Spectator & Vindicator

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.

This paper has the largest circulation of any Newspaper published in the Valley of Virginia. The subscription list is open to inspection.

No Spanish generals are slain in the war now in progress in Cuba, by Cuban bullets. They are recalled too soon.

The Alexandria *Gazette* has entered upon its 98th year. Like wine it grows better with age.

Hon. Thomas B. Reed is reported as saying that if McKinley is the advance agent of prosperity, he has brought — few samples with him.

During the last week many cashiers or presidents of failed banks have sought the dawn of prosperity, in a brighter world beyond.

Governor O'Ferrall has in the past year pardoned 134 persons out of the penitentiary. The governor will now never be without tried friends.

It is strange logic for railroads to preach honest money and the honor of obligations, when every railroad in the country has been stolen from the people who built it.

A little more silver would have probable saved some of the bank crashes which have become so numerous recently, and the lives of their sound money cashiers who have suicided.

The New York Journal is counting the days of Cleveland's administration. With today we have but 56 more of those melancholy days, the saddest of the year.

George Washington may have cut down cherry trees very rapidly, and he may have spoken the truth voluably, but he never killed sixty ducks in one day.

About 500 leading manufacturers and railroad officials, including Presidents Cowen of the B. & O., and Ingalls of the C. & O., Vice Presidents Finley of the Southern, and St. John of the Seaboard Air Line; President Gates of the Illinois Steel Co.; Abram S. Hewitt and others contribute to last week's issue of the Manufacturer's Record of Baltimore, their views upon the business outlook for 1897. Almost without exception they take a very favorable view of the situation and a general summary of their letters shows confidence in a gradual but sure return of business activity and prosperity.

The recent bank failures and sharp crack of firearms by the bank officials in blowing out their brains, were so far west of these roseate hued gentlemen they could not hear the sounds.

Fruits of their Own Labor.

Since the ignominious failure of the election of McKinley to improve the bankrupting stagnation in business, and to inaugurate prosperity, we have become more and more reconciled to democratic defeat. Had the present conditions existed and Bryan had been elected the whole would have been charged to him and bimetalism, as well as to that hydra headed monster, Anarcy, which the honest debt payers of the nation saw rising from the Democratic ocean. Now these no longer send terror through the land. But where is the promised relief, where is the hum of factories, the sound of the hammer, and smoke of the furnace? All are as silent and invisible as before and prosperity's agent is standing in the midst of tumbling banks, the crash of financial institutions and the wreck of private fortunes. The country was probably not ripe for Bryan's election, and the devastation which would have been charged up to him would doubtless have ruined his cause before his term began had he been elected. Neither Bryan, nor bimetalism, nor anarchy, can now be accused of the seismic financial disturbance which is shaking into ruins so many imposing structures. They all worked and their employees all voted for McKinley, and they are now enjoying their reward.

A Kentucky Christmas.

The Christmas festivities were celebrated in Kentucky, in a style becoming that newly republicanized commonwealth. We have not at command reliable statistics covering previous Christmases dating back for more than thirty years, but we admit that whilst it has been hard to withhold the energetic people of Kentucky in their onmarch, that at no period of her history ward has she shone so brightly, as since she became weddedto the gold standard and unfurled the banner of prosperity. To illustrate this we find that during Christmas week Kentucky merrymakers were regaled with seven lynching parties. On and about the day of peace on earth and good will towards men, the following trivial matters of difference were settled, so that when the new year began it should be with a clean balance sheet.

At Cynthiana, John Howe, colored, shot and killed policeman Chas. Lacy. Near the same place Alex. Small killed Geo. Bowers.

On Big Elkhorn, Tom Edelson stabbed Bud Stein to death.

In Browne county, Chas. Ewalt, a *prominent white man*, killed Harry Saster, colored, at a dance.

At a ball in Breathitt county, four men were stabbed and cut, and one was mortally wounded.

Bill Morrow, a gentleman seemingly highly gifted in the use of firearms, amused himself at Kavenaugh Chapel over in Lawrence county, by shooting the candles off the Christmas tree. Geo. Pack modestly requested Mr. Morrow to cease firing until the children obtained a few more presents, whereupon Mr. Morrow turned the gun on Mr. Pack and snuffed out his light. Then Mr. Morrow quietly rode away.

Joe Robertson, who seemed to pride himself somewhat on his strength, undertook to eject John and Geo. Rexroad from a Christmas tree at Columbia, whereupon John and Geo. opened fire upon Robertson, and increased his avoirdupois by several ounces, from which too sudden taking on of flesh Robertson died.

What a merry, merry Christmas they did have over where the blue grass grows.

Now that Mr. Cleveland will reside at Princeton and will doubtless witness some of the foot ball games, we warn the players in avoiding a tackle never to duck, lest the ex-president might shoot at them.

Only a few democrats strayed into the White House on New Years day to pay their respects to Mr. Cleveland, and swell the number of the New Year reception. Of the congressional callers nearly all were Republicans who grasped the Executive hand warmly, and received a hearty response.

The Cuban cause seems to be in hard luck. Its leaders are falling fast, and no hope of aid from the United States now seems possible. On last Saturday its misfortunes were augmented by a loss of the Commodore, a filibustering ship loaded with munitions of war destined for the insurgents.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Twenty-nine bodies have been taken from the wreck at Cahaba River, Ala., which occurred last week.

Train wreckers took up a rail last Thursday on the Seaboard Air Line road near Raleigh, N. C., and wrecked a night train.

The final New-Year's reception at the White House of the present administration eclipsed in many respects those of preceding years.

Mr. John W. Holland, a leading citizen of Danville, has made an assignment, conveying property valued at $170.000. He is an indorser of his brother, the late C. G. Holland, for $148,000.

Theodore George Wormly, M. D., Ph. D., LL. D., the distinguished chemist, died at his home in Philadelphia on Sunday, 3d inst., aged seventy years. His death was due to gastritis.

United States Senator John M. Palmer, sound money democratic candidate for president at the recent election, is confined to his bed and is threatened with pneumonia.

Southern Arkansas, Northern Texas, and Northwestern Louisiana were swept by a terrible wind and rainstorm on last Sunday causing the loss of a number of lives and the destruction of a great deal of property.

The Baltimore & Ohio shops at Zanesville, Ohio, closed down indefinitely last week, on peremptory telegrams from Baltimore. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment, entailing a loss to the city of $25,000 a month.

The fact that good apples in Maine are now selling at ten cents a barrel is not calculated to induce the farmers of that State to feel convinced that they acted in their own interest when they voted the plutocratic ticket last November.—Alexandria Gazette.

The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and the armed dispatch vessel Dolphin have been ordered to Florida waters to reinforce the fleet of government vessels now engaged in an effort to suppress fillbustering expeditions bound for Cuba.

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer building sustained a disastrous loss by fire last Friday night, the result of an explosion in the office of the business manager of the job department on the second floor. The explosion was the work of safe-robbers, who attempted to blow open the safe in that office.

While Mr. Frank Scott was driving up Main street in Fincastle one day last week some one threw a fire cracker under his horses, which caused them to run away. Mr. Scott was thrown from his seat and very badly hurt and the vehicle somewhat damged. Mr. Scott is improving.—Buchannon Banner.

The steamer Commodore, which cleared from Jacksonville, Fla., for Cienfuegos, Cuba, last Thursday with a cargo of arms and ammunition, founded off New Smyrna early on last Saturday morning. Twenty eight men were on board of the steamer. Eight are unaccounted for and have been given up for lost. The vessel struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river, and had been leaking almost from the start.

The Honduras Company, with a capital stock of $500,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., last week. The incorporators are Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, Melville E. Ingalls, of New York, and J. C. McVeigh, of Morristown. The company is to operate railroads in Honduras, and, it is said, has received concessions from that government.

Miss Emma Spreckels, the daughter of Claus Spreckels, sugar king and millionaire, was secretly married at San Jose, last Wednesday, to Thomas Watson, a well-known grain broker, of San Francisco. The marriage was kept secret from the family for several days, and the news only leaked out that day, when some of Mr. Watson's intimate friends made the matter public.

The body of Mr. J. B. McCullagh, editor in chief of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, was found last Thursday morning on the pavement beneath the window of his room at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, 383 West Pine boulevard. It is believed that he accidentally fell from the window some time in the early morning. His skull was crushed and the body was otherwised maimed. Mr. McCullagh had been sick and melancholy for some time, and although he conversed clearly and talked about his affairs with his most intimate friends and his business adviser, his mind was disturbed at times.

Mr. Edwin Warfield, president of the Fidelity Trust and Deposit Co. of Baltimore, was arrested last week on a warrant which charged him with having game in his possession illegally. The specific charge was that he had sixteen partridges in his possession contrary to law. The facts in the case are these: A friend of Mr. Warfield in North Carolina shipped him the partridges by express. Mr. Warfield received the birds and sent them home by his office boy. On the way the boy was waylaid and pounced upon by the game wardens. He explained his errand and a warrant was sworn out for Mr. Warfield and served on him. He was fined $4 and costs, which he paid.

Tom Flanagan, a carpenter, killed three persons near Decatur, Ga., in three seconds last week. Flanagan boarded with G. W. Allen and wife, an old couple, who lived in DeKalb county, just beyond the city limits. He was called two or three times, and finally appeared at the door leading from his room to the dining room, and without a word began firing a pistol at the people seated at the table. His first shot struck old Mrs. Allen, and she fell over fatally wounded. The next shot hit the aged husband, and he dropped to the floor. The boarders were now springing from their seats to escape. Just as Miss Ruth Slack rose, a bullet struck her in the head, and she fell dead. The others ran out, and were followed by the remaining bullets in Flanagan's pistol. The old man and his wife died on the floor in a few minutes.

The Nation's Vote.

The official canvasses of the votes of all the States for President November 3, have been completed. According to the official figures, as compiled by the Associated Press, the total vote was 13.888 763. McKinley, republican, received 7,101,401; Bryan, democrat, 6 470,656; Palmer, gold standard democrat, 135,956; Levering, prohibition, 130,560; Bentley, national, 14,392; Matchette, socialist, 33,538. McKinley's plurality is 630.745, and his majority over all is 316,399.

More Banks Close.

The Citizens' National Bank of Fargo, N. D., failed Saturday last. The bank is in the hands of the national bank examiner. Its capital is $100,000. The president is H. F. Miller.

Bank Examiner Angell took possession of and closed the Whitehall, Mich., State Savings Bank Saturday. The bank has made no statement. Its last report showed deposits of about $80,000; loans and discounts $92,000; stocks, bonds and mortgages, $4,500. and about $2,000 on hand.

The Germania Bank of St. Paul, Minn., closed its doors Monday. Its capital was $400,000, with a surplus of $59,000.

The Allemania Bank of the same city also closed its doors on Monday. Its statement on Dec. 27 showed loans and discounts $706,842, cash on hand and due from other banks $192,066, deposits $602,305.

The City Bank of Nora Springs, Iowa, suspended Monday.

The Savings Bank of Omaha, Neb., failed to open its doors Saturday morning and is in the hands of the State Banking Board.

Frank Atkins, president of the Colorado Savings Bank, who was indicted on a charge of having received deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent, was acquitted last Saturday.

Henry Durk, cashier of of the First National Bank of Niagara Falls, which recently suspended, was arraigned last Saturday before United States Commissioner Norton, of Buffalo, N. Y., on the charge of being implicated in the failure of the bank.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31—E. S. Dreyer of the banking firm of E. S. Dreyer & Co., which failed as a result of the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois, is very sick with inflammation of the kidneys, and not even the members of his family are allowed to see him. His recent financial trouble have aggravated his condition to such an extent that grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 31.—The directors of the Second National Bank of this city today decided not to open for business. The following notice was posted: "On account of recent heavy withdrawals of deposits and the impossibility of realizing upon our assets, it has been decided by our board of directors to suspend and that the comptroller be advised of our action." It is said by the bank's officers that following the failures of the National Bank of Illinois and the Bank of Minnesota $40,000 was withdrawn from the Second National, while its deposits had amounted to only about $17,000 during the past fourteen days.

Suicide of Bank Officials.

Richard D. Cornelius; one of the oldest and best known bank cashiers of Baltimore, committed suicide on Monday last. His body was found in the duck pond in Druid Hill Part that afternoon a few hours after a shortage of $60,000 had been discovered in his accounts at the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank. On Saturday Bank Examiner Winchester drew the attention of the officers of the bank to irregularities in connection with the accounts of an out of town institution. Monday morning Mr. Cornelius was asked to explain the irregularities. He did not attempt to do so, but abruptly walked off. A closer examination of his accounts disclosed an apparent shortage of $60,000. Mr. Cornelius was in addition to his position as bank cashier, a local worker in the Methodist church, and very prominent in religious circles.

W. A. Hammond, Vice President of the "Bursted" National Bank of Illinois, drowned himself and his sorrows in Lake Michigan on last Friday night.

The disappearance of Hammond recalls the suicide of Otto Wasmansdorf, the banker, a few days ago. Wasmansdorff's death was the direct result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois, the collapse of that institution pulling down the firm of Wasmansdorff and Heinniemann, of which Wasmansdorff was the senior partner. Wasmansdorff blew his brains out with a revolver.

Henry Husted, cashier of the Union County National Bank, Liberty, Ind., was found hanging by the neck to a rafter in his stable last Saturday. His knees were touching the floor, and he was dead when found by his son.

SELMA, ALA., Dec. 31—Geo. B. Wilkins, vice president of the Commercial National Bank of Selma, which failed yesterday, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in the Episcopal church here at 4 o'clock this morning. He was treasurer of the Protestant Episcopol Diocese of Alabama, of St. Paul's parish, of the Brotherhood of St Andrew, of the Odd Fellows and of the Y. M. C. A.

Cuba Again.

[Communicated.]

The resolution of the Senate, in relation to Cuban affairs, is raising a very grave question which the people of the United States should immediately consider carefully. The historic relations of Spain to the American continent, its islands, seas and gulfs, are of such prominent pre eminence before the world as to demand recognition everywhere. Spain belongs to the family of European nations which have established, and do endeavor to maintain, a balence of powers, which is claimed for the peace and safety of the whole. Any disturbing cause becomes a subject of enquiry by the system of powers. Though Cuba is remote from Spain, yet the island and its proximity to other possessions are recognized in according to Spain her rank in the sisterhood of European powers. Interfearence with a domain of such magnitude and national importance impairs the autonemy of the Balence of Powers, and will not be assented to with approbation by the Powers. It is not only a question of property and dignity to Spain, but it gives a new phase to the safety and freedom in the channels of entrance to the Gulf of Mexico and the coast of Central America. Agitation on the part of the United States, at this time, may awaken the apprehension of Europe as to the quiet enjoyment of their rights in American property and waters, in anticipation of a completion of the transcontinental routes over Central America. England controls Gibraltar and Suez Canal by the east, and a prospective short-cut over Central America by the west, must be a consideration of great importance to her and the continent. Are the United States willing to risk the trial of results upon the impracticable theory—sentiment, of a better government for the heterogeneus, intractable, illiterate and uncultivated populations who would predominate?

FISHERSVILLE.

The Old Watts Residence Burned.

The old Watts residence, about two miles north of Roanoke, was destroyed by fire Sunday night, along with the kitchen and other outbuildings. The building was for many years the home of the late Col. Wm. Watts, father of ex-State Senator J. Allen Watts of Roanoke, and contained about twenty rooms. It was occupied by George C. Huff, who was sick in bed at the time of the fire, the origin of which is supposed to have been a defective flue. The loss was estimated at $4,000 and there was no insurance.

Delaware Democrats Win.

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 4—The Court of Errors and Appeals today reversed the decision of the Superior Court for a recount of the vote in Kent county by the canvassing board. This is a victory for the democrats and gives that party a decided majority in the legislature which will elect a United States Senator.

Alpha Tau Omega Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—The fifteenth biennial convention of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity began here today with about two hundred delegates in attendance. The convention was opened with an address of welcome Mayor Robert McKisson, of this city, to which Mr. James Pugh, of Washington, a son of Senator Pugh, responded on behalf of the fraternity. Milo Massey of Georgia, delivered an oration and Charles C. Pinckney of Tennessee, read a poem.

A Woman Pastor Weds.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Jan. 1.—Rev. Caroline J. Bartlett, pastor of the People's Church of this city, was married last evening to Dr. A. W. Crane, city pathologist. Miss Bartlett's church has no creed. Its declared purpose is that of "establishing truth, righteousness and love in the world." It is open seven days in the week, has a kindergarten, gymnasium and various features of social and moral improvement. Upon invitation of Miss Bartlett, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Spiritualists, Christian Scientists, free thinkers and agnostics have spoken from her pulpit.

This is the church Col. Bob Ingersol said he would like to join if they would let him.

Railroad Development.

Statistics of new railway equipment built in this country in 1896, gathered by the Railroad Gazette, show that 480 more locomotive were constructed than in 1894 and 74 more than last year.

The number built in 1896 was 1,175, of which 309 were for export, chiefly to South America, but some also to Russia, Japan and South Africa. Locomotive builders in this country at present have orders on their books for 70 engines for Japan, where most of those now in service are of English make.

The statistics of car building are from 41 companies and show a total of 51,189 freight and 474 passenger cars built in 1896, an increase in freight cars over 1895 of 34 per cent. The number of passenger cars built in 1895 was 430.

The railroad tracks laid in the United States in 1896 make a total of 1,692 miles. In 1895 1,428 miles were built and in 1894 the total was 1,760 miles.

A Big Enterprise.

Mr. John F. Flournoy, one of the most enterprising citizens of Columbus, Ga., has organized an electric light and power company which is to invest $500,000 in its plant for the development of electric power from the falls of the Chattahoochee. Already 1,200 horse power has been developed, and this will be raised to 2,000 horse power. The power now obtained from the falls, about one mile from the centre of the city, is used to run street cars, to supply electric arc lights, to furnish power for two clothing factories and several smaller industries. The company will soon be prepared to suply also all the incandescent lights that wille be needed in Columbus. "In the rushing Chattahoochee," says the Atlanta Journal, "Columbus has a source of power and wealth the value of which it would be difficult to estimate. She is fortunate also in having citizens who have the means and incli nation to develop this great resource."

A Gubernatorial Boycott.

There is quite a merry little war going on between the democratic papers here and Gov. O'Ferrall. The latter has boycotted the papers that attacked him during the recent campaign and will not go out of his way to give them or encourage others to give them any news from the executive department of the State government. As is well known, Gov. O'Ferrall declined to support Bryan and the Chicago platform. This course was severely criticised by the Bryan papers here and in other parts of Virginia.

The Governor has not forgotten this, and now the word has gone out that such papers will not be remembered when any good "scoops" are to be given out from the executive office to reporters. The result of this policy is that journals not in favor have to keep a mighty sharp lookout if they do not wish their more favored competitors to secure tae best news items that are to be secured in the neighborhood of the Governor's office. This boycott is a brand new thing at the Virginia State House. No one can recall the fact that any of Gov. O'Ferrall's predecessors ever brought it into play whenever newspapers of opposing parties took occasion to criticise their public actions.—Richmond correspondent Baltimore Sun.

Railway Embarrassments.

The past year was a bad one for railroads, since 5,441 miles went into the hands of receivers, involving $173,[illegible]000 of bonds and $102,533,000 of stocks. The H. and O., with 2,094 miles, and the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago, with 501 miles, were the principal sufferers. The present era of receiverships began, says the Railway Age, in 1892, when 10,508 miles of road were involved. In 1893 the mileage was 29,340 miles, in 1894 it was 7,025 miles, in 1895 it was 4,089 miles. To find like figures we have to go back to 1885, when 8,386 miles went into receivers' hands, and 1884, when the mileage was 11,038 miles. In the intermediate years the average was little over 2,000 miles. The five years beginning with 1892 broke the record. Foreclosures in 1896 affected 1,372 miles and $1,150,377,000 of stocks and bonds. Since 1876 the sales under foreclosure have aggregated 89,487 miles with $5,440,239,000 of stocks and bonds. Farmers, it seems, have not been the only sufferers in the two decades. The "bloated bondholder" and Wall street have had their losses also. The plain truth is that when one large interest is affected all other interests sympathize with it in a practical way.—Balt. Sun.

Working Public Roads.

The New York Herald suggests that the convicts in the State penitentiary be put to work on the public roads. The State, it says, needs good roads, and in making them the convicts would not compete with free labor. In some of the Southern States convicts are utilized upon outdoor works, and grave abuses have been complained of in that connection. But in those cases the convicts were hired to contractors who, it was charged, overworked the prisoners and treated them with inhumanity. But if the gangs were worked by the State itself, under the guard of State officers, there need be no cause for any such complaint. In Maryland there is a fine opportunity for an experiment. The House of Correction, at Jessup's Cut, is overcrowded with prisoners, and there is the greatest difficulty in devising employment for them. To bring the free labor of the State into killing competition with convict labor would furnish the former with a just cause of complaint. But, as the Herald justly remarks, making roads does not compete with free labor. On the contrary, free labor would get the same benefit which would come to the community at large from good roads. A beginning might be made upon roads within five or ten miles of the House of Correction as an experiment. These might be graded and drained and made splendid highways, and, if stone or gravel can be found convenient, the roads might be metaled with it. After this is done, and the experiment should be deemed successful, the area of improvement might be extended. It is true that three counties which come together in the vicinity of the House of Correction would get the benefit of this labor but as long as it works no detriment to any other county there would be no cause for complaint. More than this, each county has a direct precuniary interest in the growth and improvement of every other county.—Balt. Sun.

GRAIN TRADE AND CROPS.

The Cincinnati Price-Current of last Thursday says:—

The past week has been characterized by a continuation of mild temperature in the central regions, and for the most part the condition of country roads has been good, favoring the movement of produce from farms to shipping points. This condition, however, has not had much apparent effect in enlarging grain supplies in commercial channels, although it may make more of a showing the near future. The prices for corn and oats are so very low that selling is mostly confined to persons who are obliged to realize. The bulk of the remaining supply of wheat is probably in the hands of farmers who are able to carry it further; until the dollar price is reached or despaired of.

There are occasional intimation in current correspondence that there are fair supplies of wheat being held back in farmers' bins. The season has been one of constant remark that wheat has been held back, or has been scarce—the latter condition being made to appear the more emphatic by the non selling policy of producers. In view of such a record it is made possible if not probable that later on the offerings may be shown to be more liberal than prevailing calculations have recognized. For the immediate future the indications do not suggest important changes in the offerings or movement of wheat or other grain.

Current correspondence reflects considerable comment about damage to the wheat crop, notably in Indiana, and to some extent westward, but such reports are not more numerous than previously, and taken as a whole favorable conditions attending the growing crop largely predominate.

The wheat market has had some upward tendency the past week, but a part of the gain has been lost, manifestly due to realizing sales of speculative holdings. At the close May wheat at Chicago is 1¾c higher than a week ago. Corn is slightly higher, and oats lower.

May wheat at Chicago closed 1¼c below the highest point of the week, 1½c above the lowest point, and 1⅜c higher than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for May closed ⅝c below the highest point of the week, ⅛c above the lowest point of the week, and ⅜c lower than a week ago.

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 1,526,000 bushels for the week against 2,778,000 the preceding week, and 3,619,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 2,395,000 bushels, against 2,875,000 the preceding week, and 2,398,000 last year.

Col. Philip D. Elkins Dead.

Col. Philip Duncan Elkins, father of United States Senator Elkins, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of his son at Elkins, W. Va., from a general collapse of the system.

Senator Elkins was in Washington when telegraphed that his father was dying. He arrived at Cumberland early in the morning and went at once to Elkins by a special train, arriving there before his father expired.

The birthplace of Col. Elkins was Fauquier county, Va. He was in the eighty eighth year of his age. He was a Confederate soldier and an ardent democrat.

Double Hanging in Norfolk.

The first double hanging in Norfolk since 1821, when two Spaniard were hanged for the murder of a young Frenchman named Legayelette, occurred on Tuesday, 5th inst., Chas. Williams and Wm. Downing, aged 22 and 23 years respectively, explated their crimes—Williams for killing Geo. Bess (col.), and Downing for killing Emma Lane (col.). The drop fell at 8:17 a. m., that hour having been selected in order to have the unpleasant affair off as quietly as possible.

A Defaulting Treasurer Shoots Himself.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 31.—County Treasurer A. J. Jernigan shot himself in his office today with suicidal intent and will probably die of his wounds. He admitted to friends that his act was caused by a shortage of about $6,000 in his accounts and that he hoped by death to spare himself disgrace.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—A SMALL FARM.—The undersigned wishes to buy a small farm of about 50 to 70 acres. Prefer that it shall be situated within 12 miles of Staunton. Farm must have the necessary buildings and improvements. Address
jan 7-3t A. B. C., Churchville, Va.

VIRGINIA—In the Clerk's Office of the Court of Hustings for the City of Staunton, Dec. 30, 1896.

H. J. Heinz, ... Plaintiff.
vs.
Oscar F. Heydenrich, et al, ... Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to have partition of the lands devised by the will of F. O. Heydenrich, dec'd, and to subject the share of Oscar F. Heydenrich to the payment of liens existing against it.

And it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant, Oscar F. Heydenrich is a non-resident of this Commonwealth, It is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste,
NEWTON ARGENBRIGHT, Clerk.
A. C. Braxton, p. q. jan 7-1m

COMMISSIONERS' SALE
—OF—
DESIRABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, as commissioners appointed for the purpose, by the Circuit court of Augusta county, Va., by a decree of June 1st, 1896, in the causes of Carson, J. W. vs. Carson, J. A. et als. and Hamilton, R. V. vs. Simmons, et als., and Daggy, S. H. vs. Carson, J. A., then heard together, will proceed to sell at public auction in front of the court house in the city of Staunton, Va., on

Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1897,

about the hour of noon, that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the county of Augusta about 14 miles, in a north westerly direction from the city of Staunton, and adjoining the lands of G. W. Swink, S. H. Daggy and Mrs. Margaret Hanger, being the same property that was conveyed by Joslan A. Carson and wife to Rahama V. Hamilton by deed of December 9th, 1889, of record in the clerk's office of Augusta county, Va., in Deed Book 115, page 47. This tract of land contains about 10 acres, 2 roods and 10 poles and has on it a substantial log house, weather boarded, and containing six rooms, and some outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent. cash; the residue in three equal instalments at 6, 12 and 18 months from the day of sale, with interest from that day, for which the purchaser will be required to execute bonds with approved personal security, and the title will be with held as ultimate security.

THOS. C. ELDER,
R. S. TUCK,
Commissioners.

I, Jos. B. Woodward, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, do certify that Thomas C. Elder has executed the bond required by decree of sale in the above styled causes. Given under my hand this 6th day of Oct, 1896.

JOS. B. WOODWARD, Clerk.
jan 7-tds

VIRGINIA:—In the Clerk's office of the Court of Hustings for the City of Staunton, December 28th, 1896.

S. D. Timberlake and M. M. Robertson, ... Plaintiffs.
vs.
E. F. Wayman, H. E. Wayman, T. C. Elder, Trustee, John S. Butterice, Mrs. F. B. Piecker, Joseph F. Wayman, Hugh Henry, National Valley Bank of Staunton, a corporation, and Mrs. J. F. Cassell, ... Defendants.

The general object of this suit is to have set aside and decared null and void two certain deeds, bearing date December 1st, 1896, and executed by E. F. Wayman to H. E. Wayman, the first of said deeds being recorded in the Clerk's office of Augusta County Court, in Deed Book No. 135, page 580, and the second of said deeds being recorded in the Clerk's office of the Hustings Court for the city of Staunton, in Deed Book No. 14, page 131, and to subject the property conveyed in said deeds to the *bona fide* lien debts of the said E. F. Wayman, in the proper order of their priority, including the claim of the plaintiffs.

And it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant, Mrs. J. F. Cassell is a non-resident of this Commonwealth, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect her interest.

Teste,
NEWTON ARGENBRIGHT, Clerk.
S. D. Timberlake, Jr., } p. q.
A. C. Braxton, }
jan 7-4ts

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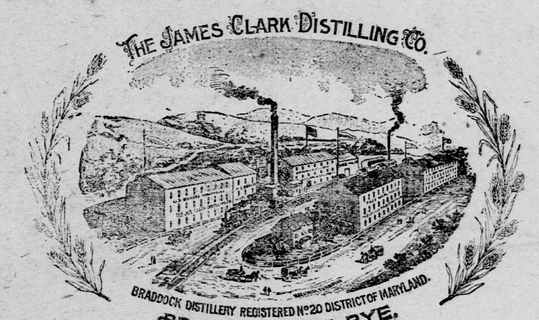

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
REAL ESTATE IN BATH COUNTY, VA.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust executed by R. Holt Easly and others, of the 16th day of March, 1892, to secure the payment of certain notes, default having been made in the payment of said notes, and being thereto directed by the holders of these notes, I shall offer for sale at public auction at 4 P. M.

Saturday, the 23d day of January, 1897,

to the highest bidder, on the premises, a tract of land known as the Yarbrough Place, in Bath county, Virginia, about four miles from Millboro Depot, containing about 700 acres. The improvements consist of a log dwelling house of four rooms and out buildings. The farm comprises about 250 acres of valley land, and the rest mountain land.

TERMS—Cash. A. F. WITHROW,
dec 23-5t Trustee.

Commissioner's Sale
—OF—
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, entered on the 12th day of November, 1896, in the chancery cause of Hiner, Mary V. et als. vs. Floyd, Eliza J. et als. pending in said court, the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the court-house in Staunton, Virginia, on

Saturday, January 16th, 1897,

at 12 o'clock (noon), that certain valuable farm of which Philip Fauver died seized and possessed, situated near Stover's Shop, Augusta county, adjoining the lands of Joseph A. Whitmore, R. E. L. Hiner, Clemmer et als., containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less: said farm being in a good state of cultivation, having upon it a good barn, large brick dwelling house, a fine orchard, and other improvements, is a good grain and grass farm, and in every way a desirable home; on the following:

TERMS:—One-fourth cash, and the residue of the purchase money in three equal payments upon a credit of one, two and three years from day of sale, taking from the purchaser his bonds with approved personal security, waiving homestead exemption, and title retained as ultimate security.

J. A. ALEXANDER,
Commissioner.

Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Augusta County, to-wit:

I, Jos. B. Woodward, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do certify that J. A. Alexander has executed the bond required by decree of sale in the chancery cause of Mary V. Hiner and als vs. Eliza J. Floyd and als now pending in said Court.

Given under my hand this 15th day of December, 1896.

JOS. B. WOODWARD, Clerk.
dec 16 tds

[M. M. Cushing & Son, Auctioneers.]

Commissioners' Sale
—OF—
THE AST LAND.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit court of Augusta county, rendered on the 14th day of May, 1896, in the cause of Ast's guardian vs. Ast's infants, &c., the undersigned commissioners will proceed, in front of the court house in Staunton, on

Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1897,
at 4 o'clock P. M.

to sell at public auction, that valuable tract of land containing about 100 acres, heretofore sold in said cause to Reeves Catt, and constituting part of the property of the Staunton Improvement Company. The land lies immediately North of the city of Staunton in Augusta county, and is a very desirable property. It will be offered in the following manner:

The lots, listed in the report of the Master Commissioner in said cause as having been sold by the Staunton Improvement Company on the 12th day of August, 1891, will be first offered, all streets and alleys, as laid out and opened by said Company, to remain open; should there be a deficiency in the purchase-money of these lots to pay the debt and costs for which the land is liable, the lots listed in said report as sold by said Company on the 11th day of August, 1891, will be next offered, said streets and alleys to remain open as aforesaid; should there still be a deficiency, the lots listed in said report as sold by the Company on the 27th day of November, 1890, will be next offered, said streets and alleys to remain open as aforesaid; and should there still be a deficiency; the lots listed in said report as lots drawn on the 26th day of November, 1890, will be next offered, said streets and alleys to remain open as aforesaid. Should there still be a deficiency in paying said debt and costs the tract as a whole (exclusive of what is known as the Roberts lot, with its appurtenant street and alley) will be next offered, all streets and alleys either than the Robertson to be closed, and the property will be sold as a whole or in parcels as it brings the best price.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash in hand to pay the costs of the rule against Reeves Catt and his sureties, and the costs of the amended and supplemental bills, and the costs of sale, together with any taxes unpaid on said tract or any part thereof, and as to the residue on credits of one, two and three years, in equal instalments, the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

RICHARD P. BELL,
FITZHUGH ELDER,
JAS. BRADDER,
Commissioners.

Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Augusta County, to-wit:

I, Jos. B. Woodward, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do certify that Richard P. Bell has executed the bond required by decree of sale in the chancery cause of Ast's Guardian vs. Ast et als. now pending in said Court.

Given under my hand this 4th day of August, 1896.

JOS. B. WOODWARD, Clerk.
dec 30-tds

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Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Hustings Court entered in the chancery cause of Carroll, Chandler et als. vs. The Association, et als. on 1896, the undersigned special commissioner appointed by said decree will, on

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