

Stanton Spectator. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

Middlebrook News. We had a great storm night after Christmas, wind and rain accompanied by thunder and lightning.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT. THE STANTON SPECTATOR. The SPECTATOR has been reduced to one dollar per year. It is thus within the reach of everyone.

Four Months In Jail. A few weeks since, Charles Miller, colored, in front of a house on North Coler street, stole from a buggy, an overcoat, lap-robe, and a pair of gloves.

Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-six. Remember it is now 1896, and be sure to date your letters, checks, notes, and other writings accordingly.

New Subscribers. It affords us great pleasure to enter on our subscription list since the issue of last week. Come one, come all. Come great and small.

White Star Mills on fire. On Saturday afternoon it was discovered that there was a fire on the top floor of the 'Star Mills' caused, it is supposed, by friction in the machinery.

Supper to Bank Employees. At his residence, last Thursday night, Mr. Robert W. Burke, Vice-President of the National Valley Bank, gave a sumptuous supper to the officers and clerks of that bank.

Children Honor their Pastor. The children of the Sunday School of St. Francis Catholic Church of this city, on Christmas day, celebrated their 24th anniversary.

A Nephew Killed His Uncle by Mistake. At Jackson, Miss., on Christmas eve, Prof. L. W. Saunders, formerly a teacher in the D. D. E. Institution, of this city, was killed by mistake by his nephew.

Personal.

Mr. Jos. Peltier is operating the Black Rock and Merry Creek iron mines, for the West End Furnace Co. of Roanoke. He is working thirty hands, and after the holidays, will increase to one hundred.

On Monday, the following business was done in Court: Robert W. Crowder qualified to practice law in this Court.

On last night as we went to press, the children of the Trinity Church Sunday School were enjoying an entertainment given in the Parish house.

On Thursday afternoon, a colored man named John, was arrested on suspicion of being a burglar.

A monster demonstration, in which all political parties were represented, and in which 40,000 people participated, was given in honor of Captain General Canosa.

On Thursday, George W. Fechner, of Washington, D. C., attempted to commit suicide in Portsmouth, Va., by inhaling gas in his room.

A jurist of inequity which investigated the panic at Front Street Theatre last Friday night, in which 23 persons were killed, gave a verdict that the blame for the disaster could be attached to "no one but the audience itself."

A Painful Accident. On last Friday while little Harry Clemmer, aged 13 years, son of Mr. Lewis Clemmer, was leading a shag-bug, it was discharged accidentally and the load tore off several fingers and a thumb.

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Knowledge.

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adopting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE. COCHRAN, GEORGE M., Trustee. Hamilton, Henry H., &c. All creditors of Henry H. Hamilton who have liens upon his lands and all other parties interested in the above entitled cause, pending in the Circuit Court of Washington, Va., are notified to appear at the office of the undersigned on Saturday, the 20th day of January, 1896, to proceed to take, state and settle an account showing the lands in the Bill mentioned in the value of the same.

STANTON MARKETS. SPECTATOR OFFICE. STANTON, VA., Dec. 31, 1895. There are no changes to report except in the price of sugar and coffee. The price of the sugar has advanced since the destruction of the sugar-cane in Cuba by the insurgents, who make more use of the free-brand than the legitimate warehouse of civilized warfare.

Augusta Home Building and Loan Association. STANTON, VA. Authorized Capital \$100,000. OFFICERS: JAMES R. TAYLOR, Jr., President; SAMUEL FORTNEY, Treasurer; H. S. TOLSON, Secretary; J. M. QUARLES, Master-Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Augusta County.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL. THE GRAIN TRADE-CROPS, &c. The Cincinnati Price Current of December 31st, says:—The winter of 1896 has been one of continuous mildness of temperature in this latitude, attended with considerable fall of rain, and in some districts in the West the precipitation was excessive, including portions of Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

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