Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

THE EVOLUTION

Of medicinal agents is gradually relegating the old-time herbs, pills, draughts and vegetable extracts to the rear and bringing into general use the pleasant and effective liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs. To get the true remedy see that it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only. For sale by all leading druggists.

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The new furnace at Covington, Alleghany county, was put in blast last week.

John Liptrap, who shot and killed Charles S. Vance at Millboro', Bath county, last August, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and has been taken there.

Hanged.

Thornton Parker, colored, aged about 20 years, was hanged in Winchester last Friday for an attempted outrage on Mrs. Wm. Melton, aged about 19 years, near Middletown, Frederick county, on the evening of the 5th of March.

From the professions of the persons executed for that crime, it would seem that to hang them is not only the shortest, but the surest way to get them to Heaven. The hangman is an effectual missionary and evangelist—he *ropes* his converts in and makes a "tie that binds," and has no backsliders whose "latter days are worse than their first."

To Test the Ordinance.

To test the Market House ordinance which inhibits the sale of fresh meat anywhere in the city other than at the market house, Mr. A Lee Knowles took out a general merchant's license and opened a store on South Augusta street where he exposed fresh meat for sale in violation of the said ordinance, for which he was arraigned before the Mayor on Friday and fined $5 and costs, from which his counsel, Turner K. Hackman, moved to take an appeal, when the Mayor said he would take time to consider it.

To Candidates.

The law requires candidates for County and District offices to notify the Clerk of the County Court of their candidacy in writing, with their signatures attested by a witness 20 days previous to the election. In the coming May election, that must be done on or before the night of Thursday, May 2nd.

Miss Palmer's Concert.

Miss Clara Bell Palmer's Concert in the Opera house last Friday night, in which she was assisted by Miss Fannie Tams, Miss Nan Cooke, D. E. Euritt, C. L. Cooke, Clarke Wooddel and J. M. Brereton, was greatly enjoyed by the appreciative audience present. The programme of both instrumental and vocal music was well performed and was greatly enjoyed, particularly by those who were judges of good music, of which there were many in the audience.

Questions Deserving Consideration.

In the communication signed "Moderate," under the heading—"Improve your Legislature"—are a number of questions asked which deserve the consideration of the people, and which the propounder of them would like the advocates of a convention to amend the constitution of the State to answer.

It is an interesting catechism, yet it does not, by a great deal, embrace all the questions that might arise in such a convention, and no man is endowed sufficiently with the prophetic faculty to foretell what would be the character of the constitution that might be adopted. It might be much worse than the present one. This is not an auspicious time to call a convention for that purpose.

Rather Previous.

In speaking of the Rockingham Republican and Democratic conventions which respectively nominated tickets for county offices, the *Spirit of the Valley* says the Republican convention was "large and enthusiastic" and that there was a "want of enthusiasm" in the Democratic convention. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off"

When the hurly-burly's done,
And the battle's fought and won,—

—when Haas has Harrison's scalp in his belt, then there will be "enthusiasm" in the Democratic ranks and a painful "want" of it in the Republican, and the *Register's* rooster will victoriously crow cocka-doodle-doo!!

Confirmation Next Sunday.

Right Rev. Alfred M. Randolph will preach and confirm a class at Trinity next Sunday morning, April 28th, and at Emmanuel Episcopal church in the evening. While in the city, the Bishop will be the guest of Major H. M. Bell.

For the Y. M. C. A. Library.

An enjoyable entertainment for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. library will be given next Friday night in the Y. M. C. A. building, consisting of chorus, solos, orchestral music, recitations, &c., by the following ladies of this city representing the Peak Sisters:—

Aramintay Peak.....Miss Stella Wright
Betsy Peak.....Miss Clemence Cooke
Dowthy Peak.....Miss Annabel Timberlake
Eustechy Peak.....Miss Mattie Wayt
Gerushy Peak.....Miss Minnie McCoy
Hannah Belindy Peak.....Miss Meta Hullihen
Inzy Peak.....Miss Bettie Fauntleroy
Lucindy Peak } twins } .....Miss Janet Bell
Mirandy Peak } .....Miss Anna Cochran
Ophely Peak.....Mrs. Mabel Lightner

This entertainment is given for a worthy purpose and should be liberally patronized.

Admission will be 25 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Caldwell & Holt's, at each of the drug stores, and at the door. Supper will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock p. m.

Appointments of Cadets.

We invite attention to the advertisement of the Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute in reference to the appointments of cadets to fill vacancies in the 9th, 10th, 16th, 28th, 34th, 35th, and 38th Senatorial Districts, to whom applications should be addressed before the 15th of June.

Trip to the Natural Bridge.

On Monday, twenty or more of the pupils of the Augusta Female Seminary of this city, paid a visit to the Natural Bridge in Rockbridge county, one of the great natural curiosities of the world. After admiring its grandeur and sublimity, and exhausting their vocabulary of expressions of wonder, they may calculate have many thousands of almost countless years it required for the little stream—Cedar creek—which passes under it, to carve that magnificent arch.

We are indebted to Rev. Job Turner now in California for a copy of the Los Angales *Times* of April 18th.

It will be a relief to the employes in the Internal Revenue office for this district to learn that Gen. Fitz Lee will make no change in them.

Personal.

The marriage of Mr. J. Luther Henderson to Miss Addte Jefferson Fauver, daughter of Mr. John A. Fauver, will take place next Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the M. E. Church South.

On Wednesday last, April 17th, Mr. Steward Shick, of Clearfield, Pa., was married to Miss Martha A. Harris, of this county, by Rev. J. D. Donovan, pastor of the U. B. Church of this city.

Rev. L. H. Paul, pastor of the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, on the unanimous protest of the session of his church, has declined to accept the tempting call to Independence, Missouri, a city of eight thousand population. We congratulate his congregation that they will continue to have his services.

On Tuesday night, April 16th, Mr. Frank S. Michie, son of Capt. H. C. Michie, of Albemarle county, Va., was married in New Orleans, La, to Miss Grace Coleman. They will return to Albemarle this week.

Rennie Kirby, son of Judge J. L. S. Kirby, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks, is now getting better.

Mrs. W. M. Zirkle and little son Clyde, of Atlanta, Ga, is visiting Mr. Casper Zirkle on Johnson street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, of Maysville, Ky., are in the city visiting their daughter, Miss Suzaune, of the Augusta Female Seminary, and their sons, who are cadets at the Staunton Military Academy.

In Norfolk last Wednesday. Mr. Robert W Mallet, a lawyer of Norfolk, and son of Prof. J. W. Mallet of the University of Virginia, was married in that city to Miss Elizabeth Scott Zachary, daughter of Mr. R. Y. Zachary.

Judge John Paul went to Lynchburg on Monday where the session of the Federal Court opened on yesterday.

Rev. C. S. M. Lee preached able sermons, morning and evening, last Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., the recently appointed Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District, the successor of Rev. Jas. S. Gardner, D. D. preached in the M. E. church, South, of this city last Sunday morning, and Rev. Henry P. Hamill, the recently elected President of the Wesleyan Female Institute, to succeed Prof. W. W. Robertson, preached in the same church in the evening.

Rev. Robert Lee Fultz, Assistant Pastor of the same church, who has charge of the East and West End missions and of Hammond chapel, preached Sunday afternoon in the East End chapel.

Bishop Vandevyver, of this Catholic Diocese, arrived here from Richmond on Monday on business connected with the erection of a new Catholic church in this city, and returned on yesterday.

On Wednesday last, the President appointed Ex.-Gov. Fitz. Lee Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District of Virginia to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Capt. Ham Sheppard. He was not an appicant for it, and that makes the appointment the more complimentary.

The marriage of Mr. John A. Bright to Miss Maude Jarrett, daughter of Mrs. Ira Jarrett, will take place at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening, April 30th, at the M. E. Church, South, in North Alderson, Greenbrier county, W. Va.

Mr. Wm. Edward Kraft, a machinist of Clifton Forge, Alleghany county, Va., will be married to-day—April 24th—to Miss Marcelene Fountaine, daughter of Mrs. Louise Fountaine, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md. They will reside at Clifton Forge.

At Big Island, April 17th, Mr. A. J. Bush, a farmer in the Rich Patch in Alleghany county, was married to Miss Nettie W. Milam, a school-teacher. They will reside in Rich Patch.

Mr. Chas. Dod has announced himself as a candidate for the House of Delegates in Rockbridge. He seems to believe in the adage that the early bird gets the worm.

County Court.

The April term of the County Court commenced on Monday last—Judge Chalkley presiding. The following business was done on Monday:—

Retail and bar license to sell liquor was granted to James W. Hall and Henry Koiner at Basic City.

The following road petitions, having been approved and certified from the board of supervisors of this county, were established by the court:

The petition of S. N. Patterson and others (Middle River district); damages and costs $400.

John S. Kerr and others (Middle River district), damages and costs $175.

George W. Layman and others (Middle River district), damages and costs $268.

J. E Arbuckle and other (Middle River district), damages and costs $162.

J. Lee Koiner and others (Middle River district), damages and costs, $846.

E G. M Greiner and others (Middle River district), damages and costs, $216.

S. T. Driver and others (North River district), damages and costs, $450.

A voting precinct was established at Roman, North River district.

Administrations were granted to Mrs. Bettie Stoutamoyer on the estate of Mary Jane McManaway, and to J. H. Shull on the estate of F. H. M. Stoutamoyer.

The estates of John Stoner and John A. Desper were committed to the sheriff for administration.

The will of Mary E. Kiracofe was admitted to probate.

The will of Henry Crist was admitted to probate and further time allowed the executors therein to qualify hereafter.

The will of Joel Sanger was admitted to probate with Daniel T. and Samuel M. Sanger, executors.

A. G. Brown was appointed guardian for James T. and Amanda F. Cox.

E. J. Cushing qualified as a Notary Public.

S F. Gilkerson was appointed guardian for Willie T., Mabel, and Amanda Kesterson, and an infant one week old, not named, infant children of Lorenzo Kesterson.

Nothing was done in Court yesterday—Tuesday.

Democratic Ticket in Rockingham.

The following is the full Democratic ticket in Roekingham county.

For County Offices.

For Commonwealth's Attorney—T. N. Haas.

For Sheriff—John A. Switzer.

For Treasurer—D. B Showalter.

For Commissioner of the Revenue—Central District, John B. Peale; Ashby District, John R. Filler; Linville District, Joseph Wenger; Stonewall District, E. A. Wyant; Plains District, I. Frank Banner.

For District Offices.

ASHBY DISTRICT.

Supervisor—E. W. Carpenter, of Pleasant Valley.

Road Commissioner—Henry W. Roller, of North River.

Constable—A. G. Glick, of Dayton.

Overseer of the Poor—G. S. Heatwole, Clover Hill

Justices of the Peace—Emanuel Rolston, Dayton; J. T. Heatwole, Rushville; John S. Huffman, Meyerhoeffer's Store.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Supervisor—Dr. J. F. Wright, of Keezletown.

Road Commissioner—L. B. Harman, of Hinton.

Constable—A. H. Brewer, of Harrisonburg.

Overseer of Poor—J. Wallace Minnich, of Dale Enterprise.

Justice of the Peace—J. L. Wright, Chrisman; A. C. Rohr, Harrisonburg; A. D. Bertram, Keezletown.

LINVILLE DISRICT.

Supervisor—J. S. Geil.

Road Commissioner—W. H. Shaver.

Constable—W. H. Armentrout.

Overseer of Poor—Jacob C. Simmers.

Justices of the Peace—Thomas J. Achison, John Boyers.

PLAINS DISTRICT.

Supervisor—Charles E. Fahrney.

Road Commissioner—G. A. Neff.

Constable—E R. Neff.

Overseer of Poor—Charles F. Evans.

Justices of the Peace—D. M. Beam, J. S. Mariz, William May.

STONEWALL DISTRICT.

Supervisor—John C. Weaver.

Road Commissioner—Edward Herron.

Constable—J. T. Burnet.

Overseer of Poor—William J. Weaver.

Justices of the Peace—R. A. Scott, Wm. B. Hensley, A. G. Armentrout.

For the SPECTATOR.

Improve Your Legislature.

The advocates of a convention to amend, or make a new constitution, observe a reticence as to the changes which they desire, which is a little remarkable. It can hardly be in the mere sentiment as expressed by the *Dispatch* that the time has now elapsed at which a convention should again be held. It is true that the wild geese and all migratory birds have times for their flight, in obedience to natural law, but in matters of government and law, stability and permanence are fundamental considerations. Especially is a popular government liable to fluctuations and discredit, when its leaders are influenced by the evanescent myths of the hour. The stability of the English government, her laws and customs, gave to the civilized world the Common Law, to which "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." The penchant of modern pettifoggers to change, has almost totally despoiled us of this ancient paternal heritage, which was the known rule for our procedure and the vindication of our rights.

The *Dispatch* objects that the Legislature has not the time to amend the constitution.—Let us see. That body has done it in the past without any apparent loss of time. What has been done in the last few years? An experienced and very learned commission composed of Judges Burks, Staples, and Riley, with the very accomplished clerk and lawyer, Major Johnson, were appointed to revise and systematize the long accumulation of discordant Acts of Assembly and give the people once more an opportunity of learning what our laws were. The commission, after several years of study and labor, compressed the statutes and constitution into a volume of 1,177 pages. The three succeeding Legislatures, composed largely of inexperienced men, set to work on the new Code, with such personal and local stuffing as was convenient, and enacted three volumes aggregating 3,402 pages. It is fair to presume that if those industrious assemblies had omitted their attacks on the Code it would have been better.—The next Legislature, by way of a little variety, may well consider any amendment to the constitution which the necessities of the State may demand, if there be such.

Permit a digression, to remark: That Lieut.-Gov. Montague, an experienced legislator and patriot, when asked why he so frequently voted to adjourn, replied, "The people are safe when the Legislature is not in session." When the complaint was made that there was so much speaking, that industrious man of affairs and large experience, General Wickham, replied, "Let them speak, it is the voting which hurts."

These wise statesmen here teach us a lesson of political philosophy, which should be pondered by all. What we now most need is obedience to the constitution and laws, rather than additional strained obligations, only to be violated by the restive and discontented.—Who can sound the depths of ingratitude and discontent which are wafted on the breezes or tell the mind which will control an assembly of successful candidates? Why do not advocates of a convention specify what they desire? Will the proposed constitution provide for a system of public roads by the State on borrowed money? For a railroad commission and State management ultimately? For a bureau of labor, statistics, and hours of labor? A bureau of agriculture, mining and geology? For the election of all judges and other officers by popular vote? For effective restrictions against gerrymandering in favor of race or party elections? To give effect to race civil rights in cars and all public places? To make intermarriage of the races constitutional? To declare for mixed schools and co-education? For woman suffrage? To establish "prohibition or local option?" To abolish capital punishment? To prohibit the employment of convict labor, &c. To enlarge the homestead exemption and the poor debtor's allowance? To confiscate deceased persons' property in excess of the homestead exemption? To provide for public administration of all estate to be ordered at any time in the Clerk's Office unobserved by the public eye? To limit the expenses and burdens of government to property alone? To prohibit any demands for labor on public roads? To limit the ownership of property in amount? To prohibit the child pupil or student from chastisement for disobedience—the infant being the ward of the government, and the parents and teachers only trustees and amenable to the children, to the State and its laws? The last fad of "higher law" theories. How many more changes may be proposed no man can tell. Will the people look before they leap into the vortex of a convention at this time?

MODERATE.

How C. D. Harrison Got the Nomination.

The contest for the Republican nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney in Rockingham county between Chas. M. Keezel and Chas. D. Harrison, the present incumbent, was very spirited during the canvass and very close in the convention From the account of the proceedings of the convention given by the *Register* it seems that Keezel would have received the nomination, but for the action of the committee on credentials, which admitted delegates not properly elected.

The *Register* says:—

"It was known for days before the convention that neither candidate had a single vote to spare, and it also transpired that at least seven votes were in doubt by reason of irregularities in the primary meetings held at Port Republic, Mt. Crawford, and Furnace No. 2. It was in the shrewd management of these votes in the committee on credentials that Mr. Harrison's nomination was accomplished by the narrow margin of five votes in a total of 171.

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The committee on credentials here submitted their report. They recommended the admission of the irregular delegations from Mt. Crawford and Furnace No. 2, and gave the nine delegates from Port Republic twelve votes. As it turned out, the Keezel managers had been cleverly outwitted, but they did not appear to realize it at the time, and the report was adopted without division. They only woke to the fact when it was too late. If the action could have been reconsidered, the report would have been rejected and Keezel would have been nominated."

If Keezel had a majority of the properly elected delegates, and was defeated in the nomination by the improper action of the committee on credentials, it was a wrong not only to Keezel but to his supporters, which they will probably resent at the polls. When candidates are fairly and properly nominated, it is the duty of the members of the party to support them, but that is not the case when the majority are denied their choice by trickery, and it is their duty to themselves to resent, at the polls, the wrong done them.

Death of Lt. A. N. Breckinridge.

Lt. Alexander Negus Breckinridge, son of the late John B. Breckinridge of this city, died in Washington last Sunday evening. After leaving the Virginia Military Institute in which he was educated, he became Secretary of Capt. Longstreet, then stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, who was afterwards the distinguished Gen. Longstreet When the war commenced he resigned that position and came back to Virginia and became a member and officer of the Staunton Artillery in which he served till the end of the war, losing his right arm in an engagement only a day or two before the surrender at Appomattox. He was elected Steward of the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and served in that capacity till, under the Mahone Readjuster *regime*, all the officers of that and other State Institutions were turned out of office to be replaced by the followers of Mahone. After that he got employment in a government department in Washington where he continued to reside till his death. He leaves a widow and two sons. The funeral and burial were in Georgetown, D. C., yesterday—Tuesday.

In Lincoln county, W. Va., John Duncan, Ike Legg and Mrs. Oldaker were found guilty of murder in the second degree for causing the death of Joseph Oldaker, husband of the woman.

PARNASSUS.

Died on the sixteenth inst., Mrs. Sallie Snyder, wife of Mr. Jno. Snyder of Stribling Springs vicinity, aged sixty-seven years and twenty months.

Married in Washington on the eighteenth inst., Mr. Turner Ashby, of Churchville, and Miss Josie Wampler of this village.

Mr. J. H. Silling is in Baltimore, and Master Ran. Keller is assistant clerk in his absehce.

The personal property of Mr. Rudolph Redifer is to be sold to day, the 22nd, at public auction on the premises of the late Jno. Stoner.

Mrs. Betsey Orebaugh, widow of Geo. A. Orebaugh, is very ill. She was stricken for the third time with paralysis on last Friday.

Miss Sallie A. Hiner returned last Saturday to her home at "The Oaks" after a prolonged visit in Staunton.

Mr. Robert L. Whitmore, of Stover, and his sister, Miss Ida, attended the Easter service in Staunton.

Mr. J. Newton Wilson was in our village last week, *sightseeing*, we presume. He has friends here working like *Helots* in his behalf.

Mrs. Smith, of Churchville, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Whitmore, of Stover

Miss Nannie Fauver has returned from Charlottesville.

Miss Nannie Byers, who taught school near New Hope, returned last Saturday, and attended services at Union Church yesterday. Everybody is glad to have Miss Nan back.

A conflagration on North River is emitting destructive elements in every direction.

Fences and forests have been cruelly vicrimized, Mr. Jno. Harman's barn caught fire, but was saved by the faithful labors of many.

The arduous labors of working men may prevent further devastation

The angry flames rose to inconceivable heights and were watched with horror and apprehension by persons many miles distant. The origin of the fire is unknown to us.

Dr. Everett Eakle, well known in this community and brother-in law of Supt. E. O. Peale, will leave New Hope the 1st proximo for Winchester, at which place he will locate as a practicing physician.

A workshop belonging to Squire James Hiner, of Stover, caught fire from a defective flue on the 18th, but the flames were discovered, and the building saved with little or no damage.

Just to think *poor Worth* is dead, and some of the prospective hides of Staunton have to come to Churchville to have their trousseaux made!! Why not come to Parnassus? *We can keep secrets here!* Yes, we keep them sailing down the stream of time like goslings on the Mississippi.

Mrs. Teabo will leave this week for her future home, Hinton, W. Va., where her husband is conducting a bakery.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert and his family arrived last Thursday p. m., and the good people of the M. E. Church South, were in waiting, and so was a sumptuous supper

On the 19th inst., a telegram from Nottaway county, summoned Mr. R. E. Borum to the bedside of his dying mother.

We had two Republican candidates in North River district for Commissioner of the Revenue Messrs. Baldwin Showalter and W. J. Knott. Mr. Showalter has retired from the field, but Mr. K's dish is still out, whether it rain paving stones or pearls.

Messrs. Sam and Emmeett Burton went on a pleasure trip to Bridgewater Saturday.

Miss Annie Bucher, formerly of this place, now of Bridgewater, is in McDowell, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Ed. Jones.

Rev. L. H. Paul has declined the call to Independence, Mo., much to the gratification of his charge at Mossy creek. He is an energetic and able minister, and is universally beloved.

Farming operations are rapidly progressing, and plowing is mostly done in many places, and some have planted corn. Gardens, grasses wheat, and winter oats look well. Fruit prospect fine!

Mrs. Francis M. Scott, of New York! "I AM HAPPY TO MEET YOU!" Your remarks are echoed and re-echoed, and the spread pinions of your argument touch either pole. At your feet we cast diadems more imperishable than those of the Cæsars, and strew your pathway with amaranthine flowers fresh from the hand of Peri.

Cards have been received at this office by the many kindred friends of Mr. Luther Henderson and Miss Fauver, of Staunton, whose marriage is announced for the 1st proximo. May prosperity, contentment and happiness, in their triune beauty, wreathe a garland for the brow of the meek and gentle Miss Addie Jefferson Fauver.

Dr. M. P. Jones, of Churchville, and his brother attended services at Parnassus church last Sunday.

Mr. Fix, of Staunton, has moved into the tenant-house on the farm of the late Albert R. Whitmore.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert preached last Sunday in the M. E. Church South, at 11 a. m., to a very large congregation, and we have heard the people were much pleased with the discourse.

Last week's issue of the dear old SPECTATOR was not only plethoric with interest, but it was edifying and didactic, and we were omnivorous in our perusal of it.

Mr. Drummond, who has been confined to the house for so long a period, suffering acutely with rheumatism, was out at church last Sunday. He was looking very feeble, and past suffering was plainly delineated in every feature.

A woman out West left her home as a *lecturing tourist*, consequently the household duties devolved upon the husband, *whose previous observation of the world had been confined to the latitude and longitude of her apron strings*

Perfunctory duties became a monstrosity in the culinary and dairy departments, as did all the different monotonous adjuncts. He sundered the clanking marital chains, renounced his solitary state, and boarded the first steamer for the old world.

The lecturing tourist is earning her bread "by the sweat of her brow." Her appointments were recalled in the ashes of desolation, and she will *preach no more at early candle-light!*

Proud, stern man, unlike the spaniel,
Is by stripes no better made.
You can lead him to the water,
But you cannot make him wade.

Messrs. A. A. Crawford, A. R. Gilkeson, and Jeff. Hiner leave this a. m., for Pocahontas Co., with a hundred head of fine cattle. These gentlemen own large grazing farms in Pocahontas.

Rev. Mr. Glasgow and family are visiting in North Carolina. They will move next month to Texas.

BROKEN WING.

Nine Horses Burned to Death.

At Suffolk, Va., at 1 o'clock Friday morning the livery and sale stables of Junius T. Parker, on Sycamore street, were destroyed by fire, nine horses perishing in the flames. The fire had been under way some time when discovered, and, although the department responded promptly, the building could not be saved, but the fire was prevented from spreading. Several of the horses were gotten out of the stables, but rushed back into their stalls and were burned to death. Only five were saved out of fourteen in the stables. A car-load of hay was also burned. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as there were no lights in the building, nor had there been any fire in it for several days. Mr. Parker's loss is estimated at about $3,000, with no insurance. He had an offer of $1,000 for a pair of the horses that he lost.

Captain-General Campos has issued a proclamation offering pardon to all Cuban rebels who lay down their arms at once. Against those who do not surrender vigorous warfare will be waged. Charges of cruelty to planters and shopkeepers are made against the insurgents.

Curzon-Leiter Nuptials in Washington.

The wedding of Hon. George Nathaniel Curzon, M. P., and Miss Mary Leiter, was celebrated at St. John's Episcopal church at 11:30 Monday amid scenes of much brilliancy and the presence of such a distinguished assemblage of cabinet officers, diplomats, governors and bishops, as to give the event the character of a public ceremony. The wedding has been long anticipated, as it marked another international union, Mr. Curzon being conservative member of the House of Commons, formerly under-secretary for India, under the Salisbury ministry, and the successor to his father's title of Lord Scarsdale, while Miss Leiter has been counted among the beauties of the National Capital and is a typical American girl.

JOHN WEBBER KILLED.—At Salem, last Sunday, John Webber, aged 18 years, was killed by a freight train. He had been to Sunday-school, a short distance above the station, and attempted to ride to the depot on a freight train that was passing at a rather slow rate of speed. In boarding the train he slipped and fell and the wheels passed over both legs about midway between the knee and thigh. He died six hours after the accident.

LIQUOR IN AFRICA AND MADAGASCAR—The Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, Pastor of the 18th St. M. E. Church in New York City, spoke last Sunday night on "Reform," and in the course of his remarks, he said:—

"The hand of Providence," he said, "has entered the liquor question in the calendar of the world's court to be adjudicated at once. The liquor question is not only paramount in this country, but even in Africa and Madagascar. For every single person saved in those countries a thousand are debauched by liquor sent by Christian America and England. It were really better that those countries had never seen a Christian. Yearly liquor costs this city thirteen thousand people, and nearly two hundred thousand all over the country."

THE ALABAMA LYNCHING.

Horrible Crime for which Five Negroes Were Hanged.

GREENVILLE, ALA., April 22.—The sheriff has made an investigation of the lynching of the five colored men and women charged with the murder and burning of Watts Murphy, but was unable to ascertain who composed the mob.

The persons lynched confessed their guilt and gave an account of the crime. One of the men knocked Mr. Murphy down. Others beat him into insensibility, after which they carried his body to a log heap. The women piled brush on the body and set fire to the pile. One of them said Murphy turned over after the hair had been burned off his head. Wood was added to the pile until everything was consumed but the heart and liver. These refused to burn and were taken away and buried. The first clue to the whereabouts of the missing man was obtained by the finding of the teeth and a few bones, which resulted in the arrest and confession. The murderers were Calvin Johnson, Frederick Douglas, James Calhoun, Sim Jernigan, Mary Davis and a woman called "Jenny."

Mr. George Carlisle, brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, died on Thursday at his home, in Independence, Ky., aged fifty-seven years.

HON. JOHN S. WISE.—Mr. John S. Wise, formerly of Virginia, but now of New York, has been employed by the Norfolk *Pilot*, of which Rev. Sam. Small until recently was editor, as counsel in the libel suit brought against it by Mr. Massey, superintendent of the public schools of Virginia.

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MARRIAGES.

LAM—WISEMAN.—Wednesday, April 17th, by Rev. J. M. Schrecktlise, Mr. James E. Lam, of Rockbridge county, to Miss Fannie K. B. Wiseman, of Augusta county.

MAPHIS—CONWAY.—In Charlottesville, at the Methodist church, Wednesday morning, April 17th, by Rev. Frank Strother, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. C. Bledsoe, Dr. Samuel Wellington Maphis, of near Chicago, to Miss Lula Lewis Conway, daughter of Mrs. S. J. Conway, of Charlottesville.

HART—ANDERSON.—In Washington, Wednesday morning, April 17th, Mr. Matthew G. Hart to Miss Jennie Anderson, of Louisa county. The groom is a son of Mr. S. J. Hart of Albemarle, and is a clerk for Mr. J. C. Matthews of Charlottesville.

DEATHS.

MILLER.—The Rev. John Miller who from a period before, during and just after the war resided in Lexington, died of pneumonia at his home in Princeton, N. J., Sunday morning, April 14th.

He was seventy-six years of age and was a son of Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, long a professor in Princeton Theological seminary. He married Mrs. Sally McDowell, daughter of Gov. James McDowell of Rockbridge county. During his residence in Lexington he preached for Fairfield, Timber Ridge and Collierstown Presbyterian churches near Lexington. At the opening of the war he enlisted in the Confederate army as captain of a company organized at Fairfield known as the 2nd Rockbridge artillery, and served with it for some time. He was a man of decided talent. Mrs. Miller is still living.

PAINTER.—Near Mt. Crawford, Thursday April 18th, after a long illness of rheumatism and nervous affection, Miss Cora Painter, daughter of Mr. Roman us Painter, aged 20 years, 7 months, and 28 days.

BELL.—Mr. Robert S. Bell of this city, who had been for some time in ill health, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, April 17th, aged 55 years, leaving three children. He was a brother of Dr. William Bell of Mt. Sidney and Mr. Edward J. Bell of this. The funeral was from the First Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Friday, April 19th, Rev. A. M. Fraser officiating. Interment in Thornrose cemetery.

KERR.—At the home of her son-in law, Mr. John H. Sites, with whom she and her aged husband lived, near Fort Defiance, suddenly, on Wednesday, April 17th, Mrs. Eliza Kerr, wife of Mr. John Kerr, in the 73rd year of her age. Whilst engaged in arranging a curtain in her room, she fell and expired almost instantly.

She is survived by her husband, who is upwards of 90 years of age, her daughter, Mrs. John H. Sites, and her son, John Kerr, jr.

She was one of the oldest members of the old Augusta Stone church, and after funeral services at her home by her pastor, Rev. J. N. Van Deventer, the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of that church on Thursday in the presence of a large number of neighbors and friends.

DUNRIGH T.—April 18th, near Staunton, Miss Florence Dunright, aged about 28 years. Interment in Thornrose cemetery.

HIGHWAYMAN SHOT.—A despatch from Bristol of April 20th says:—

"While Aaron Hamilton, of Buchanan county, was en route from his home to Tazewell Court House he was intercepted in a mountainous portion of the county by Bill Jerolds, a noted outlaw, from Pike county, Kentucky. When Hamilton reached a certain part of the road Jerolds began firing from ambush. Hamilton whipped out his pistol and put several balls in Jerolds' body. When the conqueror walked up to the outlaw to ascertion the extent of his wounds the latter begged for his life, thinking the man was going to finish him. Hamilton had started to Tazewell to put several thousand dollars in the bank. Jerolds had learned this from an employee. The doctors say Jerolds cannot live.

The Tennessee House on Monday adopted a resolution, previously passed by the Senate, favoring the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The London grand jury has found a true bill against Oscar Wilde, and his trial was set down for Friday next at the Old Bailey.

Fire in Duquesne, Pa., Monday, destroyed a large portion of the business section. The loss is estimated at $53,000.

The Emperor of Japan has congratulated the peace plenipotentiaries upon the result of the treaty of peace with China, and has also issued a proclamation to the people upon the same subject. A denial is made of the reported alliance with China.

Among the effects captured by the British column which has relieved Chitral was a letter from a firm in Bombay offering to supply Umra Khan with every kind of modern weapon.—The incident has made a sensation in military circles in India.

Trouble in Winchester.

The Washington correspondent of Alex. *Gazette*, under date of April 22nd, says:—

"A gentleman from Winchester, here to-day, says there was great excitement there last Friday at the democratic primary for councilmen, who will have control of the large bequests recently made to that town, and that at night it reached fever heat and resulted in a regular knock down and drag out hand and foot encounter between the Alexander and Ward factions, the latter having been defeated by one vote."

THEFT IN COVINGTON.—The Alleghany *Sentinel* of last Friday says:—

"On Monday afternoon last Mrs. W. S. Stevenson on entering her room over the millinery store of Mrs. McCarthy on Main street, discovered that her bureau had been broken open and twenty-eight dollars which had been left in her charge by Mrs. McCarthy, who had been suddenly called to Iron Mountain to see her sister in law Mrs. McNulty, who was very ill, had been stolen therefrom. The lock had been prized off of the drawer and the money taken by some slick thief. It is thought that the officers have a clue that may lead to the arrest of the guilty party."

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of April 18th, says:

"The past week has been fairly favorable for grain crops, although not forcing, from lack of sufficient warmth and moisture to produce such conditions.

Considerable wheat area in Kansas is being abandoned to other crops. Otherwise the general position of this crop does not appear to be unfavorably changed in the general average There are but few reports of wheat being winter killed outside of Kansas.

Spring seeding of small grain is nearly finished, the ground having been in good condition, and wheat and oats are starting well, but mostly getting into rather urgent need of more moisture. There are pretty well defined evidences of decreased area in spring wheat, and large planting of oats and corn.

Interior offerings of grain continue light, but should the outlook for the incoming crops be maintained favorably the farmers will probably release holdings, by which enlarged supplies would for a time be available.

The wheat markets while being rather unsettled have made some advance, the Chicago price for July at the close being 2c higher than a week ago, while corn closes with a loss of ¾c compared with a week ago.

May wheat at Chicago closed ⅜c below the highest point of the week, 1½c above the lowest point, and 1⅜c higher than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for May closed ⅛c below the highest point of the week, ⅜c above the lowest point, and ⅜c lower than a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 1,108,000 bushels for the week, against 1,322,000 the preceding week, and 2,287,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 671,000 bushels, against 706,000 the preceding week, and 2,056,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

The following are extracts from the financial review of Henry Clews of April 20th:—

There has been a sudden and remarkable rise in the price of cotton, petroleum, wheat, corn and beeves,—five articles which supply fully forty per cent of the entire value of our exports. There has been some difference of opinion as to how far these advances are due to speculative influences and to natural causes. There can be no question that, in the case of each article, there are legitimate causes at work; and there is as little doubt that those causes have been turned to account for speculative purposes. * * * *

It begins to be realized even by the heretofore most rampant bears, that this country has turned its back on pessimism, and that the only way to prosper hereafter is to be optimistic. It has been a long and dreary lane for business people to wade through, as its starting point was really the Baring panic in November, 1890, over four years ago. The energies of the people of this country have been crippled more or less since that time, especially during the last two years. * *

The real extent of improvement now going on among our manufactures is not generally understood or credited. The most "bullish" class in the country at the present moment are the manufacturers. They are better situated than any other class to feel and measure the first throbbings of a new impulse of demand; and it is their testimony, in almost every branch of trade, that the outlook is most encouraging. In many cases, they have the courage to demand higher prices and to wait, if necessary, until they can get them. Their orders are on a larger scale than for the last two years, and they are increasing their purchases of raw materials in expectation that they may have to pay higher prices for them. The feeling, in short, is general that, providing the steadiness of the financial situation can be depended upon, this country is on the verge of an era of very unusual prosperity. We are in a position to produce at lower costs than ever before. In this respect, we have, within the last two years, made very important gains upon other manufacturing countries. The pressure of the new tariff has to some extent contributed to this; partly by compelling manufacturers to improve their methods and economize on the costs of production, and partly by the cheapening of some of their raw materials. * * *

Taking the situation as a whole, I cannot but regard is as one warranting increased confidence and a steady progress towards higher prices on the markets both for goods and investments.