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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

The Bridgewater Herald will suspend publication with the issue of Jan. 22.

Richmond city is said to have 5,000 cases of grippe.

J. W. F. Allemong, formerly of Bridgewater, has been elected president of the Comas Cigarette Machine Company.

Rev. Mr. Crickenberger, of Waynesboro, has accepted the call recently extended to him by the Lutheran Church of Luray.

Chas. M. Brand, city editor of the Charlottesville Progress died last Thursday after a protracted illness.

Mrs. Sarah Waggoner died at Lewisburg last week, aged about 87 years. She was the oldest lady of the town at the date of her death.

V. A. McCreery has leased the "Waynesboro Sentinel" and will continue the publication of that paper. It will be enlarged to a 7 column folio.

Business cards, wedding invitations, visiting cards, printed at this office in the neatest and most attractive style.

Mrs. Margaret McKay, a daughter of the late Judge John Kinney, who for many years resided near Ft. Defiance, in this county, died suddenly at her home in Harrisonburg on Friday, the 8th inst.

Andrew Tyree, colored, was brought from Basic City last week, and landed in jail. He is accused of wife-beating. Henry Turner, a colored preacher of the same place, was also brought charged with carrying concealed weapons.

A young man named Snyder and a girl from N. C., named Allie Berrier came to Staunton last Thursday to be married, but the county clerk would not issue the license. Whether they went to Harper's Ferry or to Bristol, Tenn., has not been ascertained.

On Friday morning, as Wm. Davis, well known in the city, was coming down Sears Hill from his home, he slipped on the sleet covered walk and broke both bones of his leg about half way between the ankle and knee. The fracture was reduced and he is getting on fairly well.

Robert A. Hall, living near Fishersville, was so unfortunate last Friday as to have one of his children, a little 3-year-old boy, Palmer, so badly burned that it died a few hours later. His mother had left the child in the room alone for only a few moments, on her return she found its clothes on fire and the burns so deep that the child died.

When you come to town and wish envelopes letter-heads, bill heads or any other kind of Job work done, call at the SPECTATOR and VINDICATOR office.

Married.

On Dec. 22, 1896, near Tomstone, Arizona, Mr. Frank Ramsey, formerly of this county, to Miss Lula L. Smith. Mr. Ramsey has many friends in Augusta who present him their congratulations.

Capt. Doyle's Appointment Confirmed.

The Senate on Tuesday of last week, confirmed the appointment of Capt. T. S. Doyle late superintendent of the D., D. & B. Institution at Staunton, as consul at Beirut, Syria. Capt. Doyle, accompanied by his family, left for his post of duty two weeks ago.

Death at Craigsville.

On January 14th, Mrs. M. C. Glover departed this life at her home, near Craigsville, aged 56 years. Deceased was the mother of seven children, who survive her.

A short time ago she underwent a desperate operation for tumor, which was highly successful and she had about recovered from its effects, when she contracted grippe, which was followed by pneumonia, to which she soon succumbed. She was an excellent woman and will be greatly missed in the community.

The funeral services were conducted at Lebanon church on Sunday by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise, assisted by Rev. H. A. Young, pastor of Lebanon. Although the day was inclement there was a large attendance of sympathizing friends at the services. Her remains were laid, as she had requested, in Lebanon church yard to rest until the resurrection morn.

A FREE SHOW.

Northern Pacific Advertising Car at the B. & O. Depot.

The car sent out by the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. to advertise the products grown along the line of that railroad arrived here on the morning of the 14th, and remained one day. The car is seventy-two feet long and twelve feet wide, and is built of wood grown along the line of the Northern Pacific. Everything used in the construction of the car from the iron in the wheels to the nails in the roof was produced by the states through which the line passes. It was built in 1892 at the company's car shops at Como near Minneapolis. It is composed of twelve different kinds of wood and is one of two cars that were built for the purpose of exhibiting the products of the states traversed by the Northern Pacific at the World's Fair. Since that time it has traveled over 15,000 miles of track and has been visited by nearly three-fourths of a million of people. This car cost the company over $15,000.

Mr. D. M. Stewart, of St. Paul, was in charge at the car, and with him were Mr. Howard Miller, Traveling Emigration Agent, and Mr. L. L. Billingslea, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific, who were extremely polite and obliging.

It contains 125 jars of preserved fruits, 100 bottles of threshed grain, cabinets of grains and grasses that are grown in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Also views of the Yellowstone National Park and of the different states. Also cabinets showing the mineral products of Idaho and Montana and the animals and birds which abound in the northern states, including the prairie antelope, the Rocky mountain sheep and goat, nine varieties of ducks, pheasants, and snow owl. Also samples of terra cotta fire brick), enamelled brick and clay from Washington. The car is divided into sections and the fruits, grains and grasses of each state are shown separately and make a very creditable presentation of the fertility and variety of products of those northern states which are as yet practically undeveloped.

THE MOST PLEASANT WAY

Of preventing the grippe, colds, headaches, and fevers is to use the liquid laxative remedy Syrup of Figs, whenever the system needs a gentle, yet effective cleansing. To be benefited one must get the true remedy manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only. For sale by all druggists in 50c. and $1 bottles.

Personal.

Mr. Howard Frazier of Chicago, Ill., is in the city, visiting his sisters, Mrs. W. P. Tams and Mrs. R. P. Bell.

Mr. R. D. Apperson, Supt. of the City electric car line has returned from Little Rock, Ark., for a stay of two weeks.

Mrs. S. H. Rosenbaum of Roanoke, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. R. H. Powers, who is sick at her home on Stuart street.

Hon. H. St. Geo. Tucker has reappointed Geo. Mason Lee, son of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, to the position of cadet at West Point, from which he was recently dropped on account of his failure to stand his examinations.

Harrisonburg was represented at the Remenyi recital in this city last week, in the person of the following lovers of music—Mrs. Imogene Avis, Misses Beery, Payne M. Avis and Osville Deckard

Mr. H. L. Cox, of the White Star Mills, who has been confined to his room at the Hoover House for a fortnight, left yesterday morning for his home in Lewisburg, W. Va., accompanied by his brother Mr. Charley Cox, who had come for him.

J. H. Finx, of Waco, Texas, was in the city yesterday among his acquaintances of who he still has some although he removed to Texas just after the close of the war. He was born in Waynesboro and has many friends there.

Col. J. K. Edmonson, Maj. J. N. Stubbs, Hon. John E. Massie and Gen. Geo. A. Hundley were in Staunton Tuesday attending the regular meeting of the D. D. & B. Institution.

Mr. M. Erskine Miller, accompanied by Mr. Edward Echols, left last week for New York where Mr. Miller has gone to consult a specialist. Advices received by the family are to the effect that he is doing well and his condition is encouraging.

Mr. David L. Switzer is in New York selecting a stock of jewelry, silverware, &c, for the handsome new store in the Marquis building, to be opened Feb. 10th. Mr. W. A. Grubert will be associated with Mr. Switzer in the jewelry business, under the firm name of Switzer & Grubert.

An Address to the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools of Augusta County.

The committee in charge of the Westminster celebration of the Presbyterian churches of this city, have issued an address to the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools in Augusta county which contains an offer that will greatly interest the young people. The address is as follows:

From April 29th to May 2d, 1897, the two Presbyterian churches in Staunton will hold a joint celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Westminster Assembly which gave us our Shorter Catechism. On Sunday afternoon, May 2d, there will be a large Sabbath school meeting.

At that Sabbath school meeting the Central Presbyterian will present an engraved souvenir certificate to all the young people in Augusta county who have ever perfectly recited the Shorter Catechism.

This certificate will be worth preserving as an evidence that one has recited the catechism, and also as a memorial of this year of Westminster celebrations.

It is estimated that there are several hundred young people in the county who will be entitled to certificates. When these hundreds stand up together to receive the award, will not the scene be inspiring and memorable? Will not the young people enter into our plan with enthusiasm and strive to make the Sabbath school celebration in Staunton an occasion never to be forgotten? The certificates will be awarded under the following conditions:

1. The list will be closed April 1, 1897.
2. The certificates will be given only to those who are under twenty years of age on that day.
3. A certificate will be given to any such person who has ever made a perfect recitation of the whole catechism at any past time or who shall hereafter recite it on or before the 1st day of April, 1897.
4. A certificate will be given to any such person who either lives in Augusta county or is regularly enrolled in some Sabbath school in the county.
5. Superintendents must be reasonably sure the persons have recited the catechism, and only those will receive certificates who are found on list prepared by Superintendent.

The Southern Ry. and its connections, the A. & W. P., L. & N. and So. Pacific, have inaugurated a tourist sleeping car line between Washington and San Francisco, via Atlanta, New Orleans and Los Angeles. This sleeping car goes through without change leaving Washington every Saturday morning at 11:15, and is accompanied by a personal conductor and pullman porter who go through. The Pullman fare for double berth is $7 from Washtngton to San Francisco. This service is especially for the convenience of parties holding second class tickets, though first class tickets are good in the car. Further information may be obtained from any Southern Ry. or Southern Pacific agent or official, from A. J. Poston, General Agent, No. 511 Penn. Ave., Washington, D. C., or from W. A. Turk, G. P. A. So. Ry., Washington, D. C.

Scared Away.

All the ladies are not cowards, nor are they afraid to shoot. Miss Grace Ott, of Greenville, Augusta county, who is living with her sister, Mrs. Jno. W. Taliaferro, went home from Mr. Taliaferro's store (where she is clerking.) Saturday night, and after being in the house a short while she went out into the yard to get wood or coal and saw a man leave the smoke house. Thinking he had not been seen, he crouched down in the yard; Miss Grace immediately returned to the house and got a revolver and went forth; the thief on her return ran, but she did not fail to send a bullet after him. It was certainly a display of wonderful nerve and womanly courage, more than many men would have shown.—Harrisonburg State, Rep.

College Presidency for Mr. Tucker.

It is understood that Representative Henry St. Geo. Tucker of Va., is being considered for the presidency of Washington and Lee University by the directors of that institution. Such a selection would be highly gratifying to Mr. Tucker's many friends here. He is held in high esteem by both democrats and republicans, and has distinguished himself during his congressional career both by his abilities and his absolute fairness in debate.—Wash. cor. Baltimore Sun.

Death of Jacob H. Armentrout.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock Jacob H. Armentrout died at his residence near Barren Ridge, aged 84 years. He had been sick with pneumonia but a few days. Although of extreme age Mr. Armentrout had been an active man. For many years he has been a consistent member of Zion Lutheran church and was buried at St. James' church Wednesday, Rev. W. B. Oney of Mt. Sidney officiating. Mr. Armentrout is survived by his his wife but no children. He was a brother of Geo. A. Armentrout of this city.

To Make Brick.

The Edenburg Mining and Manufacturing Company, which is located near Edenburg, have announced that they will commence work on their large brick plant during the latter part of this month. The company expect to employ a large number of hands and turn out a large quantity of pressed brick in the near future. It is said the clay in the vicinity of the plant is not surpassed in the United States.

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

There was a large audience at the Opera House on Tuesday morning to hear the address of Mr. Wm. L. Royal delivered on that day, which was the 90th anniversary of the birth of Gen. R. E. Lee. The exercises began by a very appropriate prayer by Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. The audience accompanied by the Stonewall Band then sang the favorite hymn of Gen. Lee. "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord."

Maj. Jed Hotchkiss then introduced the speaker, Mr. Wm. L. Royal, of Richmond, who was the orator of the day. His theme was "The Battle of Gettysburg," and his treatment of that event was one of the most interesting and intelligent we have ever heard.

Mr. Royal entirely omitted any bitter partisan references calculated to stir up sectional hatred or prejudice. The lecturer began by exhibiting a map of the battlefield, showing the position of the armies on the 2nd day of the battle, and this led to a most intelligent, understanding of the locality where this tragedy was enacted.

The movements of both armies were then detailed throughout that battle, and the causes of Confederate failure discussed. Mr. Royal lays the blame of the loss of that battle on Longstreet, not on account of disloyalty or a disposition to disobey orders, but because of Longstreet's dilatoriness, and a tendency to think and act for himself rather than obey the orders of his commander.

Had Longstreet attacked Meade at sunrise on the morning of the 2nd of July, the second day of the battle nothing, but a miracle could in Mr. Royal's opinion have saved the overthrow of the union army, when concentration had been going on all day and the attack delayed until the afternoon there was still an overthrow of the federals, and the commander was driven to a determination to retire and take up another position nearer the federal base of supplies. This was changed, Mr. Royal stated, by the unfortunate capture of a dispatch which was sent by President Davis to Gen. Lee, which Mr. Royal insinuated had purposely fallen into the enemies hands through leaks in the war office at Richmond.

On the third day when the great charge of Pickett was made, no support was given him either with troops or artillery, and this was Longstreet's fault. The history and result of that charge an too well known to be further detailed. Mr. Royal closed with splendid tributes to the valor of Virginia soldiers, and to the character of Gen. Lee.

During his address many old soldiers' eyes were full of tears, and thoughout the deepest interest was manifest, and the audience fairly drank in the words of the speaker.

The Stonewall Band at the close of the address played Dixie when a wild cheer went up from the entire audience.

Electricity for Mines.

A dispatch from Charleston, W. Va., says: The long talked-of project looking to the placing of an immense electric power house at Kanawha Falls, W. Va., for the supplying of electricity to the mines of the New River and Kanawha Valley coal fields is assuming substantial shape, and the past week contracts were let to Gentry & Valz, contractors, of Staunton, for the excavations and foundation work necessary to the establishment of such a plant. The contract also calls for the building of two immense dams across the river, one at New River Falls, seven miles below Hinton and nine miles below the junction of the Greenbrier and New rivers, and the other at the falls of the Big Kanawha, below the junction of the Gauley and New rivers, which form the Kanawha.

The contracts were let by J. Turner Morehead, a prominent North Carolina manufacturer, who is interested largely in the acetylene gas works at Spray, N. C., and who represents a syndicate that has recently acquired the power rights of both the points mentioned above. At each of the dams a power house will be located, the electricity to be generated by the immense water power at hand and distributed through the separate coal fields by underground cables. In addition to the electric power works the syndicate will erect plants for coke making and the utilization of the by-products from the coal.

John Burns' Death.

John Burns, a prominent and wealthy Irish citizen of Staunton, died on Sunday last after an attack of pneumonia, which had manifested itself only two days previous. Mr. Burns came to Staunton when a boy from County Kerry, Ireland. His industrious and frugal habits and close and intelligent business methods enabled him to acquire valuable estate here. Some years ago he erected several large three story warehouses on Augusta street between the old Bledsoe corner and the C. & O. depot, which greatly beautified that portion of the city. About three years ago he married Miss Kate Hurley, who survives him. He left no children. Mr. Burns served several terms with credit and acceptability in the city council. He was a member of the Catholic Hibernian Society, and took an active interest in the affairs of the church. His funeral took place from St. Francis church priory on Tuesday at 11 A.M., and was largely attended.

Street Car Accident.

On Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, as one of the electric cars in charge of John N. Opie, Jr., was returning from Plunkettsville, Gunther Hoge, one of Mr. John B. Hoge's little boys, was riding a pony down street. The car would have passed the pony, had there been no trouble. About the residence of Dr. J. M. Hanger on Main street, and just as the car came close behind the pony, it became unmanagable and in its plunging slipped and fell immediately in front of the car throwing the little boy in such way as that the car came within an ace of running over him. In the fall from the pony, or by being struck by the car, the little fellow's thigh was broken near the hip joint. He was carried into Dr. Hanger's office and the extent of his injuries examined. It was found that he was not seemingly otherwise injured. Temporary splints were placed on the limb and he was soon moved to his home. He was cheerful and stood the ordeal well, and at last accounts was doing as well as could be expected.

D., D. & B. Institution.

The Board of Visitors of the D., D. & B. Institution met on Tuesday, the 19th inst., all the members being present except Capt. Mushbach and Mr. Maupin. The minutes of the Executive Committee were examined and approved.

The question of re-establishing the chair of articulation was taken up, discussed and laid over for action at the April meeting.

It was decided not to employ a tailor, carpenter and shoemaker during the vacation months, and the position of gardener was discontinued.

This meeting was the last meeting of the Board for the year which began with March 15, 1896. They found the institution in mos satisfactory condition and working smoothly.

The Railroad.

The Valley Messenger says in regard to the railroad building between Ronceverte and Lewisburg: The grading force on the West Virginia Northern has been increased during the past week. At present there are about sixty men and five carts working along the cut near the colored graveyard, within a half mile range. Very little rock has been encountered so far, except a soft soapstone in strata of two or three inches thick. The weather so far has been very favorable for operations, and work is going forward more rapidly than anticipated.

Death of Wm. E. Craig.

Mr. Wm. E. Craig, a prominent member of the Staunton bar, whose illness was mentioned in our last issue, died on Wednesday, the 13th instant, about 12 o'clock, midnight. It was almost certain from the moment his condition became apparent he could never recover, but his wonderful vitality kept back death longer than the most sanguine had imagined.

Mr. Craig was a son of A. S. Craig of this county, and his mother was Sarah C. Engleman. He was born near Middlebrook, and being left with little means, his father who was a Confederate soldier, having been killed in the 1st battle of Manassas, his early life was a struggle against adversity. He, however, developed strong mental qualities and advanced rapidly at school, and in 1868 entered Roanoke College where he graduated with credit three years later. After leaving college he came to Staunton and read law in the offices of Judge J. W. Green Smith and the Hon. N. K. Trout. After the death of Mr. Trout he aided materially in settling up the multitudinous affairs consequent upon a long and busy business life, and entered into the active practive of his profession, and came almost with a bound to the front. During the Readjuster period he allied himself with the republican party and has ever since been active and energitic in its cause. He was several times honored by it with positions of trust. Once he held the office of Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western district, and later the office of District Attorney for the same district, and it is thought had he lived would have again been appointed to the same position. At the State convention which assembled here in April last, he was made temporary chairman, and has always been high in the councils of the party and one of its most intelligent workers and managers.

Mr. Craig enjoyed a wide reputation as a criminal lawyer, and probably there was no one who man aged the details of a case with more care. He has in recent years figured largely in criminal cases usually, of course, on the side of the defense, but a notable exception to this was in the case of Goodman who killed Col. H. C. Parsons at Glady's Inn, in Clifton Forge. In that case he was employed by the widow of Col. Parsons to aid the prosecution.

Mr. Craig leaves a widow and one son, Dr. R. C. Craig, who has just graduated from the University of Va His mother and one sister survive him also. He was 45 years of age, and ha d not, so far as we have been able to learn, shown any previous signs of appoplexy.

On Thursday there was a meeting of the Staunton bar, and suitable resolutions were adopted. He was buried on Friday morning. The funeral cortege left the residence of A. E. Harnsberger at 10:30 o'clock and the service was from the Lutheran church at 11 o'clock.

The pallbearers were—Active—Hon. J. Yost, Chas. Curry, Heber Ker, John A. Noon, T. K. Hackman, C. T. Hammond, Capt. James Bumgardner, Jr., and N. C. Watts. Honorary—Meade F. White, Major S. M. Yost, Wm. Wholey, A. H. Fultz, C. H. Cohron, P. H. Trout, Wm. Patrick and A. C. Braxton.

The members of Staunton lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F. attended.

Pocahontas Items.

Tolbert Sharp, son of Harmon Sharp, met with a serious accident by his horse falling on his leg and breaking it above his shoe. The horse was walking on the side of the road and stepped on some ice and lost his hold and fell on Mr. Sharp's leg and foot, which were mashed very badly. He was carried to Hugh Sharp's. He is 18 years old.

From the log camp on Gauly, the sudden and terrible death of a young man is reported. He was caught between the fender and a large poplar log and instantly killed, both back and neck broken. He was horribly crushed. His name was John Conrad, son of Peter Conrad, on Elk, near the mouth of Dry Fork, in Webster county.

Mr. Fred Wallace, of Mill Point, a talented young attorney, will locate for the practice of his profession at Lewisburg.

J. J. Beard, of Huntersville, has been seriously ill for some days, but is now regarded as hopefully better. His son, Dr. Harry Beard, of Lewisburg was sent for.

The little four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hamp Galford, near Marlinton, severed one of her fingers and nearly severed another with an axe last Thursday.

Jessie Orndorff and Miss Emma Ervine were quietly married at the residence of the bride's parents last Wednesday morning. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy life.

Fatal Accident.

On last Friday about noon Wm. Roper, a young man, who lived with his father out near the Federal Cemetery, was killed in front of the White Star Mills on the C. & O. track by a freight train. It seems that Young Roper was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed one was coming on him at the moment he was killed. He was seen on the track bending over as if looking for something and as the train which was backing slowly approached him he turned round on the track. The brakeman on the rear car called to him several times to look out, but before it became known that he did not hear the warning, the train was upon him and four or five cars passed over him breaking his neck and otherwise injuring, but not disfiguring him. His leg was crushed below the knee. He was dead before our reporter reached the spot, and judging from the evidences death must have been instantaneous. The coroner viewed the remains and deemed an inquest unnecessary. The remains were turned over to the undertaker and cared for at the expense of the Railroad Company.

Death of Mrs. M. C. Hanson.

Mrs. M. C. Hanson died Thursday last at Hopedale, Albemarle county, the former residence of the late Rev. E. Boyden, where she had been living for a number of years past. Her remains were interred on Saturday in the cemetery at Grace Church. Mrs. Hanson was a daughter of Hon. Daniel Sheffey, of Staunton, Va., and the widow of Lieutenant Hanson, of the United States Army. She was a woman of remarkable loveliness of character, as well as great intelligence and earnestness, and her life was a peculiarly beautiful one by reason of the rare Christian faith, fervor and spirituality by which it was illuminated. She leaves one daughter and two sisters, Miss A. L. Sheffey, formerly of Staunton, but now of Albemarle county, and Mrs. John F. Lewis, widow of the late Senator, of Rockingham county.

WELL-KNOWN IN STAUNTON.

Death of Miss Mary Louise Stubbs, of Monroe, La.

News of the death of Miss Louise Stubbs, of Monroe, La., which occurred December 28, was received in the city yesterday. Miss Stubbs was a pupil of the Mary Baldwin Seminary, and was very popular, not only at the seminary but in the town where she had many friends. Miss Stubbs was a young lady possessing all the attributes which go towards making the southern girls so attractive. She was a daughter of Hon. F. P. Stubbs, one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Louisiana.—Daily News, 19th.

Reception to Mr. Royal.

A reception was tendered Mr. Wm. L. Royal at the Stonewall Jackson Camp rooms on Monday evening last, which was largely attended. The Camp was assisted in this function by the Daughters of the Confederacy who had tastefully decorated the rooms. Refreshments were served by the young ladies.

From Rockbridge.

Mr. W. W. Davis died at his home here Thursday morning, the 7th, at 5 o'clock. Throughout his long life he enjoyed fine health until a few months ago he began to decline. At the last his death was a surprise.

Special interest attaches to Mr. Davis' life by reason of his great age and by reason of the fact that he was the last of the old iron masters who were so important a factor in the industrial life of this section half a century ago and who have no successors because the occupation is gone.

Mr. Davis was born in Philadelphia county, Pa., near Germantown, on July 16. 1806, and was consequently at the time of his death nearly ninety-one years of age.

DEATH OF TWO SISTERS.

Two excellent Christian women—Mrs. Nancy A. Miller, widow of the late William Miller, of Kerr's Creek, and Mrs. Jane Eliza Firebaugh, wife of Mr. David Firebaugh, of Rockbridge Baths, died in a few days of each other during the past week at the home of their brother, Mr. John A. McCown, and the sad coincidence has cast a gloom over many of our homes. They were the daughters of the late James G. McCown of Kerr's Creek. Both died of pneumonia.

Mrs. Miller died Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. She was sixty-five years of age.

Her sister, Mrs. Firebaugh, came to nurse Mrs. Miller in her sickness and was taken ill with the same disease and died at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Agnes Barclay Patton, wife of the late Judge James T. Patton, died at her home near here at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, 12th inst., of heart failure. Mrs. Patton was born at Lexington and would have been sixty-three years old on February 9th proximo. She was the daughhter of the late A. T. Barclay.

Mrs. Patton was a sister of Messrs. A. T. and E. H. Barclay and Mrs. W. P. Houston, of Lexington.

Intelligence received here states that Mr. Jed M. Effinger a Rockbridge boy, who went West some years after graduating at Washington and Lee, is very ill at his home at Salida, Col. It is twenty-one years since he visited Lexington. He has been a successful engineer in the West.

A cablegram received by the secretary of foreign missions of the Southern Presbyterian church, announces the safe arrival at Tokahoma, Japan, on Dec. 28th, of the steamer Dorie, on which Rev. W. F. Junkin and Rev. J. Mercer Blain, missionaries to China, sailed from this country to the East.—Rockbridge Co. News.

ASSIGNMENT

Of the Staunton Life Insurance Company.

The above styled company on the 13th, assigned all of its assets to Richard S. Ker, attorney, for the benefit of its creditors, the assignment having been ordered by the stockholders meeting. It was executed by the president of the company, Davis A. Kayser, and by the secretary, George P. McNeill. Before making the assignment the company transferred all of its policies to the National Life of Hartford.

Daughters of American Revolution.

The meeting of the Beverly Manor chapter D. A. R., called for Friday last, has been postponed until Saturday next at 4 p. m., at Jas. R. Taylor's, at which time a delegate to the continental congress will be chosen. All members are asked to be present.

THE REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SPECTATOR IS NOW JUST HALF WHAT IT HAS BEEN HERETOFORE. IT IS NOW ONLY ONE DOLLAR.

Robert E. Lee.

Ninety years age, to-day, was born Robert E. Lee. His forefathers had been distinguished for patriotism and valor in the war of the revolution, for service under the great republic which they had done so much to establish, for courage, for patriotism, for unselfish devotion to their country. His was a family of brave and honorable men, of virtuous and noble women. Its traditions were of good faith, of loyalty, of courtesy, of chivalry. And Robert E. Lee was worthy of the ancestry, had no need to borrow their reflected light, was in himself a history and a model

The world is familiar with his record. The world knows that he was no fomenter of secession, that at the last, according to his simple creed and condition, he went with his kindred and his people. The world knows also that from the beginning to the end of the war he was the ideal captain—pure as Galahad, gallant and strenuous as Launcelot. His admirers knew no limitations of continent or country. He was admired by the North as sincerely as by the South. He took into the first battle a scutcheon stainless as the midday sun. He sheathed at Appomattox a sword as bright as Arthur's. There is no spot upon his noble memory, he left behind him no cause of bitterness, sorrow, or resentment.

All of us, North, South, East, or West, can be proud of Robert E. Lee. Than he there has been no finer product of America. Gentle as he was brave, chivalrous as he was intrepid, unsullied of thought or deed as he was indomitable of spirit. Robert E. Lee combined in himself every quality that appeals to the love, the reverence, and the admiration of mankind. Steadfastly, loyally, thoroughly, he did his duty as he saw it. What could man do more?—Washington Post.

Beats the Band.

Judge Doolittle convened court at Williamson, the county seat of Wingo county, W. Va., this week. At the beginning of the court there were about 700 cases on the criminal docket alone, and the grand jury just adjourned has added 350 more. This makes more than a thousand criminal cases in a county with only 1,800 voting population.

Two Men Killed.

HINTON, W. VA, Jan. 17.—William Davis was instantly killed early this morning by a west-bound freight train near this city. He had been drinking, and it is supposed went to sleep on the track. He was the son of R. L. Davis, of this city.

James Collins was killed in the Glen-Jean coal mine last night by falling slate. His body was terribly mangled. He was aged twenty-one years and unmarried.

Killed by a Lunatic.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 15.—Word has reached here of the killing of James Barrows, a young man employed about the Spencer Insane Asylum, by Wm. Teller, a patient. Teller invited Barrows into his room and beat him to death with an iron bar, which he secured by breaking up his bed. Barrows' body was not rescued by other attendants till the lunatic had beaten his head to a pulp. Teller was a trusted patient and was believed to be almost cured.

Trouble in Fayette.

Nearly all the coal operators of Fayette county have joined in with the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co. officials and a large number of heavy taxpayers in an effort to investigate the finances of that county, which it is claimed, have been managed in a very reckless manner for several years.

The move has no political significance whatever, as prominent men of both parties are heading it.

The best legal talent including Judge A. N. Campbell and the attorney for the C. & O., are employed; also an expert bookkeeper who will go over the records of the county court, which handles the county finances.—Republican.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Senator John Sherman has accepted the State portfolio in McKinley's cabinet. This is the first cabinent officer known to have been selected.

Fire completely destroyed the Duckner's Orphans' Home near Dallas, Tex., early Saturday morning. Sixteen children were cremated and nine injured, three of them fatally.

Yassir, said Rastus, da shore was some shootin' at de club las' night, Mr. Munro. You has not been at all disinformed. Mr. Washington Bates he shot seven an' eleben nine times in procession. Pete Johnson shot out de lights, and I shot ober do fence.

Capt. Philo McGiffin, formerly of the United States navy and who commanded the Chinese battle ship Chen Yun at the naval battle of the Yalu, Sept. 17, 1894, is very sick at the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York. He is suffering from insomnia and a complication of diseases.

The government has purchased a site for fortifications on the outskirts of Galveston, Tex. It embraces sixteen city blocks and cost $35,000. The site fronts on the Gulf. Quarters for officers and barracks, etc., costing $150,000 to $200,000 will shortly be erected thereon.

Representative Spencer of Mo., introduced a bill Friday as follow: The secretary of state is hereby authorized to offer to the government of Spain a sum of money not to exceed $200,000,000 for the purchase of the Island of Cuba. The sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of pending negotiations, is hereby appropriated.

Edw'd J. Worsham, of Sweet Springs district, this county, was tried at Covington, Va., last week for the murder of Cary Long in Alleghany county last October. He was represented by Messrs. John Osborne and R. L. Parish, while Prosecuting attorney Revercomb was assisted by W. E. Allen. The case was given to the jury Friday. On Saturday a verdict convicting Worsham of murder in the second degree was rendered and he was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years. A motion for a new trial was denied by the court. It will be remembered that Worsham was attempting to shoot a man named Raridon, but his arm was struck aside just as his pistol was discharged and the bullet penetrated Long's head killing him almost instantly.—Monroe Watchman.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., Jan. 20, 1897.

Country Produce.

Flour—patent	$5.50@5.75
family 1st	5.00@5.25
New process	4.80@5.00
New process, extra	$4.00@4.25
New wheat	90c
Feathers	50c
Lard	5a6c
Oats—shelled	15@16
New Potatoes-Irish	25a35
Rye	32a35
Tallow	4c
Vinegar—pure apple	16c
Wool—unwashed	15c
Apples green per bushel	30a42
NEW BACON—country cured.	
Hams	11a12½
Shoulders	7½c
Sides	7½
Beeswax	17
Butter	13a14
Corn	33a35
Cornmeal	45@48
Eggs	to 15
Mixed Hay	7.50 a 8.00
Timothy Hay	9 25 a 9.50
Clover Hay	6.00 a 7.0

Groceries, Etc.

BACON—country, see country produce.	
Western, canvas hams	10@12
" long clear sides	5c
" " short clear sides	5c
" " bellies	5½c
Candles—adamantine	10c
" paraffine wax	25
Cheese	10½@14
Coal Oil	9@12
Coffee—Rio	12@18
Laguayra	19@23
Java	26@28½
Mocha	27@28
Cotton Yarns—⅋ bunch	82
Fish—Mackerel	$12 00@20 00
Fuse, ⅋ 1,000 feet	$2.50@$7 00
Lard, western—Tierces, bbs., tubs	4½@6c
Molasses—Syrups	12@40
New Orleans	25@45
Porto Rico	22@30
West India	20@45
Powder—Rifle, F. F. F. g, 25 lb keg	$4 50
½ keg	2 50
¼ keg	1 50
Ducking, ⅋ keg	300
Blasting Powder, ⅋ keg	175
Rice	4@6c
Salt	$1 (0a 1 10
Spices—Pepper, grain	10@10
Pepper, ground	10@10
Allspice, grain	11
Allspice, ground	120
Sugar—Cut loaf	5.00
Granulated sugar	4.63
Yellow sugar	3¼a4c
Tea—Black	2
Breakfast	25@70
Japan	30@55
Gunpowder	40@90

Lumber.

Framing—heart pine, assorted	$13 50, 15 00@17 50
Common	$14 00@15 00
Fencing—common	14 00@15 00
Sap	13 50@14 00
Joists, as to length and sizes	14 00@25 00
Flooring—heart	30 00@40 00

Hides, Leather, &c.

Hides—wet salted	$2 00
Dry salted	$4 00
Dry flint	$4 00
Green	2a2½
Leather—rough	20½a28
City finished harness leather	22a25
Country finished harness leather	20a23
Hemlock sole	19a25
Tanner's Oil	45a50

Liquors, Wines, &c.

Whiskey	$1 50a3 00
Brandy—Apple	$2 00a5 00
Porter and Ale ⅋ doz	$2 00
Sap	$8 00@30 00
Laths, ⅋ 1,000	$2 50a3 00
Shingles ⅋ 1 000	$3 75a4 50

BALTIMORE LIVE STOCK MARKET,
January 14, 1897.

Beef Cattle.—The market has not been active. The quality of the offerings was some slight improvement over last week. Prices were a shade easier, in some cases scarcely holding up to those of last week. Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	$4 50@4 75
Generally rated first quality	4 00@4 35
Medium or good fair quality	3 40@3 70
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 00@3 60

Of the cattle received 917 came from Virginia.

Sheep and Lambs.—The increase in the receipts over last week is nearly 2,000 head. The market is steady for old sheep at about the values ruling on Monday, and quotations are made at 2a3⅜c per lb, and a few extra at 3½c per lb. Lambs are easier a full ½c and quotations are 3a5c per lb.

Swine.—The market is very slow and values are a shade easier than they were Monday, and the tendency seemed to be downward.

Fresh Cows.—There is a fair offering as to numbers and trade fairly active at former rates; viz: $15a40 per head.

Calves.—Veals are active and higher, receipts fair and values ½c better. Quotations 4a5c per lb.

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After Many Years.

WOODSTOCK, VA., Jan. 13.—About twenty years ago John Harman, who then lived in Winchester, left his wife and two children. Several years thereafter Mrs. Harman, hearing of his supposed death, intermarried with C. W. Newton, at Front Royal, and the couple are living here, running a confectionery and bakery. Yesterday Harman showed up here, stating that he is living in North Carolina, and he lays claim to an interest in the estate of his late son, John H. Harman. This is the first that has been heard of the truant husband since he left his family years ago.

Mr J. Pierpont Morgan has given $1,000,000 for the purpose of building a hospital in New York.

N. & W. Ry. Norfolk and Western

Schedule in Effect

NOVEMBER 8, 1896

Lv. Staunton, (C. & O.) 2:07 am, 10:20 am, 11:11 am, 2:50 pm.

Ar. Basic (C. & O.) 2:31 am, 10:49 am, 11:34 am, 3:08 pm.

LEAVE BASIC, VA., DAILY.

NORTH BOUND.

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