Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Seasonable.

'Tis now about the time of year
When each friend, overbold,
Fires off this question in your ear,
"Where did you get that cold?"

The University of Virginia Glee, Mandolin, and Banjo Club will give an entertainment in the Opera-house on Friday night a week, December 21st.

Colored Baptizing in Lexington.

On Sunday of last week, 69 converts at the protracted meeting which closed several weeks ago, were baptized in the font of the new colored baptist church in Lexington.

Writ of Error Granted.

Judge L. L. Lewis, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, has granted a writ of error and supersedeas to the judgment of the Hustings court in the case of Rockey vs. the Columbian Accident Association.

The Combination Speller.

We have received from the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company of Richmond, a copy of the "Combination Speller" by James W. Shearer, 168 pages, at the low price of 30 cents.

It furnishes a scientific and progressive development of English Orthography and Orthoepy, by a full analysis of words and adaptation of the alphabet to a phonetic basis, together with rules for spelling, use of words likely to be confounded, etc.

It is highly commended by those competent to judge of its merits.

Washington & Lee Glee and Banjo Club.

The Washington & Lee University Glee and Banjo Club will give their first concert for this season at Lexington, Va., for the benefit of Lee-Jackson Camp, on the 15th inst., and will next appear at Staunton on the 22nd, Lexington, Ky., on the 24th, Frankfort on the 25th, Chattanooga on the 26th, Atlanta on the 27th, Savannah on the 28th, Charleston, S. C., on the 29th, Raleigh on the 31st, Danville, Va., on January 1st, and Lynchburg on the 2nd.

Free Pews in Lexington.

After the 1st of January next, the pews in the Presbyterian church in Lexington will be free. The Rockbridge *News* says:—

"A conservative spirit has resisted the change, but last week the subject was maturely considered by the deacons and elders and the session reached the unanimous conclusion that the change must be made. It was found that it was necessary either to build a larger church, enlarge the present one, or make the pews free. The first two propositions were impracticable and the last was adopted."

Football Season Over.

The football game for this season is over, but train-robberies are still in the tide of successful progress. It is some relief to be rid of one of these pests. Seeing a young man a few days ago with his hand bandaged, we said—"Been playing football, have you?"

He replied, "Yes, and I have had my hand mashed and my knee injured."

It was fortunate for him that it was not his neck or backbone, as it might have been, for that game is no respector of necks or spinal columns, and would as readily mash them as hands or legs, as in the case of Geo. D. Bahenh in the team of the University of Georgetown in the game with the Columbia Athletic Club.

We concur with the Norfolk *Landmark* that "there is really but one way to stop these football casualties, and that is to stop the game. The people are rapidly coming to this conclusion. It is worse to have a promising young man killed in a fool's game of ball than to have him ground up in a mill, sawed in two, or shot with a gun that is not known to be loaded. Football is always loaded."

This brutal game, a disgrace to our civilization, is a dog whose tail should be cut off just behind its ears.

Alumni Bulletin of the University of Va.

Biographical Sketch of Hon. A. H. H. Stuart.

We have received the November, the 3rd number, of the *Alumni Bulleten* of the University of Virginia, published quarterly by the Faculty of that famous institution of learning. This number is not only of special interest to the Alumni, but to the general public, and particularly to the citizens of this county, as it contains a life like likeness of Hon. Alex. H. H. Stuart, accompanied by an interesting biographical sketch of that able and distinguished man by his son-in-law—Alexander F. Robertson, Esq.,—which is written in a concise style, and is as comprehensive as the limits of the article would allow. It is peculiarly appropriate that such a sketch should be published in the *Alumni Bulletin*, as the subject of it was not only a rector of that institution in his after life, but was in his youth one of its earliest students, and became one of the ablest and most distinguished of its alumni. He was a patriot, orator, and statesman, and his character, public and private, was above reproach. He was prominent in political life from the time he reached manhood till near the end of his days. As a statesman he was far-seeing and in advance of his time. In his prime, he was one of the most eloquent men we ever heard on the political rostrum. His speeches were not only able and his ideas so clearly presented and illustrated as to be comprehended by all, but, when occasion demanded, were truly eloquent.

His arguments were strong and convincing, and his pathos touching and tender.

New Trial for B. L. Hight.

On Thursday last, Judge McLaughlin granted a new trial for Benjamin L. Hight, who was, some time since, convicted of the murder of Henry Weeks, and his term in the penitentiary fixed at 18 years, on the ground that testimony for the defense had been improperly excluded at that trial.

City Mission Committee.

The following are the committees of the City Mission for the Poor of this city:—

Visiting Committee — Mesdames Henry, Walke, Webb, Powers, Bell, Barth, Loeb, Kinney, Owens, Bledsoe, Karnes, Winsor and McIlhany.

Superintendent of Work—Mrs. Kinney.

Entertainment—Mrs. Haller Henkel, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. H. Walker, Mrs. James Taylor.

Finance—Mesdames Bledsoe, Churry and H. Ker.

Visiting the Sick—Mrs. Owens.

Purchasing—Mesdames Kinney, Lipscomb, Bledsoe.

Patterns— Mesdames Walker, Taylor and McIlhany.

Cutting—Mrs. Cootes.

Receiving Second-hand Clothing.—Mesdames Loeb and Barth.

Assessment in 1893.

The assessment of the realty and personal property in the six magisterial districts of this county in 1893 amounted to $11,841,664, of which $9,334,684 was of real estate, and $2,506,980 was of personal property.

THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

Important to Commercial Travelers

On and after December 1st, Baggage Agents of the B. & O. R. R. Co., will accept coupons from mileage books issued by B. & O. R. R. P. & W. R'y, B. & O. S. W. R'y and Valley R'y of Ohio, in payment for excess baggage charges, at their face value, 2 cents each. This arrangement will not include B. & O. Mileage Books endorsed "good only on B. & O.," B. & O. Southwestern Mileage Advertising Books, nor books older than one year from date of issue. dec 5-2ts

Shooting Saturday at Basic City.

An Incensed Father Shoots His Brother-in-Law.

About 10 o'clock last Saturday morning near Henry Koiner's saloon in Basic City, Adam Glass shot James S. Pannell twice with a pistol. One ball entered the upper part of the right arm and the other under the right shoulder blade as he turned to enter the saloon.

Pannell is a married man with four children, but he and his wife separated two years ago. He is thirty-nine years of age. For some time till Monday of last week, he had been living with Adam Glass, his brother-in-law, in Nelson county near the Augusta line. On Tuesday of last week, a fifteen-year-old daughter of Adam Glass gave birth to an illegitimate child. As Glass believed Pannell to be the author of his daughter's ruin, he became furiously incensed against him, and sought him with the view of shooting him. Learning that he had gone to Basic City where he had a sister living. Glass went there, and upon meeting Pannell, at once opened fire upon him, shooting him, as stated above.

The wound in the shoulder is considered dangerous, though not probably mortal. Glass was arrested at once and had a preliminary hearing before Justice R. W. Allen who committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

William Glass, a son of Adam Glass, who was with his father at the time, was also arrested.

On Monday he had a hearing before Justice Allen who sent him on to the grand jury for indictment, and was committed to jail where he and his father are imprisoned together.

MIDDLEBROOK AND VICINITY.

Death of W. P. Mish—Illness of Floyd Brewster Arehart—Baptism of Colored Converts—Death of Mrs. Geo. W. Arehart.

We as a community were greatly grieved last Wednesday morning, when we learned of the death of Mr. Wm. P. Mish, which occurred Tuesday night, Dec. 4th, at eleven o'clock. He was not sick very long, but his illness developed into pneumonia and he was hurried off by that fell disease. He was one of our sterling men—an honest, industrious man. He was very kind to his family, and his home was a model of domestic joy. Mr. Mish was about 40 years of age. He had been a member of Bethel Presbyterian church for years. Those who dealt honestly with him, found him a man ever willing to help them, and he has befriended many in many ways. He relieved the wants of the worthy poor on many occasions. He was prominent in every good work pertaining to his church and vicinity. Not because he was a man of means, but because of his worth as a man, are we pleased to make this record of him. He leaves a wife and family of children, some of whom are small, and there is none who knows the great grief of the stricken family. Not long ago, Mrs. Mish lost by death her aged mother, who had for years been the Angel of the household, and now receives this great stroke of sorrow and grief with patience and resignation to His Divine Will—for He doeth all things well! While the family of the deceased are well prepared for living, so far as worldly goods go, still there is nothing that takes his place in their hearts. The deceased was a son of Mr. Henry Mish, dec'd, and a brother of John W. Mish of this place. He had a fine farm near here, and was one of the nicest farmers in this part of the county, and he will not only be greatly missed by his loving family, but by the greater part of the whole community. He had just of late years got his nice farm and buildings in a first-class condition. The interment was at Bethel on Thursday, and one of the largest crowds of sorrowing friends were in attendance to show their last tribute of respect and love for the deceased. We ever saw pass through. Rev. Lapsley, his pastor, conducted the sad services. The bereaved family have the sincere sympatny of all in this the saddest stroke of their lives, and they have but the one great source of comfort, and He is able to be a father unto them, and take care of them.

Floyd Brewster Arehart, youngest son of Mr. Jacob Arehart, Sr., of this place, is at this writing very ill. We have not learned his complaint; but we learned that he is very ill indeed. "Brews" is a good boy and we hope he will soon recover. He is a young man, and is liked by all, and his many friends are anxiously waiting for his recovery. His brother, who is a student at Salem, has been telegraphed for.

On last Sunday a week ago, there was an immersion in the branch here of nine converts at the revival at the Colored Baptist church. The ceremonies were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robinson. The day was not very cold. A large crowd of both white and colored people witnessed the ceremonies, and good order prevailed. The pastor, Rev. Robinson, deserves praise for his untiring efforts in behalf of the salvation of his people.

The telephone line from here to Newport is nearing completion. The poles have been put up and are ready for the wires. It is a great convenience.

Mrs. George W. Arehart died at her home near Zion Church last Thursday night, of Brights' disease. She was married in September last.

Mabel Paige Company.

This excellent company of comedy actors commenced their engagement for the week in the Opera-house last Monday night, when they rendered in most excellent style the interesting and amusing play entitled "The Other Girl," translated from the German.—Little Mabel Paige, who acted the character of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" with such success when it was acted here for the first time, has developed into an excellent comic actress and dancer, and is what Sam Jones would call a "Jim Dandy" of an actress. She is small and young, but acts marvelously well, and is a universal favorite, and she is fortunate in having with her a company of good actors, all of whom act well their parts. Though this company charge such low prices they act as well as those in high-price companies, and deserve to have full houses every night, and at the matinees this afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

They were acting "La Belle Marguerite" as we went to press last night, and we regret that we could not witness it, on account of office duties.

Killed by the Girl's Father.

A few days ago, in Webster county, Kentucky, Jesse Barclay attempted to elope with the 14-year-old daughter of John Clayton who shot and killed Barclay, and then made his escape.

Postmaster-General's Report.

We have received the Annual Report of W. S. Bissell, Postmaster-General of the United States, for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1894. It is an important document, and, with the appendix, occupies 62 pages octavo. We have not the time or space to notice it at greater length at this time.

Wm. Sheets Killed.

About 2 o'clock last Monday afternoon, Mr. Wm. Sheets, aged between 50 and 60 years, was struck and killed by a material train on the Norfolk & Western railroad about one mile north of Basic City. It is supposed that he went to sleep on the side of the track. He was the father of the young man Sheets who was killed in the riot at Roanoke.

Acquittal of John A. Noon.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. John A. Noon, charged with forgery in getting the transfer of W. H. Taylor (colored) from Staunton to Lexington, was tried in the Hustings Court Monday, and he was acquitted. There were two colored men of the same name, but only one on the registration books—hence the charge. The evidence acquitted Noon of all blame.

Personal.

Miss Lillie Heller who has been visiting friends in Staunton for the past few days returned to her home in Harrisonburg yesterday.

Mr. Edward Lickford, a native of Canada, now residing in Augusta county, and Miss Ella Amanda Root, will be married near Ft. Defiance to-day—Dec. 12th.

The Rockbridge *News* says cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mabel G. Leibig and Mr. Robert J. Watts, Tuesday evening, December 25th, at Wesley Chapel.—The bride is a daughter of Mr. L. M. Leibig; the groom an official of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, located at Williamson, W. Va., and a son of Mr. Robert J. Watts, of near Brownsburg.

Miss Annie Grace Lippincott, whose mother in years past was widely known in literary circles under the pseudonym of Grace Greenwood, is to be married at 8 o'clock Thursday night to Mr. Henry Hall Winslow, the journalist and playwright of New York.

Miss Maude Murray, of Edinburg, Shenandoah county, is on a visit to friends near Waynesboro'.

The Waynesboro' *Sentinel* says:—

"The many friends of Miss Eliza Mowry will regret to learn that she is dangerously ill at the home of Mr. S. H. McCue, near Ft. Defiance."

We are sorry to learn that the health of Hon John F. Lewis continues to grow worse. We fear that he will not survive much longer. He has been a great sufferer from the "ills flesh is heir too."

Governor O'Ferrall appointed George K. Anderson county judge for Alleghany and Craig counties to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Moore to return to the ministry.

City Court.

In this court, which commenced business on last Thursday, Turner K. Hackman and John Mills, Jr., were admitted to practice law.

Thursday and Friday were occupied in the hearing of witnesses *pro* and *con*. in the application of Thomas H. Burke to remove his bar-room from Johnston street to South Augusta. The decision of the court denies the application.

On Monday the charge against John A. Noon, under indictment for forgery, was tried, and the evidence introduced completely exonerated him therefrom.

The market house case, in which J. R. Brown is appellant from the action of the mayor in imposing upon him a fine of $10, comes up for hearing to-day.

Rain.

Rain had been needed here for some time. For the past several days it has been raining more or less, and now at this hour, 9 p. m. Tuesday, it is coming down copiously with a prospect of continuance.

Minister Paralyzed.

On last Sunday, Rev. W. E. Payne, of Charlottesville, Presiding Elder of that district, was paralyzed in one side whilst at dinner, at the residence of Mr. Thomas Roden at Pace's Mill in Albemarle county. He was holding a quarterly meeting at Mt. Moriah Church, and preached in the morning. During his sermon, he felt a twitching sensation, the premonitory symptons of paralysis, but it did not prevent him for continuing his sermon. The *Chronicle* says:—

"After the services, Dr. Payne accompanied Mr. Thomas Roden to his home, and it was while eating his dinner that the stroke fell. Dr. Payne was unable to rise from the table, and it was found that he had been paralyzed on the left side. The wife of the suffering gentleman was sent for at once, and she arrived at her husband's side within a few hours of the visitation of his affliction.

While Dr. Payne's condition is not considered critical, it is feared that he will be greatly incapacitated by the stroke."

The *Progress* gives the name as Thomas Rodes—the *Chronicle* as Roden.

Judge George Denny, Jr., Republican, has served notice of contest upon Mr. W. C. Owens, Democrat, for the seat in Congress now occupied by Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge.

In a collision Thursday on the Carolina Central railroad between Charlotte and Hamlet, Engineer Wells was killed and Engineer Watson fatally wounded.

The east-bound passenger train on the Texas and Pacific railroad was stopped by train robbers on a trestle seven miles of Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday afternoon. The express car was robbed and the train was allowed to proceed. Nobody was hurt. The passengers were not molested.

Miss Chaplin, an aged lady, was run over and killed by a South Carolina railroad train at Magnolia Crossing, near Charleston. Her brothers saw the accident and narrowly escaped being killed also.

The Georgia House of Representatives last week passed a bill appropriating $17,500 for a State exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

Champion James J. Corbett says foot-ball would be a good game if its brutality were eliminated. We suppose Corbett would rather take his chance in a prize-fight with Sullivan or Mitchell than at Foot-ball.

It is estimated that the value of gold product in the United States for the current year will be $43,000,000.

War talk continues throughout Mexico, and the government is receiving many offers of aid in case war with Gautemala should occur.

Claus A Blixt has confessed to the Minneapolis police that he killed Miss Catharine Ging. A. A. Harwood told the police that his brother Harry planned the murder.

Miss Ida Schultz, aged twenty-two years, was killed and her brother Edward badly injured by being struck by a train at the Burlington railroad station at Lyons, Ill.

The Bank cotton factory in Lexington county, S. C., about 13 miles from Columbia, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The origin is unknown. The loss is $75,000; insurance, $40,000.

In Covington, Va., the small boys have organized an anti-cigarette league. We would like to see similar organizations in Charlottesville and other cities. An eminent physician once said that he believed more deaths resulted from the use of cigarettes, directly and indirectly, than from the use of intoxicating liquors. The constitutions of thousands of boys are undermined years before they take their first drink, and in many cases the cigarette habit leads to the use of intoxicants.—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

The Staunton, Va., *Spectator* is offered for sale by Editor Richard Mauzy, whose advanced years and failing eyesight admonish him that his journalistic course is nearly run. Mr. Mauzy began his editorial career in Lewisburg, now in this State, in 1849, and in 1860 he bought the *Spectator*, and has published it ever since, save for a time during the war, when Gen. David Hunter destroyed the office. It is a "plant" worth preserving. The *Spectator* pages suggest by typographical excellence almost exceptional the superior equipment of the office.—*Virginia Free Press.*

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates, December 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 and January 1, good returning until January 3, 1895. For rates and full information apply to James Ker, Ticket Agent, Staunton, Va.

Sensational Elopement.

A Fashionabll Preacher and one of his wealthy flock.

CHICAGO, December 8.—It was discovered to-day that the Rev. Conrad Haney, one of the most prominent of Chicago divines, had eloped with Mrs. George W. Brandt, wife of the manager of the Price Baking Powder Company.

Haney was the pastor of the Aristocratic Union church on Lake avenue, and was recently prominently spoken of as the successor of Prof. David Swing in the pastorate of Central church. He left a handsome wife and four children, and is said to have taken all available funds with him, leaving his family destitute.

It was stated that Mr. Brandt had suspected an intimacy between his wife and the preacher for some time and yesterday followed them and caught them together at a downtown hotel. There was a stormy scene, and Mr. Brandt gave the minister twelve hours to leave town. Haney did not wait long, but flew last night, accompanied by Mrs. Brandt.

The Brandts live on Forty-sixth street, near Drexel boulevard, and are well known in the aristocratic quarter of Kenwood.

KILLED INSTANTLY.—Mrs. Fulk, wife of Harvey Fulk, Esq., of Fulk's Run, while riding horseback on Sunday last, was fatally injured by the falling of her horse, causing instant death. Mrs. Fulk was a consistent christian, exerting a fine influence in the community. She was a sister of Mr. W. H. Peterson, of Dayton. She leaves several sons and a daughter.—*State Republican.*

Earthquakes with heavy loss of life are reported to have occurred in Brazil along the Japura river. The water rose enormously. The shocks continued three days.

A Proud Man--the Kind of Wife to Have.

Editor Greenbrier Independent:

On Tuesday, the 4th instant, while at Falling Spring on business a very nice deer came into our yard. My wife struck him several times on the head with a heavy brush-hook and then with a butcherknife cut his throat, while the faithful watch-dog held him by the nose. That is the kind of a wife to have. I got her at J. J. Walkup's.

Respectfully, W. R. BYRD.

She is both his deer and dear wife, and is thus doubly endeared to him.

The Hard Times.

The Manchester *Progress* says we complain a great deal about hard times. Well, they have been hard, indeed, but the clouds seem to be lifting; so let us all buckle down to what we can get to do, and struggle through the storm until we arrive at a safe and more comfortable port. We need courage to stand up under adversities, privations, and troubles. But one of the best ways to overcome the evils and to succeed is to "keep a stiff upper lip," and push ahead.

If the soldier in battle grows faint-hearted and falls out of the ranks the battle is lost ere it is begun. If the doctor, standing over the fever-tossed or bleeding form of his patient loses his courage or head, his failure in the understanding and mastery of the case is a foregone conclusion. If the engineer with his hand on the throttle falls asleep at his post, or sinks nerveless in his cab, the engine and its precious cargo of lives or of goods goes to destruction. If the man who is thrown upon hard lines gives up and despairs he is lost. All things work together for the interest and glory of a nation of laborious people. Nothing is ever gained without patience, labor, and often waiting. We should be thankful that we have suffered no more than we have. We should compare our condition with that of those who live in other parts of the world, and even of our own country. We have been a favored people, and we are destined to be greater and happier than ever in the future.

We must stop grumbling and put our hands to the work we find to do. If it is not so remunerative as we would have it, we must try to be satisfied. If we can't get one kind of work to do we must seek for and obtain other kinds. If we can't live in the cities we must go back to the country and work the soil. God will prosper those who are willing to work. All men will respect them; and then when the light of new enterprise and prosperity shall dawn upon us we will march forward with the energy, the enthusiasm, and the pluck of our splendid race to greater glories and conquests than we have ever achieved in the past. Put behind us troubles, as far as possible, and work manfully to retrieve ourselves, and in so doing build up and stimulate others. This is the true wisdom and the wise policy. Its results will be manifold and glorious.

The Virginia division, Army of Northern Virginia, will meet in Richmond to-morrow, Thursday, at which Senator Daniel will deliver an address on "Early's Valley Campaign."

H. M. Bourne, a fireman on the Norfolk and Western, was killed on the New River division.

Col. R. C. Wood, representing Mr. C. B. Rouss, of New York, appeared before committees of the Confederate organizations in Richmond and presented Mr. Rouss's plan for the establishment of a museum in the South for the preservation of Confederate relics.

Samuel Evans, John Ward, Walter Sullivan and Walter Gardner, all young farmers, were arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, on the charge of robbing a Texas and Pacific train last week.

Mr. Shot, white, and four colored men were killed at Washington, N. C., by the explosion of the boiler of a saw mill.

There will not be a single negro member in the next Congress of the United States, notwithstanding the Republicans will have an overwhelming majority. This shows how ungrateful the Republican party is to its best friends. They know how to vote the negroes in every election, but never care to reward them with official honors or emoluments of any kind or degree.—*Lynchburg News.*

N. T. Hopkins, republican, has served a notice of contest on Joseph M. Kendall, democrat, elected to Congress from the tenth Kentucky district.

The State of Texas has brought suit against two railroads for money borrowed in 1857 from the State school fund.

Daniel Doty, brother-in-law of Governor Ogle, of Arkansas, was assassinated in Richmond, Ky.

SOUTHERN TORNADO.—A terrific storm of wind and rain passed over the States of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida on Monday morning, prostrating buildings and doing great damage. A telegram from Atlanta, Ga., says:—

"An unexplained feature is that many persons who lived in the track of the storm became partly paralyzed several hours after the storm had passed over."

The Dunkards of the United States will assemble in grand annual convention at Green Ridge, Roanoke county, in May, 1895. An appropriation has been made to build a tabernacle near Salem, and other necessary arrangements are being made for the occasion.

The Chinese council has decided to send an ambassador to Japan fully authorized to negotiate a treaty of peace. It is said that all the Christian villages in Corea have been burned and many native Christians murdered.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Virginia Society, of Atlanta, Ga., on the occasion of the observance of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, January 19, which is a legal holiday in Georgia. The address will no doubt be worthy alike of the speaker and the occasion.

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MARRIAGES.

JOHNSON—PLYMALE.—On Potts Creek Alleghany county, Wednesday, Dec. 5th, by Rev. John B. Davis, Mr. Edward L. Johnson to Miss Florence E. Plymale, daughter of Mr. John E. Plymale.

MURPHY—ANDREWS.—In Covington, Alleghany county, Tuesday, Dec. 4th, by Rev. E. F. Chapman, Mr. Geo. D. Murphy, son of Mr. Dennis Murphy, to Miss Annie C. Andrews, daughter of Mr. Wm. Andrews—both of Covington.

SCOTT—JOHNSON.—In Clifton Forge, at the Baptist church, at the close of services Sunday night, Dec. 2nd, by Rev. R. Brett, Mr. D. B. Scott, formerly of Port Republic, Rockingham county, to Mrs. Connie P. Johnson, widow of I. N. Johnson, who died 18 months ago from injuries received on the railroad. Mr. Scott had also been married before.

MARTIN—AMISS.—In the Episcopal church in Luray, Page county, Wednesday, Dec. 0th, by Rev. John S. Douglas, Mr. Jesse B. Martin, a young lawyer of that place, to Miss Nannie Amiss, daughter of Dr. Thos. Amiss.

ARMSTRONG—HENKEL.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Baltimore, Md., on the 4th inst., at 12:30 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Kinzer, of the Methodist Church, Major E. J. Armstrong, of Luray, Page county, Va., and Miss Clara, daughter of Mr. Chas. W. Henkel, of Baltimore, city.

HUFFMAN—HOTTINGER.—Near Roman in this county, Thursday, Dec. 6th, by Rev. Mr. Oney, Mr. Brownlee L. Huffman to Miss Mattie Ellen Hottinger.

DEATHS.

MISH.—At his home near Middlebrook, Tuesday night, December 4th, of pneumonia, Mr. William P. Mish, aged about 40 years, leaving a widow and eight children.

FRAVEL.—In Luray, Page county, Thursday afternoon, November 29th, Mr. H. C. Fravel, aged 52 years, 2 months, and 3 days, leaving a widow and five children. He served four years in the Confederate army as a good soldier. He was a member of the Methodist church.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. L. Reid, assisted by Revs. B. B. White, and H. L. Quarles, a large concourse of friends attending.

LONG.—At her home near Buttermilk Spring, a few miles west of Staunton, at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, December 11th, after a week's illness of pneumonia, Mrs. Sarah Long, aged 38 years, wife of Mr. George W. Long, leaving a husband and several children.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of December 6th, says:—

"During the past week rains have fallen in various districts in the West, and portions of the wheat crop area have derived important relief. There is, however, considerable complaint yet, from other portions of the crop area, of drawbacks from drought conditions. The general outlook of the crop is not to be considered discouraging, in view of the possibilities of the season.

The marketing of wheat continues quite restricted, and current correspondence indicates that this is to be expected for the future. A decided advance in values might temporarily enlarge the movement.

The area seeded to wneat this season is a matter of some interest, and will be officially reported upon this month. This office reaches the conclusion, after a careful application of available information, that in the States east of the Rocky Mountains the area is reduced approximately 5 per cent in comparison with a year ago.

The indications in regard to wheat-feeding are that a moderate decrease is now shaping, but this is consistent with previous calculations, and the recent estimates are undoubtedly being justified by the current absorption of this grain by animals. It is interesting to note the confirmation which the government statement affords of the estimates which have been submitted by the *Price-Current*. Four weeks ago this paper reported 40,000,000 bushels as the indicated disposition of wheat by feeding to animals, and approximately 75,000,000 bushels as the total for the season, based on information obtained by an extensive special inquiry. The government figures now promulgated are 46,030,000 bushels as the quantity fed thus far, and 29,273,000 bushels as the probable quantity to be fed, making a total of 75,303,000,000 bushels.

It is not extravagant to recognize 75,000,000 bushels as the quantity of wheat which will this season be consumed by animals. Nor is it unreasonable to look forward with great confidence to a time when visible stocks in this country will decline in such a manner as to give courage to holders, and to stimulate buyers, under which influences decidedly better prices should be expected.

Corn has been moving more freely, but not in so large volume as to disturb confidence in values in any essential manner, although the demand for this grain does not appear to be relatively as urgent as might be expected incident to so short a crop. Prices at Chicago have not had wide changes during the week, and close fractionally higher than a week ago.

In the wheat trade a fairly firm tone has prevailed most of the week, with something of easiness at the close, from trade influences which are likely to prove only temporary. At Chicago the closing prices are slightly higher than a week ago.

FINANCIAL.

The following are extracts from the Financial review of Henry Clews of December 8th:—

"Wall Street has passed through another week of the excitements incident to the abnormal monetary condition of the Treasury, without any visible effect upon the spirit of either investment or speculation. Upon the whole, the market for stocks has been somewhat firmer, in spite of London having unloaded upon us, during the week, some fifty thousand shares of railroad stocks, and the prospect of immediate exports of gold.

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The report of the Secretary of the Treasury has attracted much attention. In its main features it is regarded as providing a clear and sensible scheme for reconstructing our currency system; but some of the details of the plan, especially the 30 per cent deposit of legal tenders against notes, and the general abandonment of compulsory reserves against deposits, are regarded as open to serious objection. Notwithstanding, it seems to be the majority opinion that reconstruction will ultimately be found to run on the lines sketched by Mr. Carlisle. At the same time, there is little expectation that any legislation on this question will be consummated within the life of the present Congress. Members are discouraged by their past failures to satisfy the country, and will be cautious about taking any new legislative risks for their party. The bitterness of factional feeling makes it very uncertain whether an Administration measure (such as Mr. Carlisle's is) could command a majority vote in both houses of Congress. In the Senate and the House alike, there is great division of opinion on currency matters, and it is argued that a set of legislators who could give a majority for Bland's bill of last session are not likely to support Mr. Carlisle in his strong plea for bank money based upon gold, to say nothing of the strong predilections of Western members for Government paper money. This reasoning as to the prospects of early legislation has much force, * *

The new 50 millions loan has increased the Treasury gold reserve to about $110,000,000. Some important early reductions, however, are anticipated. Some of the banks have depleted their stock of gold so largely through their subscriptions for bonds, that they find it necessary to exchange some of their legal tenders for the metal, and these operations may reduce the reserve to below $105,000,000 in a few days. The steady drift of the foreign exchanges towards the specie-shipping point has brought us to a stage at which, in view of the usual December interest payments to Europe, some considerable immediate shipments of specie must be expected. At the moment of writing, the exports by to-day's steamers are estimated at from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000, and, among the exchange houses, next week's exports are expected to be still larger."

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 11, 1894.

The only changes to report this week are in eggs and wheat which we quote as follows:—

Eggs 18 cents; wheat from 51 to 52 cents, an increase of one cent since last week.

Sugar is still very low with a tendency downward.

Country Produce.

Appies green	60@90c
BACON—country cured.	
Hams	12a13
Shoulders	10
Sides	10
Beeswax	12½
Butter	15to16
Corn—old	50@52c
" new	40@42c
Cornmeal	55@58c
Eggs	18@18
Flour—patent	4 00@34.25
family 1st	3.50to3.75
New process	3.00to3.25
New process, extra	$2.60@3.00
Feathers	50c
Lard	8¼
Oats—shelled	31@32
Potatoes-Irish	50
Rye	45c
Tallow	4c
Vinegar—pure apple	16@
Wheat	51to52
Wool—unwashed	15c

Groceries, Etc.

BACON—country, see country produce.	
Western, canvas hams	14@15
" " long clear sides	8c
" " short clear sides	8c
" " bellies	9c
Candles—adamantine	10c
" paraffine wax	25
Cheese	10¼@14
Coal Oil	8@11
Coffee—Rio	19@22
Laguayra	19@23
Java	26@28¼
Mocha	32@33
Cotton Yarns—⅋ bunch	82
Fish—Mackerel	$12 00@20 00
Fuse, ⅋ 1,000 feet	$2.50@$7 00
Lard, western—Tierces, ½bbs., tubs	6¼@6c
Molasses—Syrups	16@40
New Orleans	25@45
Porto Rico	22@30
West India	20@45
Powder—Rifle, F. F. F. g, 25 lb keg	$3 50
½ keg	2 00
¼ keg	1 25
Ducking, ¼ keg	300
Blasting Powder, ⅋ keg	175
Rice	4@6c
Salt	$1 15@1 30
Spices—Pepper, grain	10@15
Pepper, ground	10@15
Allspice, grain	11
Allspice, ground	12
Sugar—Cut loaf	5¼c
Granulated	43@c
Powdered	5
Standard A	4¼c
Coffee A	4c
Yellow	36c
Common	3½c
Tea—Black	25@4
Breakfast	25@75c
Japan	20@50
Gunpowder	40@90

Hay, Plaster, Lime, &c.

Hay—Timothy, ⅋ ton	$10.00@11.00
Mixed	$8 00@10 00
Clover, ⅋ ton	$8 00@9 00
Plaster—ground, ⅋ ton	$7 00
Lime—⅋ barrel	$1 00to125
Mill Feed—⅋ ton	$15@15 00
Bran—⅋ ton	$14@15 00

Canned Fruits.

Apples—3lb cans ⅋ doz	90
Tomatoes—3lb	90a 95
Corn—2lb	90 a1 40
Peaches—3lb	$1 25@1 65
Peaches—2lb	$1 25@1 50
Pie peaches	1 10
Timothy—⅋ bushel	$2 7
Clover	$5 5
Orchard Grass	$1 40a1 5
Herds Grass	1 00@1 5

Liquors, Wines, &c.

Whiskey	$1 50a3 00
Brandy—apple	$2 00a5 00
Porter and Ale ⅋ doz	$2 05

Lumber.

Framing—heart pine, assorted	$13 50, 15 00@17 50
Common	$14 00@15 00
Fencing—common	14 00@15 00
Sap	13 50@14 00
Joists, as to length and sizes	14 00@25 00
Flooring—heart	30 00@40 00
Sap	18 00@30 00
Laths, ⅋ 1,000	$2 50a3 00
Shingles ⅋ 1,000	$3 75a4 50

Hides, Leather, &c.

Hides—wet salted	$2 00
Dry salted	$4 00
Dry flint	$4 00
Green	2a2½
Leather—rough	20¼a28
City finished harness leather	22a25
Country finished harness leather	20a23
Hemlock sole	19a25
Tanner's Oil	45a50

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
THURSDAY, Dec. 6th, 1894.

BEEF CATTLE.—There has been a fairly active market this week, and values were quoted for the better grades from 15c to 20c higher than they were last week. The quality showed some improvement over that of last week's offerings, there being a fair number of holiday cattle among them. Prices of beef cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	4¼@4½
Generally rated first quality	4⅛@4¼
Medium or good fair quality	3½@3⅞
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 @3½

Of the Cattle received 1236 came from Virginia.

MILCH COWS.—There is a light offering and an improved demand. Prices were: Common to fair $20a35, and good to extra at $40a45 per head.

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
MONDAY, Dec. 10th, 1894.

SWINE.—There is a full supply of hogs reported and a moderate demand prevails. There is no change in quotations to be given, but the market is not as strong at the same quotations as last week. Prices for good to prime Western hogs 4.80a5; near-by hogs—those from Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania—4.50a4.80 per 100 lbs gross. Roughs 3a3.75 per 100 lbs gross. Receipts 17,613 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The market is slow. Sheep sell at 1¾a2¼ cents per lb, and a few extra at 2¾ cents; lambs 2¾a2¾ cents per lb, and a few extra 2¾ cents per lb gross.

CALVES.—Trade is dull. Veals—Quotations: 4a5¼ cents per lb, and a few extra at 5½ cents. Grassers 3a$5 per head and not wanted.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK MARKET,
MONDAY, Dec. 10th, 1894.

BEEVES.—Receipts for two days 3,953 head; on sale 4 cars; poor to prime native steers 4a$5.10, oxen 2.75a$4.50, bulls 2a$3, dry cows 1.75a$3.25. European cables quote American steers at 9a11 cents per lb dressed weight; refrig