Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Democratic Ticket for City Offices.

FOR MAYOR.
F. B. Berkeley.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.
Joseph A. Glasgow.

FOR CITY SERGEANT.
Logan Turner.

FOR CONSTABLE.
C. A. Crafton.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

First Ward.	*Second Ward.*
F. M. Merriken,	Taylor Bissell,
Kenneth McCoy,	B. F. Terry,
Roger B. Atkinson,	Geo. H. Hudson.

FOR COUNCILMEN.

First Ward.	*Second Ward.*
John D. Crowle,	A. C. Gordon,
Henry Hutchinson,	B. F. Hughes,
John M. Spotts,	Walter D. Hoge,
E. W. Stewart,	R. E. R. Nelson.
C. C. Wheat,	Jas. R. Taylor, Jr.
Isaac Witz.	Henry A. Walker.

WEDDING CARDS

beautifully printed at the SPECTATOR office. An elegant new line of type for this especial purpose.

The Masonic building of this city has been provided with an improved fire escape.

The office of the Daily *Times* and *Yost's Weekly* has been removed to No. 21 North Augusta street.

The Commencement Sermon of the Wesleyan Female Institute will be preached by Rev. James T. Weightman on Sunday, June 7th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Ernest M. Dudley and Bud Evers are extending the telephone line from Samuel Forrer's at Mossy Creek, Mr. Dudley to his home on Long Glade and Mr. Evers to his store at Milnesville.

Bud Givens, who hit Policeman Gregory with a slung shot, an account of which appeared last week, has been sent on to the grand jury. The other negroes with whom he was playing crap were fined a small amount and released.

The game of base-ball at the Athletic Park last Friday evening between the V. M. I. Club. of Lexington, Va., and the Staunton Club was won by Staunton, the score standing 16 to 10. Allen and Miller were the battery for the V. M. I. boys and Royal and Lambert for the Stauntons. Over seven hundred persons witnessed the game. The game was loosely played.

Cows Drowned.

Several cows belonging to Edward Crawford in the Fort Defiance neighborhood were drowned last Wednesday in a small stream which had been swollen to a torrent by the heavy rain of that day. Much fencing in that neighborhood was washed away.

Railroad Extension.

The Condon Lane Company which has been building a railroad up the Dry Fork of Cheat river have contracted to extend it to the head of Greenbrier river in Pocahontas county to the country known as the Sinks, and will possibly extend it as far as the forks of Greenbrier near Traveller's Repose.

Ready for the Convention.

The Committee to make arrangements to provide for the members of the Democratic State Convention to meet here on the 4th of June have succeeded in making the proper provision for the accommodation of 1,600 delegates. There will be accommodations not only for the delegates, but for all others who may come. The latchstrings of our citizens' homes are hanging on the outside.

Spring Hill Democrats.

The Democrats of Spring Hill met on Saturday, with J. R. Trout as chairman and R. S. Gamble as secretary, whereupon the following delegates were appointed to the State convention at Staunton: H. M. Dunlap, W. P. Silling, R. L. Dunlap, and N. Z. Wheeler, each to have one-fourth of a vote. A resolution requiring the delegates to vote for silver delegates to the Chicago convention was adopted.

Last Week's Storm.

A tremendous rainstorm visited this city Wednesday afternoon. Rain poured down in blinding sheets and in a short time the streets were deluged. Market gardens were destroyed. In the city the creek left its banks and covered with four or five feet of water that section between the Baldwin, Pump and Lewis street, destroying fences, flooding premises and demolishing outhouses. The City Street Car Company loses $500 in damages to its property besides having many ties, washed away. All over the western portion of the county heavy rains fell washing away fences and doing other damage. Mr. Edward Crawford, near Fort Defiance, had some cattle drowned in a field where nothing but a small spring branch flows usually. The storm centre was in Northwest Staunton and at Gypsy Park. A tenement-house belonging to Robert Knightly, near the park, was swept away. Fortunately no personal injury was sustained, but the destruction of property in the city and county is heavy.

CIRCUIT COURT.

In the Circuit Court last week, the suit of N. C. Watts for &c. vs. W. N. Fishburn was decided in favor of Mr. Fishburn. The amount was $100. which was deposited in the defunct Waynesboro Bank.

T. E. Friend, whose market garden has given the B. & O. Railroad, a good deal of trouble in late years on account of its being flooded by means of a culvert which is said to be insufficient, had anotner case in court this term, which was compromised by the payment to him of $1,000.

The appeal case of J. W. Hall, a former saloon keeper at Basic, was up on Saturday and was decided adversely to Hall. Hall had been denied license by Judge Chalkley, at a recent term of the County Court, from which ruling he appealed. But the Circuit Court sustained the County court, Hall or his bar tender had violated the law in selling to minors.

In the case of Wilson & Trimble vs. Hugh F. Lyle judgment was rendered in favor of Wilson & Trimble for $120. The case arose out of a guarantee by Lyle of the payment of a McCormick reaper.

Graduates of Mary Baldwin Seminary.

The following pupils of "Mary Baldwin Seminary" will be graduated this session now approaching its termination:—

Graduates—Miss Nannie Witherspoon McFarland, Staunton, Virginia; Miss Mary Eliza Trotter, Staunton, Virginia.

Graduates in Academic Department—Miss Mary Overton Haw, Hanover, Virginia; Miss Sarah Helen Irons, West Virginia; Miss Josephine Stephenson, Monterey, Virginia; Miss Cornelia Irene McMillan, Louisiana; Miss Lula Estelle Gardner, Texas.

Graduates in Conservatory of Music—Miss Josephine Fawcett, North Carolina; Miss Mary Elizabeth Kable, Staunton, Virginia; Miss Lelia Eloise Morgan, Georgia; Miss Elizabeth Herring Pearsall, North Carolina; Miss Madeline Barth, Staunton, Virginia.

Post Graduate in Elocution—Miss Sallie Conrad Fauntleroy, Staunton, Virginia.

Graduate in Elocution—Miss Carolyn Baldwin Crawford, Illinois.

Graduates in Bookkeeping—Miss Mattie Elizabeth Bickle, Virginia; Miss Irene Stephens, California; Miss Daisy Yarbrough, Richmond, Virginia.

Sent to the Reform School.

On last Friday, Henry Joy of Harrisonburg, a boy 16 years of age who has been guilty of theft, was taken by W. D. Sampson, Superintendent, to the Reform School of Virginia in Henrico county near Richmond.

Destruction by Hail.

During the storm of last Wednesday, in the Mt. Sidney neighborhood, the rain was accompanied by a considerable fall of hail which did great damage to the growing crops, and destroyed a field of oats of Mr. Randolph.

Narrow Escape.

During the storm on last Wednesday, whilst a 19-year-old daughter of William Garrison, on the farm of C. T. Jordan, near Fort Defiance in this county, was standing near a cow and calf, the lightning killed the cow and calf, but did not injure the girl.

Successful Transaction.

The efficient City Treasurer, Mr. Arista Hoge, has succeeded in replacing city bonds bearing 6 and 8 per cent to the amount of $36,000, subject to call July 1st, with 4½ per cent bonds, thus making a considerable saving to the city. This shows that the credit of the city stands A No. 1.

Y. M. C. A. Committees.

There will be a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium next Friday evening of the members of the various Y. M. C. A. Committees, when it is hoped that every member will be present. Prominent Association members from other places will be present who will deliver addresses. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve tea as 7:20 p. m.

Mad-Dog Scare.

Great apprehension is felt in the neighborhood of Raphine, Rockbridge county, on account of the actions of a dog that it is feared was mad, and that bit seven or eight dogs and a heifer, and how many more is not known. It was a fine St. Bernard dog of Mr. W. C. Moore near Midway that was a great pet of his children. Mr. Finley McClure killed him after a pursuit of two miles.

Bath County Delegates.

Bath county is entitled to five votes in the Democratic State convention. On Tuesday of last week, at a meeting of the Democrats at Warm Springs, ten delegates, each entitled to cast a half vote, were elected as follows:—

F. L. Fultz, A. G. Cleek, J. W. Stephenson, G. W. Cleek, J. P. Hawkins, J. W. Warren, H. N. Hoover, and E. B. Williams. Delegates-at-large: W. M. McAllister and A. F. Withrow.

No resolutions were offered and no instructions given.

Death of Jos. V. Snyder.

Mr. Joseph V. Snyder, son of Rev. J. A. Snyder of New Market, and brother of the editor of the Rockingham *Register*, died, after an illness of a few days at the Wilson Hotel in Mt. Jackson, where he and his wife were boarding, at 3:30 o'clock a. m., Thursday, May 14th, in the 24th year of his age. He was married on the 7th of last month to Miss Flora Grandstaff of Red Banks, Shenandoah county. The funeral was from the Methodist church in Mt. Jackson Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Kindergarten Entertainment.

A Kindergarten entertainment will be given in the Opera-house at half past 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which the little tots of that school, about 50 in number, whose ages range from 3 to 10 years, will give the games, songs, and finger plays used in Kindergarten schools. None will be admitted without tickets, which will be furnished to the parents of the children, the ladies of the City Mission, and to all who have shown an interest in that work in this city.

Duty to Support the Primary Ticket.

The following paragraphs from the Charlottesville *Progress* are as applicable here as in Charlottesville:—

"Only democratic indifference can defeat the nominees of the recent democratic primary.

A pledge to support the nominees is binding upon every voter who participates in a primary.

We cannot believe that any democrat who voted in the late primary will refuse to support loyally the nominees of the party. It is not now a personal matter—it is a question of preserving party organization."

D. D. & B. INSTITUTION.

The present session of the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind of this State will close on Wednesday, the 10th of June.

The Annual Concert by the pupils of the Blind Department will be given in the Music Hall of the Institution on Monday, June 8th, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

The Board of Visitors will hold the regular Commencement meeting on Tuesday, June 9th.

The Annual Exhibition by both Departments will be held in the Music Hall on Wednesday, June 10th, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The Annual Closing Party will be given the same night.

A Singular Occurrence.

An incident in regard to the electric lights of this city was related to us as follows: A few nights since the superintendent of our electric light plant, Mr. Gabbert was, coming from the power-house to the city when he noticed the light all over the city, suddenly go out. In a moment or two they again began burning as before. He returned to the power-house and asked what was the matter, and was informed that nothing had happened there He then returned seeking the cause. As he came down Lewis street, he noticed the wire which bore the main current broken and the ends hanging down. On investigation, he found that the wire had parted and that the ends had fallen on the track of the street car, which closed the circuit and the lights burned as if the wire had never been broken.

Democratic Meeting at Churchville.

CHURCHVILLE, VA., May 18.—A large number of Democrats assembled at this place on last Saturday at 3:30 p. m., to elect one delegate to the State Convention at Staunton. The meeting was held in J. S. Dudley's store and the room was crowded to the doors.

Dr. J. S. Blair was elected chairman and J. H. Diamond, secretary. After an address by Dr. Blair, and some other business, James W. Sieg offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

We, the Democrats of Churchville, declare our firm adherence to the fundamental principles of Democracy.

We heartily endorse the administration of President Cleveland and congratulate the country upon his wise and successful efforts to maintain the National credit.

We approve the course of our Representative in Congress and think that he merits the future support of his constituency.

And believing that the interests of the people demand that their savings, and especially the wages of labor should be paid in money of the greatest intrinsic value, we are absolutely opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States alone.

J. Hatch Stover was nominated and unanimously elected as delegate to the State convention with the power to select his alternate.

The secretary was instructed to furnish the Democratic papers of Staunton with a copy of the proceedings.

The meeting their adjourned.

JNO. H. DIAMOND, Secretary.

Vindicator please copy.

When your stomach begins to trouble you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and, until it gets it, you won't have any peace Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (*not*-digestion, *not* nourishment) *weakens* the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It *nourishes* you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

Personal.

J. Marshall Crawford, of Pond Gap, is in the city on business.

Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Bullett, of Louisville, accompanied Mrs. Echols.

J. B. Stephenson, of the Harrisonburg bar, is in attendance on our Circuit court.

Wm. H. Fix, of Spottswood, made a pleasant call at this office on yesterday.

J. J. Fix, of Greenville, is a graduate this year of the Union Theological Seminary.

Chas. T. Hutcheson has accepted the position of book keeper with Bowling, Spotts & Co.

Mr J. E. A. Gibbs and wife of Raphine, went to New York last week to spend several weeks there.

Jas. Clark, the senior partner and head of the Jas. Clark Distilling Co., was in Staunton several days last week.

Joseph T. McAllister, a prominent attorney of Warm Springs, has been in the city several days attending the Circuit Court.

Mrs. J. F. Tannehill, who has been ill for some time at the Va. Hotel, has been removed to the King's Daughters' Hospital.

C. Harry Haines of the Stonewall Brigade Band, and Pres. Dolan, of the Blackford Band, have accepted positions in New York and have gone there.

J. H. Patterson, who has been with Mr. Jno. B. Guntner in this city for some time, has gone into business at Hinton, W. Va., and removed there.

Capt. Alex. Harman, who has been at Fort Assinaboine, Mont., for some time, has returned to Virginia, and is in the city visiting his mother.

Mrs. Wm. R. Bader, of McGaheysville, Rockingham county, is visiting her brother in-law, Prof. J. H. Bader, Superintendent of the City Public Schools.

We are pleased to inform the friends of Hon. Geo. M. Harrison, that his leg is knitting nicely, and that he is improving as fast as could be expected.

Hartwell Macon, an old resident of Staunton, bnt who now lives in Williamsburg, Va., was in the city on business and pleasure last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Cora A. Freijs, of Chicago, arrived in the city on a visit to her parents, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Turner and family. Mrs. Turner continues to be very ill.

General John Echols and family, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city yesterday in his special car, and are the guests of his son, Edward Echols, on Beverly Terrace.

We had a pleasant call last Thursday morning from Mr. J. B. McCutchan of Craigsville, who has been for many years a prompt-paying subscriber of the SPECTATOR.

Mr. W. B. Schmid, a member of the old Stonewall Brigade Band, has accepted a position as clarionet soloist at Fort McHenry with the United States band at the fort.

"Prof." Garner, who has attracted considerable attention on account of his pretended discovery of the monkey language, used to monkey around Staunton selling hedge fence.

Daniel O'Connell, one of the most expert lumberman of Greenbrier county, W. Va., called in to see us yesterday. He reports business in lumber dull, but not as bad as a year ago.

R. S. Gamble, Esq., of Spring Hill, was a caller at our office on Monday. Mr. Gamble was appointed a delegate to the Democratic State Convention on last Saturday, but declined to serve under silver instructions.

Thomas O'Donnell, last Saturday night in a fit of somnambulism walked out on his back porch and off, falling a distance of about 12 feet breaking four ribs, one piercing the lung. He was attended by Dr. H. M. Patterson.

In the suit of D. V. Ruckman against the B. & O. Ry. tried in the Circuit Court last week, Judgment was rendered in favor of Mr. Ruckman for $75 and cost. The suit was for three cattle which had been in some way ost in transporting them.

Mr. Wm. H. H. Frenger, Editor and Proprietor of the Clifton Porge *Review*, called at the SPECTATOR office on Monday afternoon. He learned in the SPECTATOR office the "art preservative of all arts," and he now publishes an excellent newspaper.

Lonis Witz and Jno. B. Cochran were granted preliminary certificates in the Hustings Court last week to enable them to apply for license to practice law. Both are students of Washington and Lee, and Mr. Witz is president of the law class of 1896.

Our old and valued friend Rev. Job Turner will accept thanks for copies of the Times and Herald of Los Angeles Cal., of the 11th inst. We notice from these journals that our Reverend friend preached in the guild room of St. Paul's Church in that city on Sunday, the 10th inst, to a large audience of deaf mutes.

Wm. B. Trout, son of Mr. P. H. Trout, who has been in Johns Hopkins Hospital for some months or more, where he was operated on for appendicitis, is not doing well and his physicians have advised that he brought home, which will probably be done to-day. The weather is hot there, and the wound has not healed well, so it is hoped he will be improved by a change.

Runaway Accident.

On last Sunday, whilst Dr. McKemy's wife, sister and another lady were driving to New Providence Church the coupling pin of the vehicle dropped out when the two horses ran off, and after running nearly two miles they met Mr. Enos Ott and his wife who were riding in a buggy, and before they could get out of the way these horses ran against the buggy and smashed it, releasing their horse which then ran off and rushed into the church yard alarming the congregation. Strange to say neither Mr. Ott not his wife were injured by the collision, though the buggy was smashed. It was a wonderful escape.

EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.

The C. & O. Ry. will, on the 21st of May, run a special excursion to Washington, D. C., at a remarkably low rate. The train will arrive in Staunton from Covington at about 5:20 in the morning and leave promptly at 5:28. Fishersville, 5:44; Waynesboro, 5:55 and Basic 5:57. The rate for round trip, giving the excursionists 14 hours in the Capitol city, will from the above named points be only $2 25, and children half price. There will be separate coaches for white and colored people, and refreshments will be served on the train at low rates. Returning the train will leave Washington at midnight.

Persons will bear in mind on returning that the train leaves from 9 St. and Maryland avenue S. W. Excursion station. Do not forget this.

Any further information will be supplied by Jas. Ker, Jr., the Agent in this city.

Deerfield Democrats.

The Democrats of Deerfield and Lebanon precincts assembled at that place on last Saturday evening. The meeting was called to order by John S. Guy, Chairman of the Deerfield precinct committee. John S. Guy was elected Chatrman of the meeting and M. R. Coalter, Secretary. W. R. Coalter was chosen delegate to represent the two precincts in the Democratic State convention which meets in Staunton June 4th. The delegate is sent uninstructed. A resolution was passed endorsing the course of our representative H. St. Geo. Tucker in the National Congress. X.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

James Reeves is building a handsome new dwelling-house on his farm near Mt. Solon.

Delegates to the State Convention.

First Ward, A. C. Braxton, John J. Kilgalen, E. M. Funkhouser, Kenneth McCoy, R. S. Turk, W. C. Hedrick, E. I. Jones, W. S. Burke, William Patrick, Samuel Shultz; Second Ward, A C Gordon, Thomas Kivlighan, G W Blackley, Edward Echols, J L Vawter, J Lewis Bumgardner, Carter Berkeley, and W H Landes.

The city sends delegates with half a vote each. No fight was made on the ticket.

In Second Ward there were instructions against the unit rule, and in First Ward a resolution offered by R B Atkinson endorsing the records of Hon. H St George Tucker and Senator Daniel was tabled, on motion of W S Burke.

IN THE COUNTY.

In Augusta, so far as can be learned, these are the results: Waynesboro', silver delegates, J A Patterson, Charles Brooks, Marion Coiner, J F Leonard; Basic City, W A Bowles; Sandy Hollow, gold delegate, Stewart Bolling; West-End, gold delegate, John Harman; Boliver, gold delegate, W H Harman; Fishersville, silver delegate, C B Coiner; Stuart's Draft, gold delegate, W G Abney; Arbor Hill, silver delegate, E A Fulcher; Hermitage, gold delegates, R N Page and N C Watts; Laurel Hill, doubtful, delegates, John S Carr and Carroll Bennett; Verona, silver delegate, S H McCue; Mount Sidney, gold delegate, W H Morman; Middlebrook, silver delegates, J Alexander Bumgardner and J W Mish; Churchville, gold delegate, J Hatch Stover; Newport, stiver delegate, W E Beard; Greenville, W F Smith and W F Gilkeson, sound money; Spottswood, Col J D Lilley, sound money; Buffalo Gap, David F Hoover, free silver; Craigsville, J R Hidey, sound money; Deerfield, W R Coalter. As delegate to Chicago from the Tenth District, A C Gordon, of Staunton, will be urged by his friends.

Compositions of Little Deaf-mute Children.

It is a matter of great wonder that deaf-mute children can be taught in so short a time to learn a language and to spell correctly and to frame sentences in good form in their own compositions. In illustration, we publish below two compositions written by children who are only 12 years old and who have been to school only 3 years. They are pupils in the D. D. & B. Institute of S. C., in which the teacher requires the pupils to write compositions for their improvement, and the two we publish are samples, which are given exactly as they were written by these pupils, without any assistance or correction whatever, as follows:—

A Wise Dog.

A man had no wife. One day the man told his wise dog he must keep the baby in the cradle. The man went to plow in the morning. The man thought now it is 12 o'clock and he came home, and he saw the dog's mouth was bloody and he did not find the baby. He thought the dog ate the baby's body. He took his pistol and shot at the wise dog and it is killed. The man hears the baby screaming, and he saw the baby under the bed, and he saw the dead wolf.

The wise dog fought with the wolf because the wolf wants to eat the baby but the wise dog beat the wolf.

The man was very sorry he had killed the dog because the wise dog was useful to the baby.

EUSTACE SMOOK.

Age, twelve years.

A Poor Blind Man and His Dog.

One day at a time when years ago the poor blind man could see, he became blind. He told a negro man to buy a new dog. Why? Because it could lead the poor blind man when he went to walk. His dog's name was Frank. His dog died and the poor blind man told the negro man to bury it in the garden. One day the poor blind man was out for a little walk and feeling his way and a preacher came and met with him, and the preacher told him to go to the church. The preacher kneeled down to pray to God to take care of him and to lead him in the way of life always.

The poor blind man died and God sent the angels to bring him and they came down from heaven, and they brought him in heaven.

WALTER GLOVER.

Age, 12 years.

Always in season, Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). Elegant lunch in Milk Qt. can 10c. april 29-4ts

WAYNESBORO NEWS.

For the SPECTATOR:

The time may have been when Waynesboro lacked sufficient noise, excitement and sensation to give it the name and dignity of a town, but that time has passed. And yet we have not returned to "boom" times altogether. Still, no other town of its size and number of business enterprises can surpass this one for brisk trade and commercial activity during the customary busy days of the week. But apart from the bustle and confusion of business, monotony is driven away by runaway horses, free fights and base ball.

On Friday evening last Mr. T. W. Quesenberry's horse became frightened, and, starting off at full speed, went through the principal streets until it had demolished the buggy. Then detatching itself it proceeded to scatter harness all over town. Several serious accidents were narrowly averted from the scared brute. On Saturday a less serious runaway occurred with Mr. James Leighton's team. The horse was drawing his newly painted delivery wagon quite slowly up East Main street about 10 a. m. when some part of the harness gave way. This, as the horse plunged, threw the little driver out, and, finding himself free, he soon cleared the streets and ran on up West Main. Everybody, as usual, tried to stop him, but no one succeeded until a Mr. McRae, a commercial tourist from Richmond, seized the flying animal and brought him to a stop. The thanks of many are due Mr. McRae.

What has promised all along to be a quiet election here on the 28th is now getting red hot. Electioneering is going on all the time, and it bids fair to get into the church before it is over. Both sides are working strenuously and the outcome is awaited with increasing solicitude. The mayoralty is the chief bone of contention, and as each candidate is thoroughly sanguine, the disappointment to the vanquished will be all the more intense.

Amongst our visitors to the town during the past week I noticed Mr. W. P. Fleming and wife on Sunday at Mrs. M. E. Culton's, also Mr. McRae and wife of Richmond at the same place.

Mrs. Verta Humphreys, of Crozet, is the guest this week of Mrs. A A Cone on Chestnut street.

Miss Mamie Bell, a former pupil of the Valley Seminary from Arbor Hill, is visiting the family of Mr. John T Smith, in West Waynesboro.

Mr. Chas. Swink, of New Hope, was at his father's, Mr. C L Swink, on Walnut street last Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. James Culton, who went from this place to visit relatives in Baltimore some weeks ago, have returned.

Fresh paint is the order of the day, and the Presbyterian Manse, as well as the Valley Seminary, have both been treated to a nice new dress. The Seminary, with its bevy of pretty girls, was attractive enough before, and the attraction has been enhanced, of course, only on the building, as no amount of paint could improve the girls.

The first strawberries of the season made their appearance here on Monday, and sold for something less than four dollars a quart. I have not understood just why they are so late this year. Ordinarily we are getting tired of them by this time, but the church fairs could not hurry them up one bit this season. I walked into a refreshment parlor one evening recently, over the door of which was displayed in huge letters the sign "Strawberries and Ice Cream," and was about to order my favorite dish when a little girl, who evidently knew what I came for said: "Ve isn't got any strawberries. They ain't ripe yet, but we'll have some in two or three days, I reckon."

The beautiful white fences, driveways, plank walks and shady nooks all around Ford's Lithia Springs make it certainly a most desirable place for tired, care-worn, over heated, over-worked city pleasure seekers this year. The dancing pavilion is done, the billiard, bagatelle and bowling parlors are done; the large dining room will soon be finished. The grounds have been beautified as much as human ingenuity and money can make them and if it is not an ideal spot on which to stop and rest when all is done it will not be worth while to seek further.

The Baptist's bazaar commenced on Monday night and is an assured success from the start. The fact that Mrs. Lee, of Richmond, who got up and managed the charming Liliputian marriage, is at the head of this affair is a sufficient guarantee of its going.

If the "almighty dollar" is forthcoming many will no doubt take in the Washington excursion from here on the 21st. The capital is always inviting, even during the heated term.

Rev. C A Freed, of Middlebrook, preached in the Lutheran church here Sunday afternoon. THISTLE.

Indictments were found against J. W. Smith, the cashier, on eight different charges of embezzlement and larceny.

The Czar and Czarina reached Moscow Monday, where great preparations are being made for their coronation.

The Supreme Court of the United States Monday affirmed the constitutionality of the Louisiana separate coach law.

Forty persons are reported to have been killed by a tornado Monday in Pawnee county, Neb.

Mrs. Phœbe J. Morgan, a daughter of the late Rev. John D. Ewing and a member of the Tate family in Augusta, died near Falling Spring Church, Rockbridge, a few days ago in her eighty-second year. She was the widow of Dr. Davis S. Morgan.

The first lady in Virginia to be made deaconess in the Episcopal Church is Miss Mary E. Jones. This ceremony took place Monday in historic old St. John's Church in Richmond, Bishop Francis M. Whittle took part, assisted by several of the most prominent rectors of that city.

The Duchess of Marlborough, Mrs. Calvin S. Brice and two daughters and Mrs. Douglas Grant, of New York, were among those presented to the Princess of Wales Monday at the drawing-room held in behalf of the Queen in Buckingham Palace.

Emperor William has appointed the Empress of Russia to be honorary colonel of the Second Dragoon Guards, which regiment will hereafter be termed the Empress Alexandria's Dragoons.

Judge White of Albemarle, has changed the date for the execution of Wm. Nelson from June 27th to Sept. 19th, in order to permit counsel to take the case to the Supreme Court of Appeals. Nelson is the colored preacher recently convicted of murder in that county.

Georgetown college baseball team shut out the University of Virginia team last Saturday, the score being 7 to 0.

Painted Post, a considerable town near Coming New York, voted against water works a short time ago. Last Saturday it was nearly swept away by fire.

Six persons were shot in a riot incident to a baseball game at MacAdoo, near Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The body of the mysterious "Mrs. Everett, of Boston," who committed suicide at the Hotel Colonnade, New York, was identified as that of Miss Louise Lansburg, a French woman who has lived in America several years. She resided in Washington for a time.

Seven prisoners escaped from the Newport (Ky.) jail on Saturday night, but Scott Jackson, the murderer of Pearl Bryan, refused to join in the escape, fearing he would be shot on sight.

SUICIDE IN PAGE COUNTY.—On last Friday morning, the body of David Housen, a young man who had been married only a few months, was found in the woods in the Southern part of Page county with a gun-shot wound in the left breast. He had been despondent for some time, and in that morbid state of mind committed suicide.

NOTHING TO SAY.—Leading Republican papers all over the country are calling on Mr. McKinley to announce clearly his position on the currency question; but, like the boy the calf ran over, "he has *nothing* to say."

Now, that he is endorsed by the A. P. A., He, possibly, may have *something* to say.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.—The 10th annual meeting of the Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Virginia will begin in St. Paul's Church in Alexandria to-day—Wednesday—and the sessions will be presided over by Bishop Whittle and by Assistant Bishop Newton.

PLOWED UP 30,000 MEXICAN DOLLARS.—Timpson, Texas, May 15.—Rev. Rhodes, living twelve miles east of here, while plowing his field unearthed thirty thousand Mexican dollars. It seems that the money was buried in a leather satchel, and it was almost rotten. Mr. Rhodes bought the place two years ago. For several years there has been digging in that community by unknown parties at night.

Most of the few really wise and patriotic men of the country know it would be conducive to the welfare and prosperity of all the people thereof, if the national conventions of both the political parties should declare for the gold standard of value and against a depreciated currency. But they also know that a pronounced silver President, opposed to the force bill, would be infinitely better for the people of the whole country, and especially for those of the South, than an advocate of that bill, who is afraid to avow his opinions on the currency question.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

A Calamity to the Party.

Platt, Quay and Clarkson and all their allies, it is said, agree that the fight against McKinley has gone so far that there can be no retreat. The radical interviews which Mr. Platt gave out last week had previous to publication been submitted to all the other anti-McKinley leaders and were indorsed by them, so that they are all committed to the view that the nomination of McKinley would be a calamity to the party.

The Deaf-Mutes.

The Rev. Job Turner of Virginia, the traveling missionary for deafmutes, is in the city. Yesterday he "spoke" in the guild room of St. Paul's church from Thessalonians 1.4 and 1:18 in impressive gestures. An intelligent audience "listened" to the reverend gentleman's discourse. He is one of the finest sign makers in the United States; inexperienced and untaught children being almost able to gather his full meaning in the simple signs. He is 75 years of age, a deafmute, yet very active.—*Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald, May 11th.*

The suit of Miss Mary E. Smith against the Southern railway for $5,000 damages for injuries received by being thrown from the train at the Union Station at Charlottesville a few months ago, was decided in favor of Miss Smith by the Circuit Court of Albemarle on last Friday. $2,500 was allowed.

OTEY'S TITLE CONFIRMED.—On last Friday Mr. De Armond called up the unanimous report of Elections Committee No. 3, upon the contested-election case of J. Hampton Hoge (Republican) vs. Peter J. Otey (Democrat), from the Sixth Virginia District, confirming the title of Mr. Otey to the seat which he occupies, and it was agreed to.

Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., pastor of Tabb Street Presbyterian church, was tendered a farewell by his congregation last week. Dr. Rosebro left for New York on the 13rd, from which place he sailed on Saturday on the steamer Etruria for Liverpool. He was accompanied by Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, at Hampden-Sidney, and Mr. James Dunn, of Petersburg.

The special meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University, held in Lexington the past week for the purpose of electing an other full professor to a new chair to be created in the Law School of Washington and Lee University, adjourned without taking any final action. The matter was turned over to a special committee, to report in June at the regular annual meeting of the board.

The city of Sherman was visited by the worst cyclone in the history of North Texas about 5 o'clock last Friday. The track of the cyclone was fifty yards wide. It struck the city at west-end of Post-oak creek and swept in a westerly direction for several blocks and then spread and spent its force. Houses, trees, fences, in fact everything in its pathway was destroyed. The loss of life will probably reach one hundred, with as many more bruised and wounded.

A BAD SHOWING.—The annual report of the operations of the Norfolk and Western railroad for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1895, has just been made public. According to the report, the traffic and revenue were seriously affected by a strike of the miners in the Pocahontas coal field, which, beginning May 1st, continued in its effects for at least five months. For the whole year, as compared with the previous year, the gross earnings decreasing $678,365.27, the operating expenses decreased $170,269.24, and the net earnings decreased $508,096.03.—*Philadelphia Record.*

THE DELAWARE SENATORSHIP.—The Senate Friday last decided that Mr. Henry A. Dupont is not entitled to a seat in that body, to which he claims to have been elected by a majority of the Delaware Legislature. The vote was very close, but it was sufficient to put an end to Mr. Dupont's aspirations until the Legislature again meets in regular session or is called in extra session for the purpose of electing a Senator. The Governor of Delaware cannot appoint, as the Senate has already decided that question in another case, holding that the failure of a Legislature to elect does not constitute a vacancy that can be filled by the Governor.

McKinley's Inconsistency.

The New York Herald says that a committee of business men of New York will go to Ohio and try to extract from Mr. McKinley an unequivocal declaration of his views upon the money question. As the A. P. A. special committee, according to the Supreme Council of that organization, succeeded in inducing Mr. McKinley to discuss the principles of their order and to give them his unequalified approval, it would seem that the Ohio man would be equally explicit when the New York committee calls upon him and asks him to say whether or not he favors the gold standard. Surely an issue which involves the welfare of the whole country and upon which depends its financial soundness is as worthy of Mr. McKinley's consideration as the principles of the A. P. A.

The corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute on last Friday observed the thirty-third anniversary of the battle of Newmarket, in which the corps so signally distinguished themselves in the capture of Seigle's batteries.

There was suspension of all academic and military duties, many of the cadets taking an outing to Natural Bridge, Goshen Pass, and other points. Those that remained were given a big dinner at Mess Hall.

In the late afternoon the band played funeral dirges in the cemetery of the Institute, and the cadets, assisted by many ladies, profusely decorated the graves of the boy soldiers who fell on the memorable field of Newmarket. The tomb of Stonewall Jackson was also strewn with fragrant flowers.

HENRY G. DAVIS, JR. DROWNED.—Mr. Henry G. Davis, Jr., a son of ex Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, was drowned last week.

He was about twenty-five years old and was associated in business with his father, being in charge of the Junior Coal Company, which does a local supply trade in Randolph county, West Virginia.

Last January Mr. Davis left for a trip on a sailing vessel to South Africa to try to regain his health. The last word received from him after his arrival in Africa announced his departure for home on the steamer Monkseaton, from Cape Town. The steamer sailed April 21 and Mr. Davis was expected to arrive in New York about May 22.

Deceased was the brother-in-law of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, who in speaking of young Mr. Davis's death, said: "It is a remarkable thing that in the South Atlantic waters storms occur without any premonotory indications. A gale bursts on a ship before the mariners have time to shorten sail. It is supposed that Mr. Davis was sitting on the deck of the vessel when one of these storms occurred and that he was washed overboard by the first heavy sea that struck the ship. The body is buried at sea."

The journal that perpetrates "Politics are mixed up" on its unoffending readers divides honors with the esteemed contemporary that complains that "News are scarce."—*Index-Appeal.*

SCORE ONE FOR THE STATE REPUBLICAN.—The *State Republican* of Harrisonburg of Thursday last says:—

"While the editor of this paper, (according to our contemporary, the *Free Press*) was "spending some time with Gov. McKinley" the editor of the *Free Press* was in New York,—which was his first trip to that Village (?) It is currently reported here that he was seen on the streets there late one night following a street sweeper. On being asked why he was out so late he replied that he was going to hear that blamed thing play before he went to bed."

GOLD MINING FEVER.—The gold fever has broken loose in Virginia and taken possession of everybody in Spottsylvania, Louisa, Fluvana and Buckingham counties who has land with ore upon it. Recently several strangers have been through the gold belt examining the property and much of it is being bought up. There is a rich vein of gold running through the counties named and with the modern machinery the mines can be worked with profit. A gentleman from Spottsylvania was in Richmond last week with samples of ore found on his place. It was pronounced rich in the yellow metal.

It May be Murder.

C. F. Putnam father of Mrs. Ballangee, who was assaulted at Longdale recently for which the negro Magruder is now sentenced to be hung, and J. F. Ballangee, brother of the husband of Mrs. Ballangee, were lodged in jail in Covington Wednesday afternoon, charged with shooting a colored man at that place, that morning. It seems that both of them shot at the negro at about the same time, one ball entering the back of the head and the other in the back between the shoulders.

These men, no doubt still laboring under the excitement of the recent crimes committed at that place by Magruder, and seeing a couple of strange colored men about, they took them for ordinary tramps and in attempting to run them away the shooting occurred. The colored men, we understand, were laborers belonging near Longdale and were waiting for a train.

The man who was shot, though his wounds are of a very serious character, is still living.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

MARRIAGE OF MABEL STEWART.—Miss Mabel Stewart, daughter of the Nevada Senator, was married at one o'clock Saturday to Mr. Francis L. Payson, jr., of New York, Rev. Dr. Childs officiating at the ceremony, which took place in Stewart Castle, one