. O. Carroll; Martinsburg, A. H. Tilghman; Shendun, R. H. Adams; White Hall, Wm. Smith; Douglas Grove, A. F. Bell; Clifton Forge, John Edmonds; Lewisburg and Ronceverte, W. M. Moorman; Talcott, A. Hogsett; Newmarket, J. W. Jackson; Rockingham, A. C. Steptoe; Shepherdstown, E. Hammond; Union and Red Sulphur, J. L. Brown. B. T. Perkins goes to Huntington and F. T. Sawyer to Bengies, Md. The time for holding this Conference has been changed from March to the first week in May.

Postmaster at Clifton Forge.

The President has appointed Lee Thompson Savin of Clifton Forge to be postmaster at that place. This is considered a good appointment obtained by the influence of Hon. H. St. G. Tucker. He was formerly a resident of Staunton, as was also A. Floyd Heck, who will be his deputy. Mr. Savin is a native of Washington county, Md., and is 42 years and six months old. His wife, whom he married in Martinsburg, W. Va., died 3 years ago, leaving 2 daughters and 1 son.

Cold is frequently contracted by the unequal application of cold air to the external surface of the body. A draught of air is sufficient to produce it. This causes a congested condition of the surface and the blood vessels, which is transferred to the air-passages, bringing about a similar state of things in them, this is called "catching cold." When you "catch cold" take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and cure it before it develops into something worse.

More False Weather Prophecies.

We called attention last week to the failure of Hicks's prophecy for the weather of the week before, and now call attention to his failure for last week. Those who will remember the fine weather we have had for the past three weeks, and will compare it with his predictions for the weather during that time, will see how unreliable the predictions of Hicks are, and how foolish it is to repose any confidence in them or the theory on which they are based. He predicted for the month of March as follows:—

"March will be eventful. About the 3rd a warm wave and growing storms will appear in western parts, and between that date and the 6th they will have advanced to the Atlantic, leaving cold, fair weather behind. A sudden and violent storminess will return with the new moon about the 7th, lasting in its eastward progression through the reactionary centers 8th and 9th. Sharp thunder, rain and sleet southward, and heavy snow northward will result about this time. Numerous causes will produce much irregular, violent phenomena, lasting perhaps into the storm period, 13th to the 17th. Watch these dates. They will bring dangerous storms. Suffering will result: Cold will rush close behind storms. Feed and protect your stock. On and about the 20th and 21st, storms and gales, with probable earthquakes. Rain, thunder, sleet and snow, followed by cold. A marked storm period from the 25th to the 29th. Be on the watch."

A Gift of $200.

Last week, through their Secretary, the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Episcopal Church, presented the Rector, Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, with the sum of $200, as a token of their esteem and affectionate regard. This action of that Society affected Mr. Hullihen quite sensibly, and he appreciated it highly, but he declined to accept it for his own personal use, and deposited the money in the Savings Bank, subject to the order of the Secretary of the Society, with the expression of the hope that it would be used to aid in paying the debt on the church. In his letter to the Secretary, he says:—

"I return the gift with many thanks and beg that it be given on the blessed Easter day, now near at hand, towards that object which I know has occupied so large a share of your zealous labors for years past—the extinguishing of the remaining debt on our church, for which permit me to say, let us all make whatever sacrifice, God's grace and each one's ability, enables him to make.

LITTELL & Co., Boston, for $8.00 a year, offers a weekly magazine, LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, aggregating over 3300 pages annually, forming four large octavo vols., filled with the choicest selections from the foreign periodical press, which could not be otherwise obtained except by an outlay of several times that sum. To the reader of cultivated taste it is little short of an absolute necessity.

We note particularly in the issue of March 10th, No. 2592, an article of great interest by Charles Edwards, entitled "Roman Society a Century Ago." A picture of the life of that date, presents a striking contrast to that of the present time, showing the great changes that have occurred in the manners, the habits, and the customs of the people.

The same issue contains another valuable paper, "The Queen and Her Second Prime Minister," by Reginald B. Brett. A similar article by the same writer on "The Queen and Her First Prime Minister," appeared in the first issue of the current year, No. 2583. If this series should be continued it will form splendid material for the future historian of the Victorian era.

Simmons Liver Regulator is a most excellent appetizing tonic.—Saml. S. Pentz, Chap. to Bishop of North Carolina.

Personal.

Whilst Capt. Thos. S. Doyle, Principal of the D. D. & B. Institution, was in Washington city last week, accompanied by Hon. H. St. G. Tucker, he called upon Speaker Crisp with whom he was a fellow-prisoner during the war in a Northern prison.

Edward C. Vincent has been appointed Superintendent of irrigation for the Navajo Indian Reservation at a salary of $2,500.

Mr. Oliver P. Rhodes, of Baltimore, arrived in this city last Friday night on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Kate Sibert, who has been ill, and is about 70 years of age.

Mr. Mansfield Marshall, father of Hon. Jas. W. Marshall, the Representative in Congress of the 9th district, died of cancer at Dayton, Rockingham county, last Friday, aged about 70 years. His remains were buried in Harrisonburg on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John M. McPherson, of Lewisburg, W. Va., arrived in this city Monday on a visit to her brothers, Messrs. Arista and John B. Hoge.

C. W. Caffray, formerly of this city, but now living in Petersburg, is in the city for a few days. He expects to move his dye works back to Staunton May 1st.

W. F. Shaver, a prominent merchant of Basic City, was in Staunton a few days ago on business.

Messrs. H. W. Baylor, of Churchville, and D. L. Young, of Montreal, Va., and Mrs. Blanche W. Kidd, of Roanoke, entered Dunsmore's Business College on Monday.

Major P. H. Woodward was in Harrisonburg on business Monday.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Henry E. Hutchinson, of the firm of Hoge & Hutchinson, who was confined for several weeks with pneumonia, is now able to go to his store, but are sorry to announce that his venerable father, Mr. Geo. W. Hutchinson, is now confined with the same disease. This is a dangerous disease for one of his advanced age, but we hope that, though his age is 78 years, his constitution will enable him to recover. He is considered ill, with but little, if any change yesterday.

Miss Fannie Harrison, of this city, will be the guest of Mrs. Micajah Woods in Charlottesville during Easter.

The Charlottesville *Progress* says that Miss Withrow, of Augusta county, and Mrs. F. M. Huyett sang a very pretty duet as an offertory at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Maud St. C. Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Legh R. Waddell, to Mr. L. Marsh Walker, at "Chestnut Ridge," near Charlottesville, Tuesday, April 3rd.

Rev. Dr. Kerr, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Richmond, is critically ill.—The Doctor, two years ago, made a tour of the East, spending some time in Jerusalem. He is one of the most popular ministers of that city.

The approaching marriage of Miss Harriet Blaine, youngest daughter of the late James G. Blaine, and Mr. Thruxton Beale, a former United States minister to Persia, was announced at a gathering of the intimate acquaintances of the two families.

Local Option.

The application for a mandamus to compel Judge Grattan to order a local-option election made to the Court of Appeals in Richmond last week cannot, under the law, be considered and determined till its session in this city next September, as section 3091 of the Code provides that all cases of appeals, writs of error or supersedeas, from the counties west of the Blue Ridge, and from the counties of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson shall be tried at Staunton, and section 3094 provides that "writs of prohibition or mandamus, from the Court of Appeals to any court, shall issue and be tried at the place of the session of said Court of Appeals, at which writs of error to such court are to be tried," and therefore this application for mandamus must be heard at the session held in Staunton.

Sale of Shares of Stock.

On Saturday E. M. Cushing & Son, auctioneers, sold at public sale for W. T. McCue, adm'r of Wm. H. Weller, 15 shares held by Weller in the Augusta Perpetual Building and Loan Association, the par value of which was $100 per share. They were purchased by Rev. Dr. Cox and C. C. Berry at the following rates: 5 shares by Dr. Cox at $115 each, and 5 more at $115.50 each; and the remaining 5 shares by Mr. Berry at $115.75 per share.

"An old story, Salvation Oil can't be beaten." Mrs. Jennie G. Wells, Port Huron, Mich., writes: "My mother suffered seven weeks from a severe pain in her arm. She tried many liniments, but none of them relieved her, until she used Salvation Oil. The pain has now disappeared. For cuts and burns, Salvation Oil can't be beaten."

Sale of Cold Sulphur Springs.

The Cold Sulphur Springs property near Goshen, Rockbridge county, was sold at public auction in Lexington last Saturday, and was purchased by C. W. Moyer, of Philadelphia, for $8,000. The tract of land embraced in this sale, on which are the Cold Sulphur Springs and the buildings, contains 96 acres.

For a case of unadulterated ghoulish glee commend us to our glorious old neighbor the Staunton *Spectator* in its assault upon the ground-hog, Hicks, Foster, *et id omne genus*.—These be troublous times for the weather sharps.—*Rockingham Register*.

As ghouls feed on the dead, it would seem from the above paragraph of the *Register* that it considers the weather-prophets dead—as the foolish faith in them should be—and that the SPECTATOR is feasting on them. The SPECTATOR wishes long and prosperous lives to the weather-prophets themselves, but instant death to the delusive faith in their prophecies. Does the *Register* have any faith in the reliability of their predictions or the theories on which they are based? Does it believe that any man can foretell, except by chance, a year or even a month in advance, the character of the weather for a particular day or week? If so give the reason for such faith. We will not insult the intelligence of the *Register* by asking its opinion of the ground-hog as a weather-prophet.

Permanent Organization.

At the meeting held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. building last Saturday evening, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized permanently by the election of the following officers:—

President.—Alex. F. Robertson.

Vice-Presidents.—R. D. Haslip, Mrs. Newton Wayt, Maj. Jed Hotchkiss, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, Judge Lyman Chalkley and Capt. H. W. Henry.

Secretary.—Frank T. Holt.

Treasurer.—Capt. H. W. Henry.

Counselor.—Wm. Patrick.

Executive Committee.—The following were appointed to constitute the Executive Committee:—

R. M. Guy, chairman; J. Mason Miller, J. R. Taylor, Jr., Dr. A. J. Burkholder, A. Lee Knowles, Mrs. A. M. Howison, Mrs. T. A. Bledsoe, Mrs. Dr. S. H. Henkel, Mrs. Reeves Catt and Mrs. J. Fred Davis.

This committee will prepare and report the by-laws at the next meeting which will be at the call of the President.

We have wished for some years the organization of such a society in this city, and think they should exist in every city of the Commonwealth, that cruelty to animals may be, to some extent at least, prevented, and the perpetrators of cruelty punished as they deserve to be.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a number of years, and it has always given me satisfaction. It is an excellent dressing, prevents the hair from turning gray, insures its vigorous growth, and keeps the scalp white and clean."—Mary A. Jackson, Salem, Mass.

IF YOUR BACK ACHES,
Or you are all worn out, really good for nothing, it is general debility. Try
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It will cure you, cleanse your liver, and give a good appetite.

Sorrowful Death of a Little Child.

[Correspondence of the SPECTATOR.]

RIVERSIDE, ROCKBRIDGE Co. VA., March 13.—Mr. Samuel Watts, a worthy citizen, resides on the Buena Vista Company's farm at the Old Furnace of that name. Yesterday afternoon, his youngest child, a little girl three years old, fell from a foot-bridge over the canal which conducts water to the mill and was drowned. The child was alone at the time, no one saw her, but it was evident she fell from the bridge. The body was soon discovered.

Many neighbors of the stricken household were soon at the scene of distress rendering every aid in their power for relief.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at the residence, and interment to morrow in Amherst county at the former home of Mr. Watts, at which Rev. B. H. Dement, pastor of the Lexington Baptist Church, as he is also of Neriah Church in this vicinity, of which the parents of the child are members, will officiate.

This whole community deeply sympathize with the family so suddenly and sorrowfully bereaved.

[The above was intended for last week's issue, but did not reach here in time for publication in that issue.]

Pleasant Entertainment.

The entertainment given in the Opera house last Friday night for the benefit of the Y's, the juvenile branch of the W. C. T. U., for the benefit of that organization, under the supervision of Mrs. A. H. Fultz, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. It consisted of a cantata in three parts, entitled "New Year's Eve."

"Old Father Time," impersonated by J. Morton Fultz, with his hour-glass and his relentless scythe that "cuts down all, both great and small," apprises the "Old Year." represented by J. L. Henderson, that the time has come for him to yield his throne to the "New Year." The "Old Year" summons the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, and his daughters, the months of the year, who entertain "Father Time" with picture scenes of the several seasons—Spring with the May-pole dance and the crowning of the May Queen, impersonated by Miss Williams—Summer with a picnic—Autumn with a harvest scene, mowing and raking the hay—Winter, with the shepherdesses beholding the "Star in the East" with wonder and amazement and singing "Glory to God in the Highest."

In the last scene the four seasons, with their respective attendants, and the different months they control, enter in slow procession, and as soon as all are in their proper positions, they sing a "Farewell Chorus to the 'Old Year.'" "Time" requests the "Old Year" to yield his throne to his successor, who is, during this address, escorted on the stage by "Christmas" and "Santa Claus." The clock strikes twelve, at which moment "Time" removes the "Old Year" from the throne, places the "Young Year" on it, and crowns him. "Time" and the "Old Year" now walk hand in hand slowly off the stage, while the remaining characters sing a "Welcome Chorus" to the "Young Year."

By request, during an interval between two scenes, Miss Lillie Matthews, in appropriate costume, sang "The Milk Maid" in fine style, and was rapturously applauded.

All the participants in this entertainment performed their parts well, and in this we wish to include the dear little children who sang before the curtain and performed their parts so well for such little ones.

Suicide of Morris M. Spooner.

Mr. Morris M. Spooner, a highly respected citizen of Charlottesville, Va., aged 85 years, and unmarried committed suicide in Druid Hill Park at Baltimore on Monday of last week—March 12th—by a pistol-shot in the head. No cause is known to his friends why he committed the act, if he did do it. His remains were taken to his home in Charlottesville for interment. The funeral services were held in his room at his father's residence at 11 o'clock last Wednesday, the 14th, by Rev. William E. Judkins and the Rev. Oscar Littleton. Interment at "Oakwood."

The Monticello Guard, of which the deceased was Second Sergeant, and the Albemarle Light Horse acted as a guard of honor. A very large number of citizens were at the house and joined in the procession. The solemn services were concluded at the grave. By request, the customary salute was omitted, and, instead, the members of the guard filled the grave of their late comrade in arms.

In speaking of his character, the Charlottesville *Progress* says:—

"Morris Spooner had earned the respect of all with whom he was thrown, whether in the discharge of the obligations of the business man or of those that arose from social ties and opportunities. He was more than honest man and good fellow, and the splendid qualities of a generous disposition and tenderly affectionate nature attached men to him as with hooks of steel."

His friends in Charlottesville seem to be under the impression that it was not a case of suicide, and that he was killed by an unknown person. The Charlottesville *Progress* says:—

"The pistol found was not a new one, and Mr. Spooner's own pistol was at his home in this city.

Mr. Spooner started for Richmond and expected to change cars at Gordonsville. He was asleep and was carried by, but stated to the conductor that it did not matter as he had business in Washington and Baltimore, and would go later to Richmond.

The belief is growing in this city that Mr. Spooner did not commit suicide, and that the matter should be fully investigated."

LATER.—The *Progress* of Thursday afternoon says:—

"The will of the late M. M. Spooner has been found. It was written January 1st, 1894, and its wording is such as to impress anyone who reads it with the belief that Mr. Spooner was laboring under a premonition of misfortune. His father, Mr. G. W. Spooner, was named as executor.

The total insurance on Mr. Spooner's life was $5,600—one policy for $4,000, one for $1,000 and one for $600. His mother is named as the beneficiary under the $1,000 policy, and his mother and sisters the beneficiaries in the other two.

The family does not believe he committed suicide."

"March to search" is the old adage. It searches out any weakness of the system, resulting from impure blood. Those who use Ayer's Sarsaparilla find March no more searching or even disagreeable than any other month. This medicine is a wonderful invigorator.

Edward Burrus Paralyzed.

The Charlottesville *Progress* of Monday says:—

"Mr. Edward Burrus, a citizen of Richmond, but traveling for Weimer, Wright & Watkins, Philadelphia, was paralyzed at Wright's Hotel, in this city, where he now lies in a very critical condition. His mother and brother are at his bedside. Mr. Burrus is well known among the merchants of this county, and is a young man of excellent business qualifications."

Runaway—Buggy Smashed

About half past 11 o'clock Monday morning, the buggy-horse of Dr. B. M. Atkinson of this city took fright at the D. D. and B. Institution, when the Dr. was not in his buggy, and dashed down Main street at a rapid rate, and, just before reaching the crossing of Main and Augusta streets, the buggy collided with the wagon of Wm. Brooks, colored, when a wheel and shaft of the buggy were broken, and the horse became detached, when he ran as far as the Y. M. C. A. Building, where he was stopped without having received any injury.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., March 20, 1894

We regret to report that wheat is a little lower than last week, the present quotation being from 55 to 56 cents.

The only other changes are in Western Bacon and Lard which we quote as follows:—

Bacon—Long clear sides 6⅞ cts; Short clear sides 7; and bellies 7¼.

Lard, 6½ to 7 cents.

Forepaugh's Circus will exhibit here on Saturday, April 21st. This will be welcome news to many.

Richard W. Hardy Killed on the Railroad.

We are sorry to announce the sudden and tragic death of Richard W. Hardy, an old and respected citizen of this city, which occurred on the railroad track just beyond the corporate limits of the city on the west at about 2 o'clock last Monday afternoon under the following circumstances. He had taken his gun, and was walking between the main track and the siding track on the Ches. and Ohio Railroad when the passenger train came along. When he heard the sound of the whistle, he turned and looked back, and then by mistake stepped over on the main track, and before the train could be stopped it ran upon him, killing him instantly. The examination of the body by Dr. H. H. Henkel showed that three ribs on the left side were broken and pressed upon the heart, and that there was a fracture of one of the bones of the vertebral column near the base of the skull—either of which injuries was sufficient to cause death. There was also a wound on the top of the head, but no fracture of the skull, and one arm broken.

The train was stopped, and the body brought back to the freight depot where it was examined by Dr. H. H. Henkel, and was afterward removed to the undertaking establishment of Bickle & Hamrick on Frederick St., where the coroner's inquest was held, and a portion of the testimony was heard on Monday afternoon. The further examination was postponed till 10 o'clock this—Wednesday morning, when several more witnesses, including the train hands, will be examined.

The deceased was a highly respected citizen, and was in the 74th year of his age. For many years he was Superintendent of the Staunton Gas Company. He lost his wife in 1879. He had no children surviving him, and had his home with his sister, Mrs. W. G. Brown on Fayette street, the mother of Heber and C. W. Brown.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters:—

John M. Hardy and Mrs. W. G. Brown of this city; Charles W. Hardy, of Hinton, W. Va.; W. H. and Samuel Hardy, Mrs. Lucy Kinzel, Mrs. Sarah Denny, and Miss Mattie Hardy of Winchester; Mrs. Hattie Grina of Kernstown; and Mrs. Jane P. Grim of Clarke county.

The funeral will take place from Trinity Episcopal church, of which he was a communicant, Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, Rector, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

For the SPECTATOR.

Nickerson's Charts.

LAUREL HILL, VA., March 17, 1894.

Last week's SPECTATOR devotes a half column to an article on Nickerson's School Charts. Too much cannot be said in their favor. Nickerson's case of complete charts which contains charts on the newly introduced branches, viz., Physiology, Drawing, and Civil Government, and, in fact, on all branches of our common schools except Grammar, is, in itself, an inexhaustible mine of knowledge. From the first to the last day of the pupil's school life, he may be fed from this fount of wealth. We hope the day is dawning when the teachers of this grand old county of Augusta will "rally round the flag," and thoroughly equip themselves for the coming fray.

What we stand in need of is more efficient teachers—teachers who have a broader and deeper scholarship than that which they *feel compelled* to impart in the every-day routine of the school-room. Now, that the boards have purchased charts for the schools, it behooves every education-loving teacher to thoroughly master. Mr. Nickerson's plans (or their own, if better) and employ them to the best of their ability. We want teachers who can find food in these charts for the little pupils from the day they enter school until they have attained the age in which they may leave its walls with their brains stocked with such useful knowledge as will enable them to play well their parts upon the stage of life, which we are sorry to admit are few and far apart under the old regime. This dearth of knowledge is directly due to the inefficiency of the teachers and the indifference of the patrons. Patron, the school is largely what you make it. Go to your school and see these charts for yourself. Study them and have the teacher in charge explain them to you. Manifest an interest in the work of the school and the teacher will have no other excuse for bad work except incompetency. Our (the Middle River) Board furnished all the graded and a few other schools with these charts last year. A pupil of one of our graded schools says he attended school the greater part of the session, and has never seen the inside of the case, and that he was very anxious to see the charts. He studied Physiology, but no charts were used to illustrate the subject. Does this teacher think the Board paid $35 to furnish this school with a chart, and that he should regard it as an Ark of the Covenant too sacred to be handled? There are some teachers who are not only guilty of not using the charts, but of discouraging its use, and trying to instill it to the minds of the pupils that the thing is a humbug. This will give trouble to the next teacher who tries, and is willing to give a fair trial. *Sometimes we mortals know not what we do.* Aside from this subject, there has been much ado about vaccination. The gentlemen composing our County Board did not order this to be done to satisfy any selfish interests of their own, but merely to carry out the State law. These gentlemen who have received so much censure, and who serve without pay, ordered it for the common weal of the county at large, and should see that it is carried out next year to the letter of the law. This should have been enforced long ago, and the people would have been educated to that point.

ECHO.

Officers for Basic City.

At a meeting held in Basic City last Wednesday night, the following were nominated:

Mayor, F. W. Weaver; Sergeant, J. A. Van Lear; Com. Revenue, Alfred Gold; Magistrate, Ro. W. Allen.

Councicmen: C. D. Pettis, Jas. A. Critzer, W. F. Shaver, J. J. Coiner, J. W. Hughes and W. M. Page.

Sale of Elizabeth Furnace.

The Elizabeth Furnace property in the Western part of this county on the Ches. & O. Ry., has been sold by James Bumgardner, Com'r., for the sum of $70,000 to Mr. Peter McLaren, of Perth, Lanark county, Ontario, Canada. The deed was recorded in the county clerk's office on yesterday.

The Equinox.

To-day, March 21st, is the time of the equinox, when the days and nights in all parts of the world are equal—each being 12 hours. At this time the plane of the earth's equator coincides with the plane of the ecliptic. The sun which has been South of the equator since the 22nd of September, will now come to the North of it, and continue Northward till the summer solstice on the 20th of June, when it will again go Southward till the 20th of December, and then again begin its journey Northward. These are merely apparent motions caused by the revolution of the earth at an angle of 23½ degrees around the sun, which always occupies the same position in the solar system. There is a popular notion that storms are more likely to occur at the time of the equinox than at any other time, and are known as equinoctial storms. They are no more likely to occur on that day than on any other day a short time before or after the equinox.

Remarkable March Weather.

We doubt if the "oldest inhabitant" has ever known such a March as the present.—Since the 26th of February, the day succeeding the snow-storm of Feb. 25th, the weather has been pleasant, and there has not been a bad day in March so far; and for the past three days, we have had summer weather, the thermometer registering a few degrees above summer heat. On the thermometer 76 degrees is given as summer heat, and for several days the mercury has risen to 80 degrees.—Peach, and other early-blooming fruit trees are in bloom, and the apprehension is that there may be a cold wave from the extreme Northwest which will destroy the prospect for fruit.

From Mt. Solon.

OLD TIMES AND NEW—NICKERSON'S CHARTS—JUSTICES COURT—U. B. CONFERENCE—COUNTY EXPENSES—VACCINATION—THE HOG LAW.

MT. SOLON, VA., March 19.—This town dates back to the "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." Your reporter remembers when we all had to go to Staunton to vote. The polls were kept open three days. Now, we have a street, sometimes called Wall street, where Presidents, Legislators and Cabinets are made and unmade in the twinkling of an eye. Some good Democrats left the party last fall to follow Sam Jones, Small, Bodley, and should any of them ever be elected President of the United States, Mt. Solon will furnish at least two Cabinet officers and ministers to foreign courts.

A few days ago, the Hon. School Board and teachers were invited to meet at Moscow, a central point, to hear Mr. Nickerson, who hails from Ohio, on the great advantages of his school chart. He is a shrewd talker, and soon captivated the Board, and got an order for 10 copies at $37.50 each. There is great complaint among the tax-payers at the Board's action.

Last Saturday was court-day here, and a large docket was before court. Some accounts amounted to $40 and $50. Judgment was rendered in such cases for one or two dollars. It seems to me a fellow who is not worth shucks before he brings an action, should deposit with the constable enough money to pay the probable cost of witnesses' and justices' fees, and his own. As a rule, most cases are brought by irresponsible parties who have nothing to lose.

The United Brethren Conference is in session near Dorcas in the new church. It appears the church divided—one wing leaving the old church. The old church is a substantial brick building in modern style. The new church is a handsome frame structure not more than two or three hundred yards distant from the old.

The speech of Mr. Withers, of Danville, is creating a sensation here as published in that sterling Democratic paper, "*The Vindicator*," and according to Mr. Withers' statistics, taking Pittsylvania as a test, the county expenses exceeded the State taxes $18,700. This is doubtless true all over the State, and why is it the people are kept in the dark about county expenses in the great county of Augusta? The code of 1887 provides that the Hon. Board of Supervisors shall furnish and cause to be posted at every election precinct in the county an itemized account every year of their appropriations. These requirments have never been complied with.

The free school here will close this week or has practically closed, only four or five pupils attending. The vaccination craze and other causes rendered it a farce. Two private schools in sight are going on.

The hog law cannot be enforced. If the law included horses and cows running at large it would be better. The owners of the soil will not fall out or report one another for a little damage done by hogs, for we are all more or less dependent upon one another.

N. R.

Trial of Geo. Fadeley.

In the trial of George Fadeley of this county, in the Federal court at Lynchburg charged with having raised a one dollar note to a ten, the jury failed to agree and was discharged, so he will have to be tried again.

One of the evil incidents of the present session of Congress is the prominence given by republicans in the two houses and in newspapers to the old-fashioned sectional idea—the idea of South and North antagonizing each other. The republican leaders profess to see hatred of Northern soldiers in efforts of Southern men to purify the pension rolls. While those Southern men are voting without a murmur more money for pensions every year than the government's annual expenses were before the war. Southerners in the Senate were doing preliminary work on the tariff bill, and Northern republicans saw in this a Southern effort to break down Northern manufacturers. Democrats repealed the Federal election laws, and Northern republicans find Southern aggression of some kind in that fact.

This pretended fear of Southern domination is of course expressed to affect the minds of Northern voters.—It is a trick, so transparent in the light of facts that it ought to deceive no one. Unfortunately it deceives many. But this is not its worst effect. It familiarizes the public mind with the thought of sections. It creates distrust everywhere. It tends to the destruction of faith in and regard for the central government. The threat of dissension and of anarchy is in it.

It is not true that Southern Congressmen oppose pensions, or are sorry for Northern prosperity, or desired repeal of the elections bill for unworthy purposes. It is a lie, with all the discreditable surroundings and dreadful possibilities as to consequences that we have stated above.—*Index-Appeal.*

The people af the strong republican town of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, last Thursday ran down, captured and lynched a negro murderer, without giving him time to pray. And yet when a negro is lynched in the South for a worse crime, the republican nowspapers of Pennsylvania, with one accord, raise their voices and cry aloud against the barbarity of the people of the whole section in which the infliction of such punishment is permitted!—*Atex. Gazette.*

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MARRIAGES.

BALSLEY—COINER.—At the Hoover House in this city at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, March 13th, by Rev. J. D. Donovan, Dr. W. M. Balsley to Miss Estie Coiner—both of this county.

TINGLER—CROWTHER.—Near Covington, Va., Thursday, March 15th, by Rev. S. F. Chapman, at the residence of Cas. Bess, Esq., near Covington, Mr. Chas. H. Tingler, of Rich Patch, and Miss Eliza L. Crowther living near Covington.

SNYDER—SMITH.—March 14th, 1894, in the Sheriff's office in Staunton, by Rev. A. M. Fraser, Jas. T. Snyder and Mary E. Smith, of near Stribling Springs.

DEATHS.

CHURCHMAN.—At her home near Folly Mills, at 6.30 o'clock Thursday morning, March 15th, Mrs. Fannie Churchman (nee Crawford, sister of Wm. R. Crawford,) widow of the late John S. Churchman, and mother of J. Wm. Churchman, Esq., aged 65 years.

She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral services by Rev. G. W. Finley, D. D., Pastor of Tinkling Spring church, were held at the residence at 1 o'clock Friday, after which her remains were buried in Thornrose cemetery.

PRICE.—At the home of his parents on Bagby street, at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, of croup, Willie, infant son of Mr. Luther Price, aged 2 years and 6 months.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of March 15th says:—

"The past week has been springlike in the Central West, with something of freezing and thawing conditions, but nothing has occurred disparaging to the wheat crop of an appreciable extent, and the position remains promising, the average condition being higher than a year ago.

The feature of the week has been the government report on wheat reserves in farmers' hands, by which 114,000,000 bushels is shown—a quantity not looked for by the trade to be shown by this exhibit, and a quantity, taken with a reasonable view of the absorption of wheat the past season, with the record of exports, stamps the crop estimate of the same office for 1893 as ridiculously inconsistent. There appears to have been an effort to get in line with general recognition concerning the supply of wheat now on hand—and it may be said that this has been done in great style. If there was in fact 114,000,000 bushels in hands of farmers, it is a safe proposition to say that it was practically impossible for the 1893 crop to have been less than 450,000,000 bushels, and to be consistent it should be recognized as more than 465,000,000.

The general tendency of the wheat trade was to even up prior to the issue of the Government report, for both the bearish and bullish element were apprehensive that the report would not be favorable to them. This resulted in a fairly steady market until Monday, after the Government report had been thoroughly digested, when the market manifested decided signs of weakness. This was particularly so in New York. The report showed in farmers' hands 14,000,000 more bushels than the outside estimate and 24,000,000 bushels more than the trade had calculated upon. Since then however, the market has been steady, closing quotations for May at Chicago 58⅝ Tuesday night and last night being the same. At New York, a new low record was established for May wheat, but it was not so at Chicago.

Fluctuations in corn have not been wide, but the tendency of values has been upward though receipts have continued fair.

May wheat at Chicago closed 2¼c below the highest point of the week, ¼ above the lowest point, and 2c lower than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for May closed ⅜c below the highest point of the week, ⅜c above the lowest point, and same as a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 2,338,000 bushels for the week, against 1,783,000 the preceding week, and 3,374,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 3,582,000 bushels, against 3,767,000 the preceding week, and 2,089,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

The following are extracts from the financial review of Henry Clews of March 24th:—

During the past week, the course of the Stock Market has indicated that the rising tide of speculation is gradually gaining force. There has been more buying and at better prices and transactions have extended from the industrials to the railroad list.

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The gold export movement moves at a slow rate. It is to be expected that, at this season, we must ship that metal; but it will probably be found that the outgo is less than usual for the spring months. The February exports of merchandise show an increase of $5,200,000 over those of a year previous. The imports for the month exhibit a decrease of $24,000,000; which added to the gain in exports makes the February trade balance nearly $30,000,000 more in our favor than it was twelve months previous. It is to be remembered, however, that, during the first quarter of 1893, we had an almost unequaled adverse trade balance against us, which resulted in the extraordinary export of gold that preceded the panic. We can well enough afford to spare any gold that is likely to go out now, without serious consequences, as our banks hold an unusual supply.

The situation, as a whole, is one that must be construed as on the mend. Outside the influences connected with Washington, affairs have a distinctly hopeful prospect. General trade is reviving, manufacturers are regaining confidence and resuming work on the old scale, the condition of our foreign trade is strictly conservative, and there is no doubt of money remaining easy for the remainder of the year. But there is likely to be a disposition to operate within moderate limits until the Bland bill is out of the way.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
THURSDAY, March 15th, 1894.

Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	4½@4¾
Generally rated first quality	3¾@4¼
Medium or good fair quality	2¾@3
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 @2¾

Of the Cattle received 396 came from Virginia.

BEEF CATTLE.—The market this week was somewhat stronger, especially for the better grades, and ½c higher than it was last week, but has been very few throughout. The medium and common grades show no serious change, if any, especially the lowest grades, as to values.

MILCH COWS.—There is more demand and a better feeling for cows. Quotations $20 to $30 per head, and a few extra at $35 per head.

VEAL CALVES.—Trade is dull. Quotations 4½ a5c per lb.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—There is a fairly good demand only for good sheep and lambs at prices but little, if any, different from those ruling earlier in the week. The number is not half what it was last week. The trade for common sheep and lambs is very dull. Sheep sell at 2a3½c, and a few extra at 3¾c per lb gross; lambs at 3a4c, and a few extra 4¼c per lb gross.

SWINE.—The yards are pretty well bare of hogs. We quote values at the close some 20a30c easier than they were early in the week. The prices of fair to good hogs range at $5a5.30 per 100 lbs.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
MONDAY, March 19th, 1894.

SWINE.—There is a rather light run of hogs this week, the number being some 1,500 head less than last week, but the offering is fully equal to the very moderate demand from buyers, and prices are only a shade firmer than they were last week. Prices for Western hogs 5.00a$5.10 per 100 lbs., and near-by hogs—those from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland—4.90a$5.10 per 100 lbs, and a few extra a shade higher. Roughs 4a$4.25 per 100 lbs gross. Receipts 9,723 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—There is a very moderate number received and a fair market for the offering. Sheep sell at 2a3½ cents, and a few extra 3¾ c