

Stanton Spectator

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

Kind Words

Our old friend, Wm. Foutz, of Rockbridge Baths, writes, "I have taken the Spectator all my life and cannot do without it."

Mr. W. L. Hunter of Independence, Cal., who moved there from this county many years ago, in writing to read his subscription tells us "The Spectator is the first newspaper I remember, and I have read it for fifty years."

Another friend, Mr. G. F. Fall, of El Paso, Ill., in stating his appreciation of the Spectator, adds: "Through my children were small when I left Va., as they grow older nothing delights me more than reading the Spectator."

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MIDDLEBROOK AND VICINITY.

There has been an enormous amount of farm produce passed over this road to Stanton to market, which betokens money in the country. Hay is one of the largest in amount. Wagon after wagon rolls along to market, laden with hay. Among the large crops in this vicinity are Mrs. Wm. Mash, over 100 tons; C. D. McClure, 100 tons; Newton Taylor, 100 tons, and others. J. W. Mash has a fine grass farm, and his hay crop is large. At the present time Mr. Mash is confined to his bed with a more than severe case of quinsy. He has the sympathy of everybody in his sore affliction. It is to be hoped he will soon recover.

Mr. Fix is something better since our last writing, as Miss Martha White writes. We hear every one praising the Spectator, and it will soon have a large list of subscribers from this office. A gentleman said on the other day: "I like the Spectator and am going to subscribe for it, because the neighborhood news is all given by the reporters without much being said. It is a very good paper, and I have been reading it for many years."

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PARNASSUS.

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PERSONAL.

Misses Lizette and Fanny Hogebad, of this city, are visiting relatives at Buena Vista.

Henry C. Weed, of Madrid, called to shake hands, while in the city Monday.

F. M. Clayton, a prominent farmer and business man of Harrison, was in town on business Monday.

Ex-President Harrison has permitted it to be formerly announced that he will, after leaving Mrs. Dinnoch, his wife's niece, but with an honest and well-meaning fellow. He clothed him in leather breeches and top-boots, put a stout oaken cudgel in his hand, and a big bow in his belt, and so set him up for all time to serve as the representative Englishman. He may have been not a bad caricature in the days of Queen Anne's time. But today certainly there is much more in Leslie Stephens' remark that "he completely hides the Englishman of 1890" physically no longer certainly than, probably not so stout as the average American; and the stout cudgel and the bow are not likely to be long in the hands of the modern Britisher's disposition. He has lost the excessive pugnacity of his forefathers, and, as we have already noted, is content to keep the peace with his Uncle Samuel.

Speaking of "Uncle Sam" and "Brother Jonathan" in the passing international flurry, there is no doubt about their origin. When General Washington went to Massachusetts to take command of the revolutionary army he found a great lack of ammunition and other supplies. He turned to Gov. Hancock for aid, and in many emergencies of that period he used the phrase, "We must count on Brother Jonathan for our subject." The expression became nationally current, and it stands as an American parallel to "John Bull," which is used by the British in reference to the United States.

The Eureka Printing Company has moved its quarters from the Wilson building to the store room of Samuel Shultz, on the opposite side of New Street.

Carter Braxton has announced himself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this county, at the next election. Mr. Braxton's qualifications and general fitness for the place will, no doubt, make him a very formidable competitor.

Logan Turner announces himself for reelection to the office of City Sergeant. Mr. Turner has so long filled that position that it will be hard to do without him.

The marriage of Mr. Samuel Hayes, son of Rev. H. H. Hayes, D. D., formerly of this city, now of Bladensburg, Va., to Miss Stella Wright, will take place to-day—Jan. 22—A. B. Bainbridge, Georgia.

In this issue a letter from our esteemed and most excellent Parnassus correspondent, which will be welcomed by our readers. It is full of news from that part of the country.

Professor J. A. Hiner, of this city, has been elected principal of the International Business Practice Association of Louisville, Ky. This is quite an honor, as he was selected over numerous competitors.

J. W. Allman, of Sangerville, a friend and subscriber to the Spectator, paid his bill for the Spectator, and he is a man of all uses, busy with building and managing his saw-mill. He has just undertaken a large contract of sawing at Mossy Creek for R. S. and W. A. Turk, for whom he built a barn and a dwelling-house last year.

A letter from Mr. A. S. Crang, of Judson Springs, Va., has been received, and it is a most interesting one, containing a remembrance of the paper. We take this as an evidence that he is well and prosperous; which we, with his friends here, hope is the fact.

Mr. W. D. Hanger, whose wife was buried at Tinkling Spring Church on the 12th inst., has been much broken in health by attending her funeral, and he is unable to do any work. He is a life-long friend of the Spectator.

Miss Annie Fletcher, who is typewriter and stenographer for J. D. Joslin, of Philadelphia, recently had her arm lacerated in a trolley car accident and has used the company for some time.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

The past week has been rather trying on portions of the winter wheat area, notably in southern sections of Ohio and States westward, under freezing and thawing conditions. In some instances the plant has already been seriously disturbed, but there does not appear to be an important proportion of the crop so situated. The general average condition of the crop has probably been somewhat lowered.

There is little to be said about other features of the grain interest. The shipping movement of all grain is of moderate proportions, with little indication of decided enlargement for the future, unless it be for corn, of which there may perhaps be a few "slightings" in the central markets for the grain, however, are not inviting, and in most of the supply districts there are buyers for feeding and for storing in cribs at better prices than can be realized at the centers.

The abundance of corn otherwise available for consuming regions ordinarily largely dependent on the centers for supplies will continue to restrict the shipping demand from such points, and the lack of such demand in its effect on trading sentiment will help to keep prices down. The large amount of corn stored in cribs in the West is not likely to be offered short of a very decided advance, at least until the season advances, and with it is reached a flattering outlook for a new crop. All things considered some improvement in the corn market seems reasonable to expect.

In the wheat trade the occasional arrivals of a shipment of wheat from the West seem to be quickly upward turned with a halting condition, and