

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. J. H. Rivercomb, of Highland, was in the city this week.
The Governor has appointed Hon. J. S. Craig, of Cold Spring Springs, a notary public.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Law, of the county, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Keyser at Healing Springs.
Mrs. J. C. Sneed and children, of Ferris, were in the city shopping Wednesday.
Mrs. W. H. Payne and children, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Juliet P. Ast near the city.
Mr. and Mrs. Heber Ker, Jr., of Pittsburg, are visiting Mr. K's father, on West Main street.
Mrs. Jos. A. Hibbert, of Low Moor, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Terry.
The Buena Vista Fire Clay Brick Works was destroyed by fire on Thursday last week. The loss is about \$90,000, partly covered by insurance.
Mr. Sam'l W. Sterrett, of Highland county, has purchased the John D. Sterrett farm of 1,000 acres near (Cohen). The price paid was \$10,000.
The meeting at Pleasant View Lutheran church conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Shuey still continues, and much interest is manifested.
Mr. Wm. A. Ellinger, of this county, was married on the 12th inst. near Brownsburg, to Mrs. S. C. Mines, of Rockbridge, by Mr. S. Shreckhise performing the ceremony.
Mr. Jacob Hoover, aged about sixty years, who lived near Woodstock, was found dead in his bed Friday morning. Heart disease was the cause of his death.
A telegram was received here Monday by Mrs. Harry Catt announcing the death of her brother, Mr. W. C. Moseley, who was killed in an accident on the Craig's Creek railroad, on which he was an engineer.
On Tuesday evening Mr. Chas. Curry entertained the members of the bar at a handsome dinner at his home. There was a large gathering, including Judges Harrison, Letcher and Grattan. It was a delightful affair and a pleasant evening was spent.
The young men of the Mt. Sidney neighborhood have organized a gun club with W. L. Finley, president; W. D. DelPriest, vice president, and Dr. F. H. Crawford, sec. and treas. They will hold a prize shoot on Christmas day, and have a banquet that night.
Mr. F. F. Heatwole was married on Thursday last week to Miss Margaret Weaver, daughter of Mr. Samuel H. Weaver, at the residence of the bride's parents near Ladd, by the Rev. Louis Heatwole, of Rockingham. The young couple are very popular and have the congratulations of a host of friends. They left on the N. & W. train for a visit of several weeks to friends in Pennsylvania.
A goodly number of our people went out to Hammond's Chapel Tuesday evening, where services were held at the reopening of the chapel after extensive repairs had been made to it. At 4 p. m. Rev. J. E. Armstrong preached, and at 7 p. m. Rev. F. J. Pretyman filled the pulpit. Supper was served and a nice time was realized which will be used in defraying the expenses of the repairs.
Wanton Stanley Webb, occidental-oriental traveler and war correspondent, will arrive in Staunton in his special car, which will be located on a siding of the C. & O. Railroad near C. & O. depot and open to the public Friday and Saturday, December 21st and 22nd, day and evening. The car is literally a rolling palace, filled with a marvellous exhibit of products of the Philippine Islands. It is well worth seeing, and the admission is only 10 cents, children 5 cents.
Dr. Fraser's Father Dead.
Rev. Dr. A. M. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian church, received a telegram last Thursday morning announcing the death of his father, Judge Thomas P. Fraser, at Sumter, S. C. He took the first train for that point, where he arrived Friday in time for the funeral which took place that afternoon. Judge Fraser was about 79 years of age, and for some years he had been a faithful member of the church. He was eminently fitted. He is survived by four children.
Circuit Court.
Mrs. M. Lizzie Stout was appointed guardian for her infant children. The court set aside the verdict rendered last week in favor of Mrs. Polly Hale vs. J. A. Alexander.
The jury in the case of Humphrey's adm'r vs. the Valley railroad, rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff for \$4,600. The counsel for the railroad made a motion for a new trial.
This case ended the jury trials for the term and the jury was dismissed.
Oyster Supper at Steele's Tavern.
The ladies of Mt. Carmel church will give an oyster supper at Midway Town Hall at Steele's Tavern on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, beginning at 5 o'clock. Refreshments will also be served. The proceeds are for the improvement of the interior of the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.
A Woman's Awful Peril.
"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. L. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by B. F. Hughes, druggist.

PERSONAL.

Dr. T. M. Parkins, of Mt. Sidney, was in the city Tuesday.
Miss Jessie Warren, of Waynesboro, was in the city this week.
Mrs. H. S. Jones, of Clifton Forge, visited here last week.
Mrs. Thos. J. Harman and her little son, have gone to Baltimore on a visit.
Mr. Ernest Myers, of Clifton Forge, spent some days in the city last week.
Mr. B. F. Potter, of Pond Gap, was in the city last week on business.
Mrs. O. M. Ramsey, of Spotswood, was in the city Saturday.
Mr. J. L. Hoy, of Valley Mill, was in the city last week.
Mrs. H. H. Wayt is visiting her mother in Roanoke.
Mr. W. C. Moore and son, of Raphine, was in the city this week.
Mr. H. L. Jordan, of Ft. Defiance, was in the city last week on business.
Mrs. Ballard Smith and daughter, of Greenville, visited the city this week.
Mr. J. N. Parrah, of Mt. Sidney, has returned from a trip to Highland.
Mr. L. C. Lockridge, of Raphine, was in the city last week.
Miss Mary McCue, of Waynesboro, was in the city Saturday.
Judge S. H. Letcher spent Sunday at his home in Lexington.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keller, of Buffalo Gap, were in the city Saturday.
Mrs. B. Miller, McCue is visiting relatives in Richmond.
Mr. Edmund C. Berkeley, of Covington, spent Sunday with relatives here.
Miss Maude Wallace, of Craigsville, spent some days here this week.
Harry Roler has gone to Danville, where he has accepted a position in a large drug store.
Mr. C. H. Whitlock, of Folly Mills, was in the city on business Tuesday and paid our office a pleasant call.
Miss Annie Childs, who has been spending some time in New York, returned home last week.
Miss Mary Bailey is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Bishop, in Botetourt county.
Mrs. Furr, of Stonehall, visited her father, Mr. Jos. Houff, near Penrose last week.
Miss Carrie Condon, who visited Mrs. T. R. N. Speck last week, has returned to Fishersville.
Mr. Geo. Teabo, of the Virginia Portland Cement Co., at Craigsville, spent Sunday here.
Messrs. F. R. Jones and G. F. Hull, of Highland county, were in the city this week.
Mr. B. O. Blackford, of Washington, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benj. Blackford.
Miss Fannie Van Lear, of Lyndhurst, is visiting friends and relatives at Penrose.
Mr. W. W. Hamilton and daughter, of Middlebrook, were in the city last week.
Mrs. S. Brown Allen is in Newport News visiting her son, Mr. Fred A. Allen, a prominent druggist of that city.
Charlotteville Progress: "Mr. G. F. Spitzer returned yesterday afternoon from Augusta county, where he went to attend the funeral of the mother."
Miss Ella Furr, who has been spending some time with her uncle, Mr. Edward Furr, at Rolla, has returned to her home near Penrose.
Miss Josie Stephenson, of McDowell, Highland county, accompanied by her friend, Miss Egan, were in the city this week.
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Binford, of Craigsville, who have been visiting Mr. J. H. Woodson, returned home this week.
Miss Allee Peyton, who has been visiting at the home of Dr. E. O. Peyton, in Greenville, returned home Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Henderson M. Bell, of Bramwell, W. Va., were in the city this week, returning home from a visit to Philadelphia.
Mrs. Walter Heatwole and her little daughter, of Penrose, has gone to Covington to join her husband, who is in business there.
Mr. P. E. Blackwell, of Craigsville, was in the city Monday, en route to spend the holidays at his old home in Albemarle county.
Mrs. S. D. Aiooch, of Louisa, who had been spending some days with Mrs. G. G. Goorch, left Saturday for Clifton Forge to visit her daughter, Mrs. Geo. K. Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. Jan. A. Ortiz, of Clifton Forge, have issued invitations to the marriage of their sister, Miss Minnie R. Ortiz to Mr. Geo. A. Jordan, at 5 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 26.
Mr. J. W. Spitzer has gone to Silver City, New Mexico, where he will spend the winter with his daughter. Mr. Spitzer goes in the hope of benefiting his health, which his friends trust will be the case.
Mr. E. C. Harnsberger, who has been conducting a large milling establishment at Luray, was in the city Friday. He had just made a sale of his personal property near Barterbrook, and will in future make his home in Luray.
Capt. J. T. Long, for many years connected with the gas works here, has been appointed an erintendent of the Lynchburg Gas Co. He has moved his family there and will make his home in that city.
Rev. Dr. J. M. Walls, the popular pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, has received a call to the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, N. C. Dr. Walls, has not yet announced his decision as to what he will do. It will be with much regret that his congregation will part with him if he should decide to accept the call extend him.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK.

Geo. A. Hanger.
Mr. Geo. A. Hanger, of this county, who went to Michigan some three years ago to engage in railroad work, died at Sanit Sea Marie on Friday. Deceased was only 24 years of age and was a bright and energetic young man. His mother, Mrs. Mary M. Hanger, resides here, and one brother, Mr. John T. Hanger, and a sister, Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, reside in the county, while another brother, Mr. Harry B. Hanger, lives in Kentucky. His family has the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. It appears that young Hanger was giving some instructions to the man who was to take his place while he was absent on his Christmas vacation, and while standing near a large pump, engaged his coat caught in the belt and he was whirled around striking some projecting object, and his head and face were badly bruised. He was quickly extricated, but shortly afterwards commenced to have hemorrhages from which he died in about 48 hours. The remains were brought here for interment, the funeral taking place Wednesday afternoon.
Mrs. T. C. PLOCKER.
One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in this county was that of Mrs. Rosella Piecker, wife of Mr. Thos. C. Piecker, which occurred on Monday at Penrose. Mrs. Piecker was a daughter of Mr. James Liery, of near Long Glade, and was married on the 21st of November to Mr. Piecker. Shortly after returning from their wedding tour she was stricken with typhoid fever from which she died. Her funeral took place from Pleasant View church on Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. N. Vandeventer, assisted by Rev. Geo. W. Shuey. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers—Messrs. D. R. Crosby, C. T. Craun, J. A. Jones, John Hunter, John Switzer and W. A. Colner.
MRS. J. T. BLACK.
Mrs. Cornelia Black, the beloved wife of Mr. J. T. Black, of Stuart's Draft, died at her home on Sunday night, after an illness of three weeks' duration, aged about 63 years. Her funeral took place Tuesday at noon from Tinkling Spring church. Mrs. Black was a daughter of the late Robt. Moffett, and a sister of Mr. R. W. Moffett, of this county, and Rev. Dr. A. S. Moffett, of Missouri. She was married to Mr. Black forty five years ago, and was the mother of seven children. She had been a communicant of Tinkling Spring church nearly all her life, and was a woman of gentle disposition and high Christian character.
MRS. R. A. HAMILTON.
Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Policeman Robert A. Hamilton, died on Sunday afternoon from a hemorrhage of the lungs. She had only recently recovered from a long illness. She is survived by her husband and ten children. Her funeral took place Tuesday from her late home, and the interment was in Thoroane cemetery. Deceased was a Miss Grim, and was born in Winchester in 1852. When quite young she married Mr. Hamilton, and about 20 years ago they came to Staunton, where they made many friends who extend their sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.
W. N. WILSON.
Mr. W. Norvell Wilson, who was taken to the King's Daughters Hospital last week to be operated on for injuries received by a fall about three weeks previously, died there on Friday afternoon. Deceased was a native of Rockbridge, but for many years had lived near Mt. Pisgah church, this county, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a brave Confederate soldier and served throughout the entire war. His funeral took place on Saturday morning from Augusta (Old Stone) church, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Vandeventer, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.
MRS. W. N. WILSON.
Just three days after the death of her husband, W. N. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Poague Wilson, who had been in declining health for over a year, died at her home near Mt. Pisgah on Monday night. Her funeral took place Wednesday morning from Old Stone church and she was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She was an estimable Christian woman, noted for her good works.
ALEXANDER T. ABERNETHY.
Mr. Alexander T. Abernethy, a well known citizen of Richmond, died at his home in that city on Sunday afternoon, aged 51 years. He was a brother of Mrs. Henry Hutchinson, of this city, who was present at his bedside. Mr. Abernethy was a son of A. D. Abernethy who many years ago was well known forist of that city. For 21 years he was connected with the firm of A. Hoan & Co., and was held in high esteem by that firm. He is survived by his wife and three children.
MRS. ELIZA SHIPLETT.
Mrs. Eliza Shiplett, who was hurt by the cars at Craigsville last week, died on Friday. She was the widow of the late Given Shiplett, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Glover, also by two sisters, Misses Lina and Martha Wise. Her funeral took place Sunday from the Presbyterian church at Craigsville, the services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Ballou, and the interment was in Lebanon cemetery.
"Why" Is Not Satisfied.
Mr. Editor:—The so-called answer to "Why" in your last issue from the Argus, is too thin to be called an answer. The only point made by the writer, (an officeholder we suppose) being an acknowledgement that the county building is being used over the top. Now we (and we are all over the county) will see if our Judge, Commonwealth's attorney and Supervisors will allow our officers a private enterprise that pays a big profit—to us our property—free of rent and even heat. These rooms will rent for say, \$125 each and heating is worth say \$25.
"WHY."
A Keen Clear Brain.
Your best feelings, your social position or business success, depend largely on the perfection of your stomach and liver. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25c box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by B. F. Hughes, druggist.

Old Fellows Officers.

On Thursday night Staunton Lodge No. 461, O. O. F. elected the following officers: R. J. Kennedy, noble grand; A. S. Woodhouse, vice grand; H. H. Harlow, secretary; C. C. Wheat, treasurer, and E. M. Spar, chaplain and organist. The hour of meeting has been changed by the laws from 7:30 to 8 o'clock.
Fidelity Lodge No. 110—H. H. Kerr, noble grand; J. Luther Dull, vice grand; W. A. Pratt, secretary; Dr. D. A. Bucher, treasurer; Heikel Argendright, chaplain, and W. H. Ast, sitting past grand.
Lewiston, Lodge No. 181—Wm. Larner, noble grand; Geo. A. Sheets, vice grand; Prof. B. F. Humphries, secretary; J. K. Doom, treasurer, and J. B. Smith, chaplain.
Faith, Rebekah Lodge No. 22 of Plunkettville—Miss Virgie Bailey, noble grand; Miss Mittie Lindsey, vice grand; Miss Allie Humphries, secretary; Miss Lulu Lupton, treasurer, and Miss Alva Mashcup, chaplain.
Mt. Solon Lodge No. 165, elected the following officers: S. H. Braneman, noble grand; W. A. Hensel, vice grand; Harry W. Hopewell, secretary; J. W. Hopewell, financial secretary; N. H. Moyers, treasurer; T. J. Argenbright, chaplain, and B. F. Witte, sitting past grand.
Basic City Lodge, No. 29—J. W. Burgess, noble grand; Lee Hamner, vice grand; J. Crickenberger, recording secretary; W. M. Page, permanent secretary; R. O. Lucas, treasurer; Rev. W. C. Metcalf, chaplain, and H. E. Thacker, sitting past grand.
Christmas Holiday Rates.
On account of the Christmas holidays the Southern railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to all points east of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, and east of the Mississippi on basis of one and one-third first class limited fares for the round trip; tickets to be sold Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1901, final limit Jan. 1, 1902.
To students and teachers of schools and colleges, presenting proper certificates signed by president of principal of such institutions, tickets will be sold between same points at rates mentioned above on Dec. 15-21, 1901, inclusive, extreme limit Jan. 8, 1902.
For information as to rates, schedules, sleeping car service, etc., apply to nearest Southern Ry. Agent. 2t

Churchville News Items.

Churchville, Dec 17.—There is much activity in our midst, getting ready for the festive days of yuletide. Our stores are displaying every attraction to the juvenile fancy.
The manse is now occupied by the Rev. J. M. Plowder and family.
Miss May Bear is slowly convalescing from her recent accident.
Mrs. Johnson, (formerly Miss Myrtle Mashcup), was recently on a visit to her father's.
Our schools are progressing under the able management of J. G. Woolfolk as principal and Miss Nannie Wright, assistant. In view of the approaching holiday, the "boys" are becoming restive.
Miss Minnie Rodgers, of Highland, is a guest at the home of Mr. Plowder.
Mrs. John Bear and son, Albert, have arrived home from Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Goodwin had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Witt, of Nelson, and Mrs. Birch, of Albemarle.
Miss Cora Gilkeson is recovering from a fractured arm.
We have a new P. O. erected near the residence of C. A. Wilson.
With pleasure we wish the editorial staff of "THE SPECTATOR." A very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.
A Big Day Next Thursday.
Messrs. A. F. Withrow & Co., the contractors for the new court house, have fixed on Thursday next, Dec. 27, as the day for laying the corner stone of the new building. Staunton Lodge of Masons will have charge of the ceremony. There will be music by the Stonehall band and addresses by Hon. Joseph A. Waddell, author of the "Annals of Augusta County" and Capt. James Bumgardner. This is the first cornerstone for the county to have a cornerstone laying. No ceremonies attended the building of the two former edifices. The people of the county should turn out in great numbers to witness the ceremony, and make the day one long to be remembered.



What so "gift" as some article of Gold or Silver? The two precious metals. There is a comfortable certainty about giving gold and silver things—welcome because always wantable. In kind with gold and silver, jewelry has been better a suggestive word in gift making. A comprehensive word it is these days, meaning not only the jewels for personal adornment, but articles of necessity and usefulness as well—such as Watches, Clocks, Diamonds, Silverware, and Gold and Silver Novelties. But jewelry is something you should buy of those in whom you not only have confidence, but of those who have the necessary knowledge to judge the good from the bad. Years of experience in handling, selecting, selling, making and repairing, give us this knowledge. A glance over our store may help you solve the question "What shall I give?"
H. L. LANG.

WINCHESTER
FACTORY LOADED SHOTGUN SHELLS
"New Rival," "Leader," and "Repeater"
Insist upon having them, take no others and you will get the best shells that money can buy. ALL DEALERS KEEP THEM.

XTMAS AT THE MUSIC STORE.
We have never had a more complete line of Musical Instruments, at as LOW PRICES FOR REALLY FINE GOODS, as now.
BANDS, \$1.50 UP
MANDOLINS, 2.75 ..
All kinds of Trimmings for Small Instruments.
Best Line of Strings for Little VIOLINS, 1.25 ..
GUITARS, 3.75 ..
Jews Harps, all prices, large and small.
AUTODIAPHS, 3.00 ..
ACORDIONS, 1.50 ..
Clappers by the dozen.

FLAGEOLETS, ZOBOS, CALIOPES, FIFES.
The Largest and Best Assortment of French Harps to be found outside the largest cities.
Washburn Mandolins, Guitars and Banjos,
Chickering, Starr, Jewett, Capen and other
PIANOS.
THE EVER RELIABLE
PUTNAM ORGANS.
IT PAYS TO BUY AT HOME!
NO INTEREST CHARGED ON TIME SALES.
W. W. PUTNAM & CO.,
No. 103 W. Main Street, STAUNTON, VA.
MUTUAL PHONE, 128.
OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

WANTED—Position as book-keeper. Can furnish satisfactory reference, will accept moderate salary. Address: W. W. WALKER, Fincastle, Va. dec-14-01

City Markets.
Staunton, Va., Dec. 20, 1901.
Corrected by J. A. FAVOR & Co., and the White Star Mills.
COMBINED PRODUCE.
Flour—patent.....4.25 @ 4.50
Family.....3.75 @ 4.00
Straight.....3.50 @ 3.75
Wheat—new.....1.25 @ 1.50
Eggs.....22
Butter.....14
Chickens.....6
Hens.....6
Oats—shelled.....6 @ 8
Wool—unwashed.....20
Wool—washed.....20
Lard.....7 @ 8
BAKON—country cured, new
Hams.....12 @ 14
Shoulders.....10 @ 12
Sides.....10 @ 12
Cornmeal.....10 @ 12
Cottage Cheese.....10 @ 12
Timothy Hay.....15 @ 20
Clover Hay.....10 @ 12

THE BEST CRISP CIGARETTES for every day and Christmas too, always on hand. Also best Oysters and Fresh Fish. Call at City Market House or call up Mutual Phone No. 107.
J. B. LACKEY & BRO.

THE STAUNTON GAS COMPANY has on hand a large stock of Ammoniated Lime which is one of the Best Fertilizers Known. Price \$2 per ton. It will pay the farmers of Augusta county to call and investigate this at the plant of the nov-30-01 STAUNTON GAS CO.

Exquisite line of Xmas Goods at H. H. BOLEN'S Jewelry Store.
We Extend a Cordial Invitation
To every one to visit our store, Masonic Temple, Staunton, Va., and examine our Exhibit of XMAS GOODS, which began November 30, and will continue until December 25. Respectfully yours, Caldwell-Sites Co., Jewelers, Stationers, nov-30-01

INVESTMENT FOR FARMERS!
We call the attention of the farmers throughout the county to the 20th Century Manure Spreader. Convenient, effective, simple in construction and operation—in the end cheaper. Carries full loads, is operated entirely from driver's seat and with the draft of other spreaders. Commences work even and spreads without waste or leakage of material, whether lime, ashes, wet or dry manure. Also a full line of Farming Implements, made by the most reliable manufacturers in America, such as the Walking and Riding Brown Cultivators, the self-sharpening Spring-tooth Harrow made, Disc Harrows, Plows and Plow Repairs—all at old prices. A Nice Line of Buggies and Buckboards at old prices. A full line of BROWN WAGONS—the best and most reliable wagon ever sold in the county. HUBER Engines and Thrashers. A few good second-hand engines at a bargain. Also 50 head of cattle—yearlings and 2-year-olds—good quality, and 1 thoroughbred yearling short-horn bull. If you want the best investment in town, leave your money on Greenville Avenue with Kennedy & Crawford. STAUNTON, VA.

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A Line of Holiday Goods
AND
Art Objects!
Unsurpassed by that of any house in the trade in Virginia, awaits your inspection.
This year's display will be greater, more artistic and cheaper, than our successful lines of previous years.
Every character of gift can be found in our stock, and at every price, from a few cents to many dollars.
We shall be glad to have you call and know you will enjoy your visit.

ALBERT SHULTZ
BOOKSELLER and ART DEALER.
STAUNTON, VA.
300 ACRES grazing land on Blue Ridge at \$15 per acre. If you handle stock this property you should examine at once. Fine water; small dwelling; 400 fruit trees. MCHILHANY & HILLBARY, Staunton, Va. nov-23-01

Men's and Women's Shoes
which possess style, strength and durability. There is no poor material or poor workmanship in any of these goods. Put your feet in our shoes, and your thanksgiving will be sincere.
A. LEE KNOWLES.
THE SHOE MAN,
21 W. Main St., Staunton, Va.

SECURE THE BEST
When that best can be had at the cost of the second best. The line of foot wear we offer consists of

SINGER'S TOYS.
I have just received a CAR LOAD of all kinds of
At low prices. Everything to make the old and young happy.
A fine assortment of Whitmore and Lowmyer's candy, and a lot of my own make low, 10c per pound.
Also New England Fruit Cakes—no better made.
Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Dates and every variety of Fruit.
GET ALL NEW GOODS. Give me a call.
JOHN A. SINGER,
Oppo. Palmer House, Staunton, Va. nov-30-01

CASTORIA
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Some Very Fine Hats for Very Little Money.
Now that December has begun and the biggest part of our regular trade is accommodated we go very vigorously after new business just to keep our own people busy. Hats at \$2, \$2.50 and \$3. Wonder of richness, style and beauty, and in almost unlimited variety. They'll cost double the money a short month ago, reckoned at the cost value. If every woman who reads this could get a glimpse of these hats there would not be one left by tomorrow.
THE PALAIS ROYAL,
Staunton, Va.
Peery-Fulcher.
Miss Mildred E. Fulcher, the accomplished daughter of Capt. E. A. Fulcher, was married on Tuesday morning to Dr. Thos. E. Peery of Bluefield, W. Va. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox, of Salem. Dr. Waite St. Clair, of Bluefield, was best man, and Miss Catherine Fulcher, sister of the bride, maid of honor. After the ceremony the newly married couple were driven to this city, where they took the C. & O. train for a tour of the eastern cities before returning to Bluefield, their future home.

Christmas and New Year.
Holiday excursion tickets, Norfolk and Western Railway on sale December 22nd to 25th, and December 30th to January 1st. Good for return passage January 4th, 1902.
W. B. BEVILL,
dec-7-01 Gen. Passenger Agt.

Public School Holiday.
Christmas day, that long looked for holiday, is near at hand, and that it comes so near the middle of the week is a subject of special felicitation to the public school scholar, for the edict has gone forth that the schools shall close this afternoon and will not reopen until the second of January, 1902.

Holiday Goods at Armentrout Hardware, No. 4 S. Augusta St.
Pocket cutlery, Silver table cutlery, Japanese goods, Japanese screens, Plush robes, Fancy baskets, Skates, &c. Open evenings till Xmas. See our stock of goods.
Our store on Irish Alley also operating as heretofore. dec-7-01

West View Notes.
West View, Dec. 19.—The fourth quarterly conference of West Augusta circuit will be held next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. F. J. Prattyman will preach on Saturday at 11 o'clock, after which Dr. Armstrong will hold the quarterly conference. On Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. P. W. Jeffries will preach and hold communion services.
Miss Agnes Trimble is visiting friends at Weyer's Cave.
W. R. R. Cave.
Near here who has been suffering with mental aberration went to Staunton last week to consult a doctor, and while there the authorities thought best to confine him in jail for a short time.
Mr. H. Ervine, who had his ankle badly sprained, improving and we trust will soon be out again.
A number of our people have taken advantage of the nice weather and are making considerable headway with their plowing.

At the Opera House Tonight.
Miss Alberta Gallatin, who is to appear at the opera house tonight as Nell Gwynne in "Cater Boverin's play," "Under the Restoration," has been highly endorsed by the press of New York. Miss Gallatin is not a stranger by any means, having been the leading support of such stars as Mrs. Pinka, Keene, Mansfield, and Jefferson, and theatre-goers will be glad to welcome her at the head of her own company. It was her artistic portrayal of Rosalind at the Madison Square theatre that opened the eyes of metropolitan managers to the fact that Alberta Gallatin was, indeed, the coming woman theatrically. Miss Gallatin, as Nell Gwynne, wears some very elaborate and expensive French creations. Her ability as an actress is enhanced in the popular eye by her beauty and grace.
World's Champion.
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