Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

WOOD! WOOD!!

We would be obliged to our subscribers if they would send us some wood immediately, as we are now needing it.

Lawn Party on Sears Hill.

To raise funds to pay off the debt on their reel-house, the Sears Hill Hose Company will have a lawn party on the 29th inst., at which a bicycle will be awarded to the most popular gentleman, determined by vote, and a diamond ring to the successful lady contestant. This will be an occasion of great interest and pleasure, and as the object for which the party will be given is a laudable one, it will deserve to be well attended. and we have no doubt it will be.

Oats Burned.

The Charlottesville *Progress* says that, on last Thursday, at "Midway," near Ivy Depot, a spark from an engine set fire to a stack of oats, which was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at $250.

"Royal Colors Tobacco."

We invite the attention of merchants who sell tobacco to the advertisement of the "Royal Colors Tobacco," manufactured by T. C. Williams Co., Richmond, Va., and sold by their active agent, O. M. Goode, of this city to the merchants of this city, this county, and other counties. The great number who keep it for sale in their stores is an evidence of its popularity.

Sunday-school Union.

The 12th annual meeting of the Augusta County Sunday-school Union, of which Rev. J. N. Van Deventer, Pastor of Augusta church, is President, and A. Lee Knowles of this city is Secretary and Treasurer, will be held at Mt. Solon, commencing at 8:30 o'clock to-night, when the annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. T. Balliet of Middlebrook, and morning, afternoon, and night sessions will be held Thursday, and morning and afternoon sessions on Friday.

The program of exercises will make the meeting an interest one.

Gospel Hymns No. 5 will be used, and it is hoped that all who can join in the singing will bring singing books.

Lease of Iron-ore Lands.

W. W. Sadler, an experienced miner, a son-in-law of Capt. John A. Stack, sen'r, of this city, has leased, for a number of years, several thousand acres of iron-ore lands in Alleghany county.

Telephone Exchange.

In accordance with the announcement made last week, a meeting of the holders of telephones in this county was held last Friday in the Sheriff's office when it was determined to establish a telephone exchange to be located in the room over the Treasurer's office. This will bring into communication many parts of this county, and also along the Valley as far down as Woodstock. The following lines have entered into this arrangement:—

The Hermitage and Waynesboro telephone line, representing about twenty-four 'phones.

The New Hope and Crimora telephone line, representing about twenty-eight 'phones.

The Middlebrook, Summerdean and Newport telephone line, representing about twenty-six 'phones.

The Fisherville, Barterbrook and Meadow telephone line, representing twenty to twenty-five 'phones.

The Swoope telephone line, representing ten to fifteen 'phones.

The Valley telephone line, from Staunton to Woodstock, representing considerably over one hundred 'phones.

The Bloomer Costume

Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., has recently denounced in strong terms, from his pulpit, the custom of wearing bloomers and the riding of bicycles by women, and the Rev. Sam Jones agrees with him, and says, "where we have one woman wearing bloomers to-day, we have one hundred thousand who will never wear them," and concludes his article by saying:—

"I believe the devil will get most of them, but, thank God, he won't get much."

Some forty-odd years ago, when bloomers were first introduced, the papers generally denounced and ridiculed them, but George D. Prentice, then the able and witty editor of of the Louisville (Ky.) *Journal*, said that he was not opposed to bloomers—that he did not often see the women, and that when he did, he wanted to see as much of them as possible.

There still are men like Prentice in this respect, and there still are women who are so accommodating as to gratify their artistic tastes for the graceful proportions of the "human form divine," and thus accomplish a double object—convenience for themselves and pleasure to their beholders. Custom generally adopted and long continued governs our sense of delicacy, and what shocks at the beginning, ceases, in time, to do so.

Ladies can go into a room, filled with company of both sexes, with bare arms and neck and even back, without "exciting any special wonder," but if men were to do so, it would be considered monstrous, and they would be deemed proper subjects for the insane asylum, and the ladies, who were similarly dressed, would flee in disgust from their presence ejaculating expletives on the "horrid men." Such is the influence of custom.

Temperance Union at Churchville.

The first annual convention of Our Temperance Union will be held at Churchville, Friday, August 16, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the United Brethren church.

The following programme has been arranged for the occasion:

Praise Service, conducted by T. Walter Davis
Prayer.....Newton Houseman
Music.....Union
Welcome address.....Rev. Mr. Hammack
Music.....Quartette
Misses S. McGuinty and Campbell,
Messrs. T. W. Davis and W. P. Rhodes.
Address.....F. W. Brand

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Recitation.....Miss N. Fraser

NEW BUSINESS.

Music.....Duette
Misses W. Antony and M. Campbell.
Address.....H. M. Lewis
Music.....Union
Address.....John B. Locke
Music.....Quartette
Misses McGuinty and Campbell,
Messrs. Davis and Rhodes.
Recitation.....J. Morton Fultz
Music.....Union
Recitation.....Miss Eda Smith
Music.....Union

BENEDICTION.

The annual basket picnic will be held in connection with convention. at 2 p. m.

Committee.—Miss Etta Ashby, Miss Kate Fauver, H. H. Landes, J. B. Lickliter, Miss Lillie Houseman and Albenia Brand.

TO CLEANES THE SYSTEM

Effectually yet gently, when costive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headaches, colds or fevers use Syrup of Figs.

When a person is losing flesh and wasting away there is cause for alarm. Nothing so worries a physician. Consumptives would never die if they could regain their usual weight. In fact there would be no consumption if there were no wasting of the system.—The cause of this loss of flesh is a failure to properly digest the food eaten. Nine-tenths of all our diseases date back to some derangement of the stomach.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial will stop this wasting of the body. It acts by causing the food we eat to be digested so as to do good, for undigested food does more harm than good. The Cordial contains food already digested and a digester f foods as well.

MIDDLEBROOK AND VICINITY.

The lawn party at St. John's Church was a success so far as finances go. There was a large crowd in attendance, and the order was very good for awhile, when some one discovered that some dirty, low cur was cutting the harness off people's harness. Rev. Chas. Freed, who had just lately purchased a new set of harness, had them cut to pieces. C. Garrison had his cut in pieces, and three or four others whose names we failed to learn.—There was much drinking going on, which marred the pleasure of the occasion. The party or parties who perpetrated this dastardly outrage upon common sense and decency ought to be apprehended and severely punished. To say the party is a low blackguard is too mild a construction to put upon it. The congregation of St. Johns Church, generally, are nice, social, good people, and the bad behavior at their nice lawn party was the result of the low element being in attendance, drinking and cutting the harness. The parties were evidently drunk, and are of the low element, else they would not have done it.—The good law-abiding, liberty-loving people are sorry to realize that they have in their midst such dangerous, sneaking curs, who are so base that they would fire your house, or shoot your stock. There is no safety from them if you incur their displeasure. Such a man is certainly lost to all sense of honor, principle, manhood,—everything. He is low and mean enough to rock his grandmother's funeral procession. The good, kind Christian people of St. Johns Church are very much mortified over the fact that their festivities should be so invaded and they are in no wise responsible for it. Pity such scum of creation don't stay away from decent assemblages and not go there drinking, and otherwise showing the "tough" side of their nature. But should any more parties be held there they will doubtless find a squad of men parading the outskirts of the grounds empowered to arrest all such stock found running at large, as this State now prohibits "Hogs" from running at large, and this law is ruthlessly violated every day. Rev. Freed is a cultured gentleman and treats everyone with all kindness and courtesy due them. Therefore no one knows the dirty motive for cutting up his harness. The same of all who had their harness cut. They know of no enemy who could serve them so badly. We hope the unprincipled villain or villains may be found out, and the law enforced to its fullest extent.

The supper was immense. The band discoursed fine, select music, and the grounds were very nice and clean, besides being prettily decorated. A handsome sum was realized.—There was plenty to eat. Outside of the dirty deeds of rowdyism, it was the best lawn party ever held at that place.

D. Rusmisell has returned home.

J. N. Mish has his new traction engine and hay press running. He hooks the press to it and takes it right along. He has a very superb bailing outfit, and has done away with having the press to haul by the man he bales for with no extra charge for bailing.

Mrs. Nannie Houston Smith will visit her mother next week near Lexington, Va., accompanied by her two children, while her husband will go to the mountains.

J. Davis Fox, Esq., is living with his son-in-law, D. M. Smith, of this place, where he will conduct the shoemaking business. While Smith shoes the horses, Fox will shoe the men.

ROXBURY.

For the SPECTATOR.

FROM APPOMATTOX.

Last week two Mormons called at a widow's near Spring Mills this county. The widow, who has three pretty daughters, on being acquainted with the nature of their business, was affrighted, but she took courage to ask them if they believed in polygamy, and they, incensed at the affront, abruptly took leave of her, "shaking off the dust of their feet" on the steps!

By the way, fifty men have been out in search of these "Latter Day Saints" with a view of expelling them, and the feeling against them is bitter.

The other day a fellow here in the village swapped a thin ox for a fat young bull with a view of killing it for beef. It appears that the bull understood the intent of the bargain; so, all at once, it darted off for its dear life with its tail flying in the air, and finally got into the thickets. Ineffectual attempts have since been made at capturing the bull. The fellow wishes he knew how to lasso *a la* cowboy.

A representative of Rife's Hydraulic Engine (Ram) Manufacturing Company, Roanoke, Va., is here, to ascertain if a sufficient supply of water can be drawn into the tank, one mile west of here by the new method, and in that case, he will, with the approval of the Railroad Company, set up a ram at that point, which will save the railway $500 annually.

There is a farmer in Charlotte county, noted for its fertility, who made this year twenty-two and a half bushels of wheat to one seeded.

There is to be a camp-meeting under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Rolling Hill, Charlotte county, on August 11th, to be continued for ten days. A tent with seating capacity for 1,200 people is being speedily put up. Small tents for families will be furnished gratis. All people of Appomattox, Campbell, and Charlotte counties are cordially invited to attend. Verily August is a great month for "tabernacle" meetings in these parts. Mention has been made of the other meetings—one to be held at Oakville and the other at Yellow Branch—needless to mention numerous lesser meetings, some of which have been or are now being held in various parts of the country not very far from here.

Mr. Thomas Harvey of Spring Mills, who, to quote Robinson Crusoe's words, "is monarch of the broad acres he surveys" and whose word is law, has a magnificient crop of tobacco, already topped and primed, as well cultivated as if by machinery, and which is probably the largest in that section, if not in the county. The spectacle of this crop, while gratifying to the owner, will cause the less enterprising neighbor to emulate him the next time the weed is planted. Mr. Harvey could not, in his youth, call a cent his own. He went to work in earnest at home instead of going out West, as his brothers did. Being of indomitable energy, he speedily prospered, and, in a few years, bought a large sterile farm which, by methodical manuring, and turning in green grass, peas. rye, &c., he fertilized. Now he possesses one of the finest estates in the country. He habitually raises large crops, no matter how laborious, and stock, especially horses, in large numbers, principally for the purpose of making manure. It may not be out of place to say that he has killed a hog that weighed, when dressed, exactly 1000 pounds. And still more; he made extensive improvements both on his farm and at Spring Mills which he bought, and built a commodious residence in place of the old one that had been destroyed by fire, and a modern mill in place of the old one which he had razed to the ground, and all its necessary appendages besides a dwelling house, a store, cottages, &c , at Spring Mills with the means he had literally dug out of the ground. Let young countrymen ponder the above and do as Mr. Harvey did, instead of going to town where they would find it hard even to eke out a miserable existence.

There was a jolly party of Concordians, accompanied by Misses Sallie D. Chamberlayne, Sadie B. and Mattie Lou Williams, of Staunton, Lewis W. Chamberlayne, of Appomattox, Lee Wood of Amherst, and Wesley C. Williams of Richmond, who went down in wagons last Monday night to have a "gypsy" tea somewhere in the woods near Old Concord Church five miles below. They took an abundance of toothsome refreshments along with them. But, alas, the unpleasant appearance of a cloud which was coming up fast, with frequent lightnings, impelled them to put up at Mr. Ollie Thomas's immediately on the road, and they were royally welcomed by the hospitable hostess though her sweet slumbers had just been ruthlessly disturbed. They enjoyed themselves in various ways to their full content. They were as merry on returning home as skylarks that went forth at sunrise, notwithstanding the unwelcome appearance of another threatening cloud that was lowering overhead.—and it frequently lightened and thundered to their terror; but at last they got home all safe at 2 o'clock a. m. It was well they did, as at that instant the rain came down in torrents; the lightning and thunder were terrific; a cow was killed near by; we could not sleep till almost sunrise because the house shook. In fact, the storm was the most electric we ever experienced.

H. M. C.

Killed on the Railroad.

A few nights ago, near North Garden in Albemarle county, whilst Henry Thacker was walking on the track of the Southern Railroad, he was struck by the train and killed. He was 24 years old, and leaves a widow and child. He lived near North Garden, and had formerly been a track hand on that railroad.

Funeral of Miss Shanahan.

The remains of Miss Mary Margaret Shanahan, aged about 30 years, daughter of Mr. Dennis Shanahan, of Louisville, Ky., accompanied by the family and relatives and other friends, some from Covington, Va., arrived here on the 11:13 train Monday morning, for interment in the family lot in Thornrose cemetery. The funeral services, by her pastor, Rev. Father Rock of Louisville, Ky., were performed in St. Francis church.

The pall-bearers were J. J. Fallon, Dennis Brown, Dr. Frank M. Hanger, J. H. Wayt, C. C. Wholey, Jacob Yost, Charles Catlett and M. Kivlighan.

Protect the Game and Fish.

Shoot or fish only in the proper season and escape the game warden by observing the laws. Many states have new game and fish laws this year, and if you don't know them, send five 2c stamps for a copy of the Game Law issue of THE AMERICAN FIELD, 245 State St., Chicago.

The Star-Spangled Banner.

"The star-spangled banner" now expands its folds and kisses the breezes over the Post-office building. It was furnished by the Government and was put up last Friday. On that evening, as the Stonewall Brigade Band was on its way to give a concert at Gypsy Park it halted at the Post-office and played "The Star-Spangled Banner" in honor of the national flag that floated over that building.

$7,000 Damages Secured.

On the 18th of June, 1892, Hugh I. Shott, formerly of Staunton, was injured in a collision near New River Station on the Norfolk and Western railroad while acting as mail-agent and postal clerk on that road. He brought suit for damages in the Circuit Court of Pulaski, and the jury awarded him $7,000. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the State, and that Court in a recent decision in Wytheville, read by Judge Harrison, the decision of the Circuit Court was affirmed, and Mr. Shott will get $7,000 for the injuries received.

Virginia Hotel.

The Virginia Hotel is receiving a new coat of paint, and will present a much-improved appearance when the job will be completed. The proprietor is always improving that hotel in one way or another.

Warm Wave.

The warm wave which reached here four or five days ago, carrying the temperature up to, and slightly above, 90 degrees, is still with us, and makes us sigh for a temporary home in some vast wilderness, with a boundless continuity of shade.

John H. Smith, a well-to-do farmer of Anderson county, Tenn., was shot and killed Saturday evening by James Werrick, a young farmer. The families have had a feud for several years.

Robert Brook and Lewis Payne, partners in a threshing machine in Scott county, Ky., quarreled Monday over a division of wheat. Brook shot and killed Payne.

Houses were unroofed and trees and fences were blown down by a storm in Eastern Pennsylvania Monday. Three barns in Lancaster county were burned by lightning.

Chinamen in Chicago are resisting the holding of a post-mortem examination of one of their countrymen on the ground that the dissection of the body will unfavorably affect the future welfare of the deceased. The world is full of superstition. It differs in different countries, but is the child of ignorance in all.

Spain will send 100,000 soldiers to Cuba, Premier Castillo says, if that number is necessary to crush out the insurrection.

The mobilization of the Spanish reserves for service in Cuba continues, although many of the men object.

Monday there was a withdrawal of $1,650,000 in gold from the treasury for foreign shipment. While this withdrawal was unexpected, it has created no great alarm and no issue of bonds is expected.

The British Parliament assembled Monday. In the House of Commons Mr. William Court Gully, liberal, was re-elected speaker. Ex-Speaker Crisp witnessed the ceremony as the guest of Speaker Gully.

A sharp earthquake shock was experienced at the City of Mexico Monday morning and a second shock of considerable severity two hours later.

The democrats of Loudoun county unanimously renominated Hon. J. F. Ryan for the House of Delegates.

The wholesale grocery of James T. Williams & Son, Lynchburg, was broken into and the safe robbed of $150 in gold.

The comptroller of the currency appointed James R. Branch, of Richmond, a National Bank examiner, vice John M. Miller, Jr., resigned.

The Roanoke Iron Company's blast furnace will be put in blast as soon as it can be put in good condition and about three hundred persons will be given employment.

A LUNATIC KILLS A LUNATIC.—*Lexington, Ky.*, Aug. 8.—W. N. Hurst, a lunatic, killed a fellow lunatic, Stephen Delong, between midnight and daybreak, the Eastern Lunatic Asylum. The two violent lunatics were placed in separate beds in the same room. An attendant at 12:30 found Hurst fondling a brick in a pillow case. At daybreak he returned and found Delong dead on the floor with his head mashed and Hurst holding a piece of carpet in which was wrapped a brick. Hurst got the bricks from the wall behind his bed.

A CONTEST IN THE MINES.—There is a very pretty contest going on in the mines between the electric machine men. The Company will give $50 to the man whose machine makes the largest number of cuts during the month of August, and very strenuous efforts are being put forward by the men to win the prize.

The contest is being conducted with the greatest fairness possible. Special tally men have been placed in charge to see that no undue advantage is had by one over another and to report the actual number of cuts made each day, which range from thirty-five to fifty.—*Pocahontas Headlight.*

Personal.

Mrs. C. A. Crafton and children are at the Bath Alum Springs. They left here Wednesday for a stay of two weeks.

Mrs. H. D. Peck left here Wednesday on a visit to Boston and other New England cities.

Wm. Gibson and family, of Richmond, are on a visit to Thos. S. Hogshead. Esq., near Stribling Springs.

Miss Etta Hanger, of Washington, who had been on a visit to the family of Dr. J. M. Hanger, of this city, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Lizzie Hanger, went on last Friday morning on a visit to Mrs. J. L. Hunter in Roanoke city.

Miss Mattie Grattan is on a visit to friends in Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Bessie Flynn, of Warrenton, Fauquier county, is on a visit to Misses Minnie and Mary Hager on Kalorama street.

Mrs. C. H. Vaughan and friend, Miss Seal, of Richmond, who have been visiting Mrs. G. W. Peaco, returned home Monday, accompanied by Miss Bessie Peaco.

W. H. Landes, Esq., accompanied by his family, left here yesterday on a visit to relatives and friends at Mountain Grove, Bath county.

Miss Elmira Keller, of Rocky Point Mill, Middle River, is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Shuff, on Churchville avenue.

Edward S. Baker left Sunday for New York to accept a position with Charles B. Rouss & Co.

Mrs. S. H. Rosenbaum, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. E. Powell, on West Main street.

On complaint of his wife, E. L. Potteiger, of Mt. Sidney, on the charge of beating her, has been committed to jail for trial by the County Court.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South at Greenville will give a lawn party next Tuesday night.

"Gentleman Jim."

If it be true, as reported, that Corbett pulled Fitzsimmon's nose and spat in his face in a saloon in Philadelphia a few days ago, he has forfeited the *soubiquet* "Gentleman Jim." His recent conduct, justifying the divorce of his wife, and that above mentioned, show that he is about as low as Sullivan, and that the "gentleman" professional pugilist is yet to be discovered.

Storm at Baltimore.

A very violent storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, heavy rain and hail, broke over Baltimore Sunday afternoon. The walls of St. Elizabeth church, in course of erection at Baltimore and Patapsco streets, were blown down; nine stacks, recently erected in the Standard Oil Works, were swept away, and the roofs of many dwellings were carried off.—Fences were prostrated and chimneys were overthrown. Electric light, telephone, trolley and telegraph wires were badly mixed. Signs and awnings were wrenched from their fastenings and trees were uprooted. In the upper harbor several small craft were swamped. There was no loss of life.—The thermometer dropped nine degrees in one minute during the storm.

The way to elect a Democratic Legislature in Virginia this fall is to get sufficient votes. The way to secure votes enough is to nominate the purest and ablest men in the party-men who have the confidence of the people, and then make the fight on clearly defined issues for the States' welfare.

August Koenig, of San Francisco, was killed, and William Pugh, of Birmingham, Ala., was fatally injured in a wreck on the Big Four Railroad near St. Paul, Ind., Friday night. The piston rod of the engine broke.

Forest fires about Seattle, Wash., have caused enormous damage to property, and for the past two weeks the smoke has been so dense in the Puget sound cities that the air is stifling.

George E. Lohemer, bookkeeper at the Cleveland (Ohio) city workhouse, was arrested Sunday on a charge of embezzlement and committed suicide in his cell.

Captain-General Campos received a great ovation in Havana Sunday when he reviewed a regiment of volunteers that was about to start for the front. Delegates of Cuban revolutionists recently formed a republic, elected General Masso as their President and selected Camaquey as their capital.

The cruiser Detroit has sailed from Shanghai for Foo Chow, which is the nearest seaport to the scene of recent rioting in China. The cruiser Marblehead has been ordered to a port of Asia Minor nearest to Tarsus, where St. Paul's school was recently attacked by a mob.

Peace has been concluded between the government of Brazil and the insurgents of the province of Rio Grande do Sul.

The business portion of the town of Lockport, in Will county, Ill., was destroyed by fire Saturday. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

Two young men, Arthur Gatewood, of Norfolk, and Willie C. Murdaugh, of Portsmouth, were killed by the wrecking of the electric cars at Tanner's Creek, Friday. Both were cadets at the Virginia Military Institute.

The colored miners who were driven from the mines at Spring Valley, Ill., last Sunday by white miners returned to work Friday without molestation.

Nearly twenty people were injured in a street car accident near Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind., Friday evening. The wreck was the result of a misplaced switch, a heavy motor plunging into a trailer loaded with people returning from the old settler's reunion. The injured will probably recover.

The seventy-first annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held at Atlantic City September 16 to 23. There will be present representatives from each State in the Union and also Canada. The delegates will number 210, and many of these will be accompanied by their wives and friends, which will considerably swell the crowd.

The women of Lexington, Ky., have nominated four candidates for the board of education, for which they will vote at the coming election.

Mrs. P. T. Barnum and her Greek husband signed a contract specifying that neither shall have control over the fortune of the other.

In Davie county, N. C., Marshall Cain shot and killed his brother, Fillmore Cain, in a dispute about division of some property.

Badly Hurt and Robbed.

The Charlottesville *Chronicle* says that on Sunday morning a young colored man was found lying, just within the corporate limits, in a semi conscious condition on the side of the old Lynchburg road, leading from town by Harris' foundry. Mr. A. D. Payne was notified of the discovery and hastened to the spot with a hack, in which he conveyed the man to the hospital. He was attended by Dr. L. E. Flannagan, who thinks he will recover, though his wounds were serious. When the unfortunate man had recovered his senses he gave the following account of himself: He said his name was James Morris and that his home was in Louisa county. He was at the Union Station about ten o'clock Saturday night, intending to take an excursion, which he had heard would run to Richmond that night, to his home in Louisa. At the Junction he was accosted by a colored man, who, when he learned of Morris' desire to leave on the excursion train, and that he had two dollars on his person, told him that if he would accompany him to the lower depot, whence the train would start, he could "pass" him as far as Louisa, claiming that he had some connection with the management of the excursion. They proceeded on their way to the C. & O. depot, and when they reached Harris' foundry, Morris' companion said they could make a short cut by turning off there. They then followed the road from there to the point where Morris was found. He says he was suddenly struck on the head, he thinks with a rock, and after that remembers nothing until the next morning. He described his assailant as a tall, young colored man, rather dark, but not black.

Morris' head was gashed and wounded so badly that it appeared as if it had been struck several times with a rock or cudgel.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA.—The 26th annual session of the Medical Society of Virginia will be held in Wytheville, beginning Tuesday, September 3rd, and continuing in session until the night of the 5th. The first meeting, which is open to the public, will be called to order by the president, Dr. Robert J. Preston, of Marion, Va., at 8 p. m. After prayer there will be a short address bp W. L. Stanley, mayor, introducing Col. R. E. Withers, who will make the address of welcome. Then the address to the public and profession will be delivered by Dr. Lewis G. Pedigo, of Shawsville, Va.

After this address two prizes are to be awarded, one of $100, by Dr. Hunter McGuire, for the best essay on the Present Status of Serum Therapy; and one of $200 by Dr. Joseph Price for the best History of Surgery and of Surgeons in Virginia.

Mrs. Talmage, wife of the Brooklyn preacher, left all of her estate of $166,000 to her husband.

A SERIOUS QUESTION FOR BLOOMERS.—Has a man a right to break an engagement to marry because the woman in the case insists on wearing bloomers when riding her wheel? A young man in New York State recently declined to keep his contract because his lady loye bloomed out in bloomers and refused to discard them despite his earnest entreaties. Was he right or wrong? Should the young woman have given up the objectionable garments and kept the young man, or did she act wisely in retaining her semi-masculine attire and losing a prospectivo husband? The case suggests some interesting questions of a legal and ethical character, as well as of a diplomatic nature. Would it be a sufficient defense to a breach-of-promise suit to say that the lahy insisted upon wearing bloomers? Could the young man claim that bloomers are virtually breeches and that their adoption by the lady, whom he courted and won while she was still in petticoats, constituted prior and serious "breeches" of promise on her part? Could he claim that there had been such a substantial change in the status quo as to release him from his engagement, and that in her new costume she was really a "New Woman" and, therefore, not the same woman to whom he had proposed? What he had contracted for, he might assert, was a sweet piece of womanhood in the customary feminine attire, and his counsel would probably argue that the goods which it was proposed to deliver were not the same, or, at least, were essentially different in outward appearance.

If the tailor makes the man, much more does the dressmaker make the woman, and if the dressmaker is to be permitted to make such radical changes in an engaged young woman, can the party of the other part be held to have violated his legal obligations when he refuses to marry?—*Balt. Sun.*

The proposed resuscitation of Gen. Mahone by the Populists is equal to the trick of the Hindoo dervishes who can be put under the ground for forty days and then taken up, lubricated with unguents, inflated with a bellows, rubbed and warmed and brought back to life. This trick has been investigated by scientists and pronounced a physical fact and we believe that it is; but we are equally certain that it is not possible in politics.—*Alexandria Times.*

A COUNT SETTLES IN VIRGINIA.—Count Gaston d'Adhemar, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, member of the French Geographical Society and inventor of a telephone system, has rented the historic Moss Neck farm, not for from Fredericksburg, and moved there with his family with the intention of making it his future home.

CHARGED WITH POISONING.—To-day a white woman named Rosa Smith was brought to the city and committed to jail, charged with attempting to poison her husband, Barret Smith, at their home in the Buckeyeland neighborhood, by administering croton oil. The man is still living, and the doctors think he will recover.—*Charlottesville Chronicle of Saturday.*

The negroes in Chicago having threatening to go, armed, to Spring Valley, Illinois, to avenge the recent attack made upon the members of their race by the white miners there, the latter tell them to come on, the more the better, as the fewer will go back, and, what's more, what they say is endorsed by all the other white people in that town. And yet Illinois is a Northern State and gives a large republican majority.—*Alex. Gazette.*

FIRE AT HUNTINGTON.—*Huntington, W. Va.*, Aug. 8.—At 9 o'clock to-night fire was discovered in the car department of the Chesapeake and Ohio shop. About forty freight cars were in the structure, and before the flames were under control this entire department, including the tin shop, was consumed. The loss will be heavy. The machine and storage departments were also badly damaged. About 300 carpenters will be thrown out of employment.

The present condition of the country has induced many other people besides Judge Cooley to believe that "unrestricted suffrage robs intelligence and virtue of a natural right." And yet churches abound and the people are heavily taxed for the support of free schools.—*Alex. Gazette.*

REV. SAM JONES.

He Goes for the Democratic Party and Then for the Republican.

Mr. Sam Jones preached at Emory Grove camp-meeting, in Maryland, Sunday. His text was "For God So Loved the World." He said in part:

"God's name and nature is love. It is as natural for God to love men as it is for the sun to shine. The sun is a great burning, shining sphere and shines on all objects alike. God's nature is love and He loves all men alike. He is no respecter of persons. He is not only the father of all men, but the mother of all men. God is our father and our mother. Being both, He can never cease to love us. All the love my mother ever bore to me or that neighbor ever bore to neighbor is but a little of the nature of God which we possess.

"If a wife or mother who possesses a little of the nature of God will cling to a wayward husband or a ruined boy, how much more will the great heart of God cling to us, his wayward children?"

Digressing, Mr. Jones spoke of the ravages of debauchery and gambling so prevalent in the great cities of the country and said that he had deliberately and irrevocably reached the point where he thought a thousand times more of the peace of his home, the happiness of his wife and the sobriety of his two boys than he did of every political party that ever cracked its whip over a human slave.

He said he had been born a Democrat and raised a Democrat and remained a Democrat as long as he thought a Christian gentleman could, then he pulled. At this sally a laugh went up supposedly from a number of Republicans present. Mr. Jones turned his attention to them and said: "You Republicans need not laugh. I thank God I never got low enough down to run with your gang. The Republican party claimed to be the party of great moral ideas. It's a great big lie. You ran this government in all its branches for thirty years on a dead stretch and when you turned it over to the Democrats ten years ago it was soaked in whiskey from Maine to California and the goyernment was in copartnership with the whole damnable business."

Returning to his subject Mr. Jones said: "This boundless, infinite love of God came to us first as a helpful love. secondly a sympathetic love and thirdly as a pardoning love, and for all this love God only asked of man that we love Him in return."

FERTILIZER FACTORY BURNED BY LIGHTNING.—In the midst of the storm Sunday lightning struck the fertilizer factory of Joshua Horner, Jr., & Co., at the foot of Covington street, South Baltimore.

The fire which resulted almost destroyed the entire works, causing a loss which is estimated at $100,000.

The only portion of the buildings which was saved contained 35,000 gallons of benzine. Had the flames spread to the benzine a great deal of further damage and also, probably, loss of life would have resulted. It was due to the efforts of the firemen, under District Engineer Wm. Larkin, and a fortunate change in the direction of the wind, that the fire was kept from spreading to the combustible and explosive material.

Letters from missionaries in China show that the mob violence against foreigners has been widespread and that considerable damage has been done to American property in the interior of the country beyond the protection of warships.

A mob has attacked the American school at Tarsus, Asia Minor, maltreated several of the students and threatened the missionaries.

Returning soldiers have scattered cholera broadcast throughout Japan, and the ravages of the disease are said to be frightful.

Ex-Speaker Crisp, said in an interview in England, that he could not see that the people are taking much interest in bimetallism.

The crop of Albemarle pippins promises to be the finest in quality for years.

The apple crop in Rockbridge is said to be unprecedented in size in the history of the county.

Near Moundsville, W. Va., Louis Wetzel was found dead in the woods with a gunshot wound in his head. It is not known whether his death was due to suicide or accident.

T. Dabney Marshall, a member of the State Legislature, H. H. Coleman and O. P. Fox, all of Vicksburg, Miss., Friday shot and killed R. T. Dinkins at Bandon, Miss., fifteen miles east of Vicksburg.

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MARRIAGES.

ARBOGAST—SIMMONS.—On the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John W. Simmons, near Strait Creek, Samuel E. Arbogast and Estelle F. Simmons, all of Highland. Rev. Asbury Martin performed the ceremony, after which the couple left for Elkton, Va., where a week will be spent with relatives.

DEATHS.

SIPE.—On the "Lynnwood" Farm in Rockingham county, July 28th, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Polly Sipe, widow of George Sipe, in the 95th year of her age.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Wheat, D. D., who is himself in his eighty-second year.

TEABO.—At the residence of her son-in-law, James C. Moore on Sears's Hill, at 4.30 o'clock p. m. Thursday, August 8th, Mrs. C. D. Teabo, aged 78 years, leaving three children, Alexander and James Teabo, and Mrs. J. C. Moore.

The funeral was from the Methodist church of which she was a member at 4 o'clock p. m. Friday.

SHEETS.—At the home of her parents, John and Mary Sheets, four miles northwest of Staunton, Monday, August 5th, Miss Lula Frances Sheets, aged 20 years and 6 days.

The funeral was from the residence Wednesday, Rev. J. L. Booker officiating. Interment in Thornrose cemetery.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

THE GRAIN TRADE—CROPS, &C.

The Cincinnati *Price-Current* of August 8th says:—

"Information concerning the crop of winter wheat continues to reflect low yield generally, in line with the previous indications, and a large proportion poor in quality. The spring wheat now being harvested and approaching the harvesting condition, appears to justify the recent calculations as to favorable results generally. There is still some talk of smut in the grain, a condition which is unfortunate, for while not lessening the yield appreciably it injures the quality of the grain and lowers its marketable value.

The interior offerings of wheat are small, but in the existing condition of the milling trade there appears to be little of disappointment or inconvenience experienced therefrom. There has been more of corn offering, there being no inducement to carry this grain into the new crop season. The new grain will go into consumption early, and there will be an exceptionally small quantity of old grain carried into the new year.

Information in regard to oats seems to suggest that while some of the localities in the central region are disappointing in yield, the more important districts in the West and Northwest are being reported rather more favorably than had been recognized in previous calculations.

Various localities in the West find occasion for reporting more favorably in regard to the yield of hay.

The crops of potatoes and apples will be of liberal proportions.

The wheat markets have not made striking changes during the week, generally manifesting an absence of firmness, closing with a moderate decline compared with a week ago, while corn is more decidedly lower.

September wheat at Chicago closed 2¼c below the highest point of the week, ¾c above the lowest point, and 2c lower than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for September closed 4⅛c below the highest point of the week, ⅛c above the lowest point, and 2¾c lower than a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 2,363,000 bushels for the week, against 2,257,000 the preceding week, and 6,611,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 1,730,000 bushels, against 1,124,000 the preceding week, and 2,003,000 last year."

FINANCIAL.

In his Financial Review of August 10th, Henry Clews says:—

The general investment and speculative situation has changed little since my last advices. The attitude is still more or less hesitating, and the drift of the moment seems to preponderate in favor of those who incline to a waiting and cautious policy. The crops develop nothing new. So far as respects wheat, the general conclusion is that we may calculate upon something less than a good average yield, though the farmer seems likely to be compensated by higher prices than those of last year; while, in regard to corn, the balance of Western estimates favors a very large increase of output over 1894. In the industries at large, there is no abatement of the sanguine expectations that have developed within the last six months. The rise in raw materials and the continuance of the remarkable recovery in wages from the decline of 1893 and 1894, shows conclusively that manufacturers are anticipating a material increase of consumption; and it is to be presumed that their expectations are based upon facts existing in the conditions of trade.

All this is satisfactory and naturally induces a large measure of public confidence. And yet there is unquestionably some withholding on account of certain factors in the financial situation. As matters now stand, there is a clearly defined misgiving as to what may be the state of the Treasury gold reserve after the 1st of October, when the obligations of the Loan Syndicate to the Treasury will cease. If, after that date, the relations between the banks and the Treasury remain as they have been for the last two years, the Treasury will have to supply all gold required for export and yet it will have no gold income from the Custom House or from any other source. It is hardly necessary to say what that means. One thing admits of no doubt; that, in the absence of ability to maintain the gold reserve and in presence of renewed resort to borrowing in order to secure gold, there must be a reaction from the now prevailing state of confidence and prosperity; how serious that relapse would be each may judge for himself. Certain it is that no mere commercial activity could stop the depletion of the gold reserve so long as the Treasury had no gold income and yet was compelled to supply the gold