Staunton Spectator
AND VINDICATOR.
Subscription $1.00 Per Year.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

This paper guarantees a larger circulation in Augusta county than any Newspaper published. The subscription list is open to inspection.

WEDDING CARDS

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

In order to put our subscription list on a cash basis, we will hereafter omit the names of all delinquent subscribers. The paper will be stopped when a person's time has expired.

BRIEF LOCALS.

All kinds of Job work done at this office.

Benj. B. Garber and Miss Mary Snell were married near New Hope yesterday.

Rev. John Ruff, of Highland county, spent several days in Rockbridge last week.

Mr. James N. Sheets and Miss Blanche L. Hicks were married on Thursday last near Buffalo Gap.

Theodore Law and Miss Susie Thacker were married at Basic City Saturday afternoon.

The James River Cement works at Glasgow are now making large shipments of cement.

John Rowe and Miss Clara R. Bassard were married near Summerdean Saturday last.

Dorsey E. Spradling and Miss Sallie Maiden were married yesterday near Swoope.

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.

Rev. Collins Denny, of Vanderbilt University, is very favorably mentioned as one who will likely be elected bishop by the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.

Capt. Jno. S. Wise will deliver the oration at the celebration at New Market on the 12th, in commemoration of the battle of New Market fought May 15, 1864.

Congressman Yost will try to have included in the war tax bill a provision to put a tax of ten per cent on Pullman car tickets.

Judge Chalkley has granted Fred. Quensen license to sell liquor in Basic City for one year. This is the first license granted there for several years.

Tuesday last the stable of Mr. John Arehart near Spootswood was destroyed by fire. A stallion and a fine jack were burned. The fire is thought to have been by accident.

The work on the Virginia, Fredericksburg & Western Railroad is being pushed with vigor. The engineering corps is well down the Northern Neck and the gaps in the rights of way are being closed up.

The commercial telephone line between Staunton and Lexington was completed Saturday. This line has no telephones on it along the route from Lexington to Staunton and in consequence conversation is carried on over it in a much more satisfactory manner than over the old line.

At the coming commencement of Washington and Lee University, the baccalaurate sermon will be preached by Rev. Thomas Hume, D. D., of North Carolina, and the address to the literary societies will be made by Hon. George B. McClellan, of New York.

Mr. Chas. Knott, father of Mrs. Heiskell Argenbright of this city, died suddenly near Sheperdstown on Saturday Morning last, and was buried Sunday. Mrs. Argenbright was not at his home when he died, but went on Saturday. He was a prominent citizen of Jefferson county, W. Va.

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker has recently been in Richmond to inspect a plaster cast of a bust of his father, Hon. John Randolp Tucker, which is being completed by Sculptor Valentine. Mr. Valentine is going to make a marble bust of Mr. Tucker to be placed in the Tucker Memorial hall.

Edward Smucker, son of Mr. George E. Smucker, who has been in Sheadun for some time from which point he contributed occasionally to the columns of this paper is now at his father's home Willow Brook.

Mr. Smucker has another son who has recently stood a fine examination and is one of the departments of the government at Washington.

Edwin C. Hanger and Miss Dora Dull were married at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dull, mother of the bride, three and one-half miles west of the city Tuesday afternoon, 26th ult., at four o'clock. Rev. Peter Miller of the Lutheran church performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony the couple, with friends, were driven to the home of the groom's mother, near Arbor Hill, where a wedding supper was spread. Mr. and Mrs. Hanger will reside with the groom's mother for the present.

A wedding took place on Wednesday, April 20th, at "Rural Home," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilkeson, at 10:30 in the morning. Mr. William Paxton, of Sherwood, Rockbridge county, and Miss Lucy Hanger, sister of Mrs. Gilkeson, were married the ceremony being performed by Dr. Finley, assisted by Rev. R. C. Gilmore a cousin of the groom. Robert Paxton, the groom's brother, and Miss Mary Hanger, sister of the bride, and Newton Hanger and Miss Myrtle Gilkeson were the attendants. Immediately after the ceremony a lunch was served, after which the bridal party left to take the train for Sherwood. The bride was quite a favorite and she received many beautiful and handsome presents.

An alarm of fire was sounded at 12:20 Sunday morning. It was discovered that the frame building belonging to Bowling, Spotts & Co., next to the Overall factory was on fire The fire department nespon-ed, but there was some delay with the fire plug. A stream was soon turned on the building, and the fire in half an hour was under complete control. The building was said to contain a carload of oil in barrels. The building in which the fire started was originally a railroad water tank, which was torn down and removed to the site of the building and made into an office in 1854. It was used during the war as a telegraph office and for various purposes since. The other frame building was erected in 1847, and was subsequently part of the old American Hotel. It is understood that the losses were fully covered by insurance.

A New Presbyterian Chapel.

At Prospect Hill, three miles west of Warm Springs, on Sunday, April 3rd, were held the opening exercises in a new chapel built on his place and presented to the Presbyterian church by H. C. Francisco, brother of Mrs. Joseph Ryan. of this city. He built it as a memorial of his grandfather, and the session of Warm Springs church, by unanimous vote, decided to call the chapel Charles Lewis Francisco Chapel, after this worthy elder of the church's former days.

Personal.

Mr. O. K. Lapham was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. W. S. Burke who has been ill for some weeks, was better yesterday.

Miss Annie Colhoun, of Alleghany Springs, is visiting her cousin, Miss Bessie McCue.

Miss Florence Landes, who has been visiting in Washington and Baltimore, has returned home.

Cobbs Boyd, a former Dunsmore student, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. F. H. Brittain, near this city.

Giles Devier, Esq., senior editor of the Rockingham Register, was in the city this week.

Rev. M. L. Wood, pastor of the Baptist church, is in Norfolk attending the Southern Baptist convention.

Prof. P. W. Winn has returned from Washington where he stood his examination for service in the navy. He is a graduate of Anapolis Naval Academy.

Mrs. Harry Catt and family left Monday for Clifton Forge, where they will reside in the future, Mr. Catt being engaged in business there.

Maurice Berkeley, little son of Capt. F. B. Berkeley, fell while practicing in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on Tuesday, and broke his arm. He is getting on nicely.

Mr. Wm. J. Dickey of Mountain Grove, Bath Co., who has been seriously ill for several weeks is much improved. He is now able to be about again.

Dr. John P. Davidson of Rockbridge Co., has accepted the position of professor of diseases of the eye, ear and throat at Richmond College. Dr. Davidson is now living in New York.

Miss Emily F. Mathews of Clifton Forge, who was recently taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, died there on the 23d ult., of cancer of the stomach. Her remains were buried at Goshen.

Mrs. Gibson, wife of Bishop R. A. Gibson, was last week taken from the residence of Mr. A. F. Robertson in this city to the Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond, and is said to have stood the trip well and to be improving.

Miss Myrtle Woodzelle, daughter of M. L. Woodzelle, of Burnsville, Bath Co., and Bernard Stephenson, son of C. L. Stephenson of McClung, left Millboro Thursday morning the 14th ult., for Washington where they were married.

Death of J. A. J. Funkhouser.

J. A. J. Funkhouser died at the German hospital at Kansas City, Wednesday morning, April 20th, where he had gone for treatment. His wife was at the home of Dr. Gauss in that city, but was not at his side at the time of his death, as she acted on the advice of the attending physician, staying elsewhere, but visiting him daily. He was thought to be improving, and although he was known by his family and others to be very sick, all had great hopes of his ultimate recovery, and his death was consequently a great shock to his family and friends.

His remains were taken to Plattsburg, Mo, from Kansas City, Wednesday evening. Funeral services were held at the residence Thursday at 2 o'clock, after which his remains were laid to rest in the Green Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Funkhouser lived near Churchville in this county until some twelve years ago, when he moved to Plattsburg, Mo., where he had a brother. He engaged in the banking business there and was very successful. His wife was a sister of Dr. Jno. M. Hanger of this city, Mr. David Hanger of Fishersville, and Mr. Jas. Hanger of Washington. He was a most excellent man, and is remembered by his friends in that county with great pleasure.

Death of Mr. B. F. McClung.

Mr. B. F. McClung one of the most substantial citizens of this county, died at his residence near Greenville on Sunday night about 12 M. after a short illness of pneumonia, and was buried at Bethel chuch on Tuesday in the presence of a large concourse of friends, the Rev. R. A. Lapsley officiating. Mr. McClung's wife, who survives him, was a daughter of the late R. Tate Wallace. He is survived by two brothers, Mr. Jas. McClung a leading merchant of Covington, Va., and Brainard McClung of Brownsburg, Va. Mr. McClung had long been an elder in the Bethel Presbyterian church, and was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was about 74 years of age, though he did not look it, as he was actively engaged in business up to the day he was taken sick. The pall bearers were J. S. Wallace, S. F. Gilkeson, S. F. McClure, C. D. McClure, Irvine McClung and —— McClung.

STONEWALL.

Mrs. Mary C. Crousehorn, wife of James Crousehorn of Stonewall, died on the 29th of April and was buried the next day. Deceased was a daughter of James Craun. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, father and one child. A little daughter, an infant, preceeded her two days to the spirit land.

Capt. John Rimel of near Roman, departed this life on the night of the 30th of April, his death was sudden and unexpected, heart trouble was the cause. He He was buried at Salem cemetery on Monday, Rev. J. N. Vandeventer of the Stone church, conducting the funeral services. He leaves a wife, five sons and one daughter to mourn his loss, Any eulogy that might be written of Capt. Rimel would be superfluous, his name, good deeds and upright life have stamped his name indelibly upon the memory of all who knew him.

Erasmus Swink, an old and honored citizen of Spring Hill, died on Thursday last and was buried the next day. He was a brother of the late Washington Swink, and uncle of Geo. W. Swink, assessor of North River district. STONEWALL.

FROM GREENVILLE.

Prof. David Humphreys and wife of W. & L. University, is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Miss Julia Hill, of Fairfield, is visiting her uncle, W. H. Cochran, Esq.

Jas. W. Wallace, Esq., has bought from M. T. McClure abour 80 acres of land of the old McClure homestead at $27 per acre.

W. T. Wagoner has bought from the T. A. Brownlee heirs, 23 acres near Greenville, for $18 per acre, and the Williams Brothers bought from the same heirs, 6 acres at $50 per acre.

Corn is planted. Wheat very fine.

Geo. T. Whitesell, an aged citizen, is quite ill.

A gun exploded in the hands of Clay McClure, near Spottswood, and inflected a very severe wound in the hand.

Revs. A. H. Hamilton and R. A. Lapsley exchanged pulpits Sunday last.

DELTA.

[The portion of our correspondent's letter relating to the death of Mr. McClung was omitted, being already in type.—ED.]

Circuit Court Jurors.

The following jurors have been drawn for this term of the Circuit Court, which convenes next Tuesday, May 10th:

Jno. A. Alexander, George W. Armentrout, Samuel H. Arnall, Harry Black, James L. Ballew, James H. Beard, James M. Berry, Michael Carwell, C. Edward Crawford, Henry C. Carter, James Coiner, H. M. Clemmer, Newton F. Craun, William H. East, David H. Fauver, John E. Frank, William F. Fretwell, David C. Hanger, John A. Huppman, N. B. Hulvey, and John M. Myers. They are required to be present at the opening of the court on the first day.

To Elect Delegates.

The Democratic County Committee has fixed upon the following times and places for district and ward meetings to elect delegates to the Congressional convention of the 10th district, which meets at Covington June 22d:

Beverly Manor, Court house, 3 p. m., 5 delegates.

Middle River, New Hope, 4 p. m., 5 delegates.

North River, Mt. Solon, 3 p. m., 5 delegates.

Pastures, Buffalo Gap, 3 p. m., 4 delegates.

Riverheads, Middlebrook, 4 p. m., 6 delegates.

South River, Waynesboro, 3 p. m., 6 delegates.

Total 31.

In the city ward meetings will be held on Monday, May 16th as follows:

First Ward, Court house, 8 p. m., 4 delegates.

Second Ward, Police Court, 8 p. m., 3 delegates.

Total, 7.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the committee:

"That all the Democrats of the county of Augusta and city of Staunton who affiliated with the Democratic party in the Gubernatorial election of 1897, and those Democrats who are entitled to register and vote at the next Congressional election shall be entitled to participate in said District and Ward meetings."

W. T. MCCUE, Chairman.
JNO. T. HARMAN, Secy.

Highland Items.

There is to be Confederate reunion at McDowell on Saturday next, 7th inst.

Sheriff E. M. Arbogasi offers a fine pistol to the first volunteer from Highland.

Mrs. Nancy Craver, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Highland has more cattle this year than have been here for fifteen years.

Hugh Cox, who has been carrying the mail from Monterey to Staunton, has enlisted with the West Augusta Guard.

Mr. John E. Sipe, who sold his farm on Jackson's river, has again moved to Monterey. During Mr. Sipe's married life which is a period of 38 years, he has moved 39 times.

Drs. I. H. and Kent Trimble and M. B. Campbell have performed an operation on Mrs. Susan Fox, of Jackson river, which consists in the removing of a cancerous growth of the breast.

On Wednesday evening, April 27th, half past two o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Will Hiner, Elliot Hiner and Miss Mattie Woods were married, the Rev. T. G. Nevett officiating.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harding died on April 29, at half past ten o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Crummett, in Monterey, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Monterey Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, after which the remains were taken to Crabbottom, where she was buried.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on B. F. Hughes, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c and $1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

Death of Benton L. Fauver.

Thursday night at 11 o'clock Benton L. Fauver died at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M Fauver, out on the Churchville road, aged about 27 years. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock Saturday morning from the house. Rev. F. J. Prettyman conducted the funeral services and the interment was in Thornrose cemetery. Mr. Fauver was a young man of exemplary habits, a member of the Methodist church. He was an artist by nature, having a natural fondness for art which he cultivated assiduously. Several years ago he had a studio in this city, afterwards going to Charlottesville, thence to Lynchburg where he was following his profession when taken sick. He had not been in good health for about a year, but up to about a week ago he was able to go about. His parents and three sisters survive him. Mr. J. A. Fauver of this city is his uncle.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at B. F. Hughes' Drug Store.

Staunton Democratic Ticket.

The municipal ticket placed in the field by the Democrats of Staunton, Va., is said to be a most excellent one. It is headed by Attorney W. H. Landes for mayor, who is a brother of Mr. Robert Landes, of Covington, and a gentleman in every sense qualified for the position. He has been a police justice in Staunton for several years, in which position he has gained the popularity which brought about his nomination for the highest office in the gift of the city. Mr. Carter Braxton, a young attorney of energy and ability, has been named for commonwealth's attorney. He is a brother of Mr. A. C. Braxton, a well known attorney of this city. Mr. A. A. Eskridge was nominated for commissioner of the revenue and Logan Turner for city sergeant, both of which are said to be good selections. The ticket will be easily elected.—Clifton Forge Review.

New Advertisements.

R. N. Page, trustee, advertises the Staunton Female Seminary property for sale on Saturday, June 4, 1898, at the front door of the court house.

McH. Holliday advertises ladies shoes and oxfords at winning prices.

J. E. Todd calls attention to his line of farming implements, steel roofing, bucket pumps, binder twine, etc.

Bickle & Hamrick offer a fine line of funeral supplies, caskets and coffins. They also keep a full line of cut flowers.

H. G. Eichelberger and Alex. F. Robertson, com'rs, offer for sale two tracts of grazing land. The sale takes place on May 23d, court day.

Death of Samuel Shoemaker.

Sam. W. Shoemaker, a deaf mute printer, died at East Lexington on Monday and was buried Tuesday afternoon. "Sam" as he was familiarly known to the fraternity here, was educated at the D., D. & B. Institution, and learned the printing trade, and for a number of years worked in this city. About a year ago his health became so bad that he had to give up work. He then went to East Lexington to reside with his sister, Mrs. Charles Mays, at whose home he died. He was about 30 years of age.

Staunton Markets.

SPECTATOR OFFICE.
STAUNTON, VA., May 4, 1898.

Country Produce.

Flour—patent	$ @5.50
family 1st	t5.00
New process	t4.75
New process, extra	$3.75@4.00
Wheat old	——
new	a96
Feathers	50c
Lard	5a6c
Oats—shelled	@25
New Potatoes—Irish	a60
Rye	40
Tallow	2¾
Vinegar—pure apple	12¾
Wool—unwashed	17½c
Wool—washed	2c
Molasses—Syrups	12@40
New Orleans	40@50
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
Blasting Powder, ⅌ keg	1.57
Rice	5c@8c
Salt	90a $11.0
pices—Pepper, grain	10@c
Pepper, ground	10@10
Allspice, grain	9I
Allspice, ground	20c

BALTIMORE LIVESTOCK MARKET
April 28, 1898.

Beef Cattle.—The receipts this week on to quality showed a considerable improvement over the generally good offering last week, and more sales were made at and nearer top figures than last week. Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best	$4 90@5 00
Generally rated first quality	4 50@4 75
Medium or good fair quality	3 60@4 40
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 00@3 25

Of the Cattle received 239 came from Virginia.

Sheep and Lambs.—The receipts are nearly 2,000 head less than last week. The market for all kinds is fairly active, with a full run of spring lambs. We quote clipped sheep weighing 75 to 115 lbs at 2½a3¾c, and extra at 4c per lb; wool sheep, weighing 75 to 100 lbs, 3a4c, and a few extra 4¼c per lb, being a shade lighter than they were on Monday. Fall lambs, 60 to 70 lbs, 5a6c per lb, being no change since Monday. Spring lambs, 35 to 60 lbs, 7a7¾c, and a few extra 8c per lb. Market unchanged but more active.

Swine.—The market is strong at the figures given on Monday, viz: Far Western hogs sell at $4.25a4.35 per 100 lbs gross, those from other points $4a4.15; light pigs, weighing under 100 lbs, $3.50a3.80 per 100 lbs gross.

Fresh Cows.—There is n full offering and good demand at unchanged extreme figures, but none sold at over top quotations of last week. Quotations $25a50 per head.

Calves.—There is a light offering and an active trade reported at an improvement of ¼c since Monday. Veals weighing 90 to 150 lbs are quoted at 4a5¼c per lb.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON:

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Staunton, as a Democratic candidate, but not subject to a Democratic primary, and I ask the support of the voters of this city.

Jan 13. HULST GLENN.

Africana Cures where others Fail!

Tried and Proven.

Africana is not a new and untried remedy, but a medicine of genuine merit that is coming more and more to the front on account of its wonderful cures. Almost every day you read in the newspapers of what it has done for the relief of suffering humanity. That direful disease Rheumatism—caused by impure blood is driven out of the system by the use Africana, and other terrible blood disorders are cured permanently—Ask your druggist for it or write to Africana Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Sold by B, F. HUGHES, Druggist

SOUTHERN Railway.

Schedule in effect May 1, 1898.

For the South and Southwest.

	No. 9.	No. 35.	No. 37.
Lv Staunton C & O	†10 20 am	*11 11 am	†2 30 pm
Ar Charl'ville "	11 45 am	12 20 pm	4 05 pm
Lv Charlville...So	*12 15 pm	* 2 15 pm	*1 50 am
Ar Lynchburg... "	2 17 pm	3 50 pm	3 40 am
Ar Danville..... "	4 45 pm	5 47 pm	5 40 am
Ar Greensboro.. "	6 25 pm	7 28 pm	7 05 am
Ar Raleigh..... "	1 40 am	1 40 am	11 41 am
Ar Salisbury.... "	8 10 pm	8 37 pm	8 12 am
Ar Chattanooga "	7 40 am	7 40am	11 35pm
Ar Charlotte ... "	9 35 pm	10 00 pm	9 25 am
Ar Columbia.... "	.....	1 37 am	12 45 pm
Ar Augusta... .. "	.....	7 45 am	4 15 pm
Ar Sava'na F C & P	.....	5 00 am	4 25 pm
Ar Jacksonville "	.....	9 10 am	9 30 pm
Ar Atlanta..So Ry	.....	5 10 am	8 55 pm
Ar Montgo'ry awp	.....	10 30 am	9 20 pm
Ar N Orleans L&N	.....	8 10 pm	7 40 am
Ar Birmingham So	.....	11 45 am	10 00 pm

No. 9.—Daily—Local for Charlotte and intermediate Stations.

No. 35.—Daily—United States Fast Mail through Pullman Buffet Sleepers to Jacksonville via Savannah; to Atlanta, and New Orleans, connecting at Salisbury with sleeper for Asheville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga, and at Charlotte for Augusta.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURIST EXCURSIONS, through car on this train every Wednesday, Washington to San Francisco without change.

No. 37.—Daily—Washington and Southwestern Vestibuled Limited; through Pullman Sleepers to Asheville, Hot Springs and Nashville, via Salisbury and Chattanooga; to Tampa, via Savannah and Jacksonville to Memphis, via Atlanta and Birmingham and to New Orleans, via Montgomery and Mobile. Dining Car Greensboro to Montgomery.

Trains from Staunton by Chesapeake and Ohio Railway connect in Union Station at Charlottesville with Southern Ry. trains.

HARRISONBURG TO WASHINGTON.

†No.14 AM	*No. 36 PM		†No. 13 PM	*No. 9 PM
6 30	3 35	Lv. Staunton Ar	9 30	2 00
7 10	4 19	" Harrisonb'g "	8 49	1 12
7 25	4 37	" New Market "	8 34	1 04
7 40	4 55	" Edinburg "	8 18	12 48
7 51	5 07	" Woodstock "	8 07	12 37
8 22	5.45	" Strasburg "	7 32	12 02 PM
8 42	6 07	" Riverton "	7 11	11 40
8 52	6 18	" Front Royal "	6 59	11 28
10 50	8 25	" Manassas "	5 03	9 35
11 35	9 12	" Alexandria "	4 23 PM	8 35 AM
12 00m	9 35	Ar Washington Lv	4 01	8 12

†Daily except Sunday. *Daily.

Immediate connection in Union Depot at Washington for and from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Frank S. Gannon, 3d Vice Prest & Gen. Man.
W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent.
J. M. Culp, Traffic Manager.
L. S. Brown, Gen'l Agt. Pass. Dept.
Washington, D. C.

GRAIN TRADE AND CROPS.

The Cincinnati Price-Current of last Thursday says:—

The past week has been cool, and while not really unfavorable to crop conditions has been lacking in sufficient warmth and sunshine to bring about full seasonable advancement in most of the central agricultural regions. The earth has not had sufficient warmth to favor corn planting operations, for germination of this grain can not occur without more genial temperature. The season, however, is not yet late for planting in the corn belt, and there is ample time for everything to be accomplished favorably for the start of this crop.

The situation of the oats crop is somewhat irregular, both as to condition and comparative acreage. In many cases there has occurred considerable injury to the crop from adverse weather conditions, and while the acreage has been fully maintained in many sections it has manifestly been decreased in more instances than increased, so that it may not be surprising if the returns ultimately show some reduction. The crop at this time is doing fairly well in nearly all localities.

In regard to wheat, there is little concerning the winter crop that is now, the conditions continuing to justify the earlier favorable expectations with great uniformity, outside of California, in which State it is generally conceded there will be an important shortage, due to the deficiency in moisture. The weather has favored this crop in nearly all sections, and to a large extent there is now a prospect of fairly satisfactory yield in fields which during the winter gave little encouragement.

The situation in regard to spring wheat is fully as encouraging as usual. In the Northwest the seeding is mostly or entirely ended, and for the most part rather earlier than usual, which is regarded as a favorable feature. There is considerable increase in acreage in both North Dakota and South Dakota, probably about 10 per cent in each instance. In Minnesota there is not much increase. In Wisconsin there is probably about 15 per cent increase. In Iowa there is a very decided increase, and some gain in Nebraska. Taken as a whole there appears to be approximately 10 per cent gain in area of spring wheat, compared with last year.

The later information is less discouraging in regard to prospect for orchard fruit in the West, and if no drawbacks occur hereafter there will be a fairly good production.

Speculation has been carrying wheat prices upward, not only for the May option but also for July, and the week closes with a large advance over the position a week ago. To some extent corn and oats have sympathized. The low position of wheat supplies and apprehension in the foreign importing markets of disturbance in ocean movement of freights have put an anxious phase on matters abroad, and this has been reflected on this side in sentiment favoring continuance of an upward tendency. It is useless to suggest what is liable to occur in the near future.

July wheat at Chicago closed 1½c below the highest point of the week, 7⅝c above the lowest point, and 7½c higher than a week ago.

Corn at Chicago for July closed 1½c below the highest point of the week, 2½c above the lowest point and 2½c higher than a week ago

Wheat receipts at primary markets were 2,151,000 bushels for the week against 1,660,000 the preceding week, and 2,194,000 last year.

Corn receipts were 3,027,000 bushels, against 2,790,000 the preceding week, and 1,658,000 last year.

The Hot Springs of Arkansas—The Mountain-Locked Miracle of the Ozarks.

The hot waters, the mountain air, equable climate and the pine forests make Hot Springs the most wonderful health and pleasure resort in the world, summer or winter. It is owned, endorsed and controlled by the U. S. Government and has accommodations for all classes. The Arlington and Park hotels and to others and 200 boarding houses are open all summer.

Having an altitude of 1000 feet it is a cool, safe and nearly refuge during the heated term in the south.

For information concerning Hot Springs address C. F. Cooley, Manager Business Men's League, Hot Springs, Ark.

For reduced excursion tickets and particulars of the trip see local agent or address W. A. Turk, Gen'l Pass. Agt. Southern Ry., Washington, D. C.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by B. F. Hughes.

Pocahontas Items.

Jake Grant, a lumberman of this county, has joined the U. S. army.

A. M. McGlaughlin bought 106 head of cattle in the county recently.

The *Recorder* favors Judge A. N. Campbell for congress.

B. M. Yeager has about succeeded in getting all the rights of way down Greenbrier river for the railroad. Most of them were granted free. The corps is now near the end of Droop mountain.

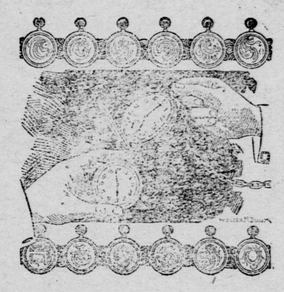
Mrs. Sally Gatewood Legion, wife of Dr. Jno. Legion of Clover Lick, died on the 24th of April, after a protracted illness. She was a daughter of the late Jno. W. Warwick, and was a woman of many Christian virtues and great charity. She left surviving her husband and one son and seven daughters. Her oldest daughter now deceased was the wife of Hon. C. P. Dorr, present member of congress from that district. One daughter married Mr. Kolner and lives at Basic City in this county. She was about 55 years of age and a member of the Episcopal church.

The suit of R. S. Turk, trustee vs. Jannie B. Skiles, which has been pending for some years was recently decided in the Supreme Court. The suit was brought on the purchase-money bonds which has been transferred to Turk, trustee for the benefit of the creditors of J. R. Apperson. The lower court decided in favor of the bonds, but the Supreme court reversed this decision and denied the right to sell the property to pay the purchase-money, then a rehearing was granted and the case went a second time to the Supreme court when the right to sell for the purchase-money was again denied. The case has been in the court to since 1890. It involved the title to the hotel property in Marlinton occupied by C. A. Yeager.

Chesapeake & Western Extension.

It is announced that another campany has been formed to take up the extension of the Chesapeake & Weftern Railroad from its present terminus, Bridgewater, Va., into West Virginia. It is generally understood that this line is to be eventually completed to a connection with the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg, giving the latter another outlet to the seaboard for the soft coal and other freight which it carries. At present the Cheeapeake & Western is in operation between Elkton and Bridgewater, a distance of twenty-seven miles. The new company is to be the construction company. F. Hays, of Bridgewater, is president.—Manufacturers' Record.

ALWAYS KEEP ON HAND
Pain-Killer
THERE IS NO KIND OF PAIN OR ACHE, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL, THAT PAIN-KILLER WILL NOT RELIEVE.
LOOK OUT FOR IMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTES. THE GENUINE BOTTLE BEARS THE NAME,
PERRY DAVIS & SON



COMPARISONS ARE ODIOUS

when you compare our fine American movements and beautiful cases plain, enameled, engraved or with monogram, with any of the cheap imported watches. American watches are renowned as correct time keepers, from the elaborate hunting case to the veriest chatelaine or bijou of a watch.

HENRY L. LANG,
Jeweler and Optician.
Masonic Temple.

The NEW CASH HARDWARE

presents a formidable front with such goods as

Sargent's Builders' Hardware,
Disston's Saws and Files.
Bailey's Patent Planes,
Stanley's Planes, Rules and Levels,
Sargent's Warranted Planes, (best on earth,)
Plumb's Hammers and Hatchets,
Buck's Fine Steel Ranges,

And in fact the entire stock is composed of the FINEST GOODS Manufactured, all bought direct of the mills for spot cash, and to be retailed at wholesale prices for CASH ONLY.

THE E. R. ARMENTROUT HARDWARE
WE NEVER SLEEP
Staunton Va. Organized 1898

Our Owl and Crescent Brand shal be a guarantee of highest quality and lowest possible Cash Prices.

The E. R. ARMENTROUT HARDWARE,
Phone 385. 13 Johnson St.

Which Half is the Better Half

The housewife's duties are harder than men realize. Cleaning alone is a constant tax on her strength, a never-ended task. More than half the work of cleaning she can have done for her, if she will, and the expense will be next to nothing.

FAIRBANK'S GOLD DUST Washing Powder

GOLD DUST Washing Powder.

Does the better half of cleaning; does it better than any other way known; does it easily, quickly and cheaply. Largest package—greatest economy.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY,
Chicago. St. Louis. New York. Boston. Philadelphia.

GREAT SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE
—OF—
Embroiderles and Laces
—AT THE—
PALAIS ROYAL THIS WEEK.

Remember us when you are ready for your Spring Hat. We promise you latest styles and lowest prices.

Prices always the Lowest.
Quality always the Best.
Goods always Exchanged.
Truthful Advertising.
Courteous Treatment to all.

Respectfully,
The Palais Royal,
10 and 12 East Main Street, Staunton, Va.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having resumed business again at the same stand, I respectfully solicit the patronage of all the people.

BRITTAIN, The Druggist,
Corner of Main and Augusta Sts., Staunton, Va. Marquis Building.

JOB PRINTING
OF EVERY DISCRIPTION
NEATLY AND PROMPTLY DONE
AT THE
SPECTATOR & VINDICATOR OFFICE.

THE RACKET STORE

25 Complete Departments. Everything in the Dry Goods Line.

It is not to be wondered at that our store is always crowded with buyers when we are selling goods at less than cost prices. We are now selling the remainder of three stocks of goods at 50c on the dollar, or one-half their real value. We bought for cash from Sheriff Watts the entire stock of spring clothing at a discount of 50 per cent. We also bought from Fulton, Hutchinson & Hoge their wholesale stock of Notions, etc., at a big sacrifice on their part. We still have a small lot of the Weller stock of clothing, shoes and dry goods at bargain prices. It you do not take advantage of these bargains you do not care for your own interest.

MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

Men's Outing Shirts 25c.
Men's Heavy Working Shirts 35c.
Men's Fine Unlaundried Shirts 35c.
Men's Fine Unlaundried Shits 40c, worth 50c
Men's Fine Laundried Shirts 45c, worth 65c
Men's Fancy Percale Shirts, separate collars and cuffs, best goods, our price 75c, cheap at $1.
Men's Heavy Socks per pair 5c.
Men's Black Socks per pair 10c.
Men's Black Socks, finer grade, 2 pair for 25c, these are really worth 20c.
Same in Tan color 2 for 25c.
Men's Fine Four-in-hand Ties, all Silk, worth worth 50c, at 25c.
Men's Black Silk String Ties 18c.
Men's Black Silk Bows 5 and 10c.
Men's Handkerchiefs, fine cambric 5c.
Men's Handkerchiefs, better grade 3 for 25c
Men's large red Handkerchiefs 8c.
Men's 4-ply Linen Collars 5, 8 and 10c.
Men's 4-ply Linen Cuffs 8c up.
Men's Balbriggan Undershirts and Drawers to match 18c each.
Better grade 25, 30 and 35c.
This is the Fulton stock and at less than wholesale price.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.

Hand Saws 50c, worth 75c.
Large size cast Shears 10c.
Knives and Forks per dozen 40c, worth 50c.
White handle knives and forks per dozen 65c, worth 90c.
Good plated Tea Spoons per set 15c, worth 25c
Good plated Table Spoons per set 20c, worth 40
Hair Curlers 5c
Pad Locks 10c
Boxwood Rules 2 feet 7c
Best Curry Combs 10c, worth 15c
Key Hole Saws 12c
Best Steel Carving Knife and Fork 50c, worth 75c
Alarm Clocks 85c

TINWARE DEPARTMENT.

Tin Lamps complete 20c, worth 25c
Enamelled Iron Spittoons 10c, would be cheap at 20c
Pint tin cups 1c
Wash basins 5c
10 quart buckets 10c
Galvanized buckets 20c
17 quart dish pans 25c
Patent sifter 10c

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

All wool Serge in Black, Blue, Green, Brown, Garnet and Tan at 30c, worth 40c
One-half wool Changeable Goods, all colors, 12½c
All the latest shades in Novelty Dress Goods, all wool, 30c
The best grade of Calico at 4½ to 5c
Percales, yard wide, all colors, 8c to 12½c
White Laven and India Linen from 5c up
Dimities, P. K.'s and dotted Swiss all prices.
Cottonade, heavy, suitable for making men's and children's pants, per yard, 15c

CURTAIN DEPARTMENT.

Oil window shades on spring rollers 20c
Better, dadoe, 25c
Better, dadoe, fringe, 30c to 40c
Paper, dadoe, on rollers, 15c
Paper, plain, 10c
Curtain poles complete 20d
Lace Curtains 50, 60, 75