

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

We feel that apology is due our many readers this week for the scant amount of editorial and reading matter offered...

Miss Margaret Gilkeson, a pupil at the Valley Home Seminary, Fishersville, was brought to the King's daughters hospital Monday afternoon...

Rev. C. S. Linzmeier of this city, is on an evangelistic tour in West Virginia for the Synod of Virginia. He has met with much success at Glenville, Gilmer county, W. Va.

The weather fifteen degrees. The thermometer was down to 15 degrees Tuesday morning on Gosper Hill and 24 degrees morning...

The jury in the case of the Steamboat Marysville Springs company against E. W. Stewart and John H. Blackburn failed to agree and was discharged.

Confederate Veteran Appointments. Among the appointments just made of District Inspectors of the Grand Camp of Virginia C. V., by Inspector General T. C. Morton...

Corporation Court. E. A. Whitlock, administrator of John N. Whitlock, as administrator of John D. Brown, alias John Skidd, cool bread, indicted for stealing railroad track...

\$55,000 More for Elkins College. It will be gratifying to the large number of persons in Staunton, Augusta and the contiguous counties who have contributed to the fund for building the college at Elkins, W. Va.

Barterbrook Personal. Barterbrook, Dec. 5.—Mrs. F. H. Gilkeson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Patton, in Rockbridge, has returned home.

Pocahontas County (W. Va.) Items. The largest bear seen in this county for many years, and one of the largest it is believed ever killed in the county, was killed on the headwaters of Williams river about a week ago...

PERSONAL.

Mr. Jos. A. Glasgow went to Florence, Ala., last week on business. Miss Helen Marr is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Dixon in Waynesboro.

Miss Katherine Hoge has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Richmond. Mr. James T. Lightner of Rich Patch, has been spending the week in Philadelphia on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. Heiskel Argenbright and son have returned from a visit to Washington. Miss Barbara Brand is visiting Miss Lillian and Edith Carpenter in Covington.

Hon. J. S. Craig of Cold Sulphur Springs, was in the city last week on business. Mr. and Mrs. John V. Kiraocof of Sangerville, who have been on a visit to the west, returned home last week.

Mrs. Jas. E. A. Gibbs and Mrs. Capt. Rawlings of Raphine, were in New York this week. Mrs. C. B. Stribling has returned to Waynesboro after visiting friends here.

Mrs. Hugh H. Kerr, who has been suffering with appendicitis, is much better. Mr. Wm. A. Harber of Knightly, left this week for Indianapolis, where he will complete a course of law.

Col. R. L. Parrish and son of Covington, were in the city this week, arguing cases in the circuit and corporation courts. J. E. Herndon, who has for several years been in Charlottesville, has returned to this city his former home, where he will permanently reside.

Mr. E. M. Hartman sold last week his 150 acre farm at Brand's Mill to S. P. Hamilton of Monitor, W. Va., on consideration \$6,000. Maj. Thos. Blackford and wife of Wilmington, Del., are in the city, visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blackford.

Mr. C. J. Armstead of the Western State hospital attended a meeting of the executive committee of the hospital board in Richmond this week. Adams Wells, who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing a cow at Basic City, was taken to the pen this week.

Mrs. Catherine A. Davis, wife of ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, died Saturday morning at her home, Graceland, at Elkins, W. Va., aged 74 years. Her death was due to heart disease. Messrs. T. W. Wood and Sons of Richmond, the largest seed dealers in the South will be in the city this week, with an immense warehouse for their uses. The lot alone will cost \$40,000.

R. A. DePriest of Buena Vista, was in the city last Saturday on the way to Mt. Sidney his old home, where he paid a short visit to his mother and brother. I have handled for years steel wood stoves which have given thorough satisfaction and they are of high priced. They are very ornamental and economical. T. R. N. SPECK, Dec 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of the county, were in the city this week on the marriage of their daughter, Lucie Montgomery to Mr. J. W. B. Baylor, the ceremony to be performed Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at 6 o'clock, Hebron church.

The Virginia conference of Churches and Correction will hold its next meeting in Richmond, February 10, 12, 13, 1903. Mr. W. B. Boies, of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, is a member of the executive committee of the conference. Geo. R. Kingeter of the Bee Hive Store, was assigned to Wednesday for the benefit of his creditors, among who is J. W. Augusta, a former proprietor of the establishment. S. D. Bernabeke Jr., and J. A. Alexander are the trustees.

Miss M. P. Duval left Monday for New York to represent the Virginia Female Institute chapter at the meeting of the Church Students' Mission Society association, which will be held at the General Theological Seminary in New York. The friends of Mr. H. A. S. Hamilton, who has been seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, where he has been a patient since his operation, will be glad to know that he has passed the danger point and is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. J. H. Silling of Parsonage, was thrown from his wagon last week while attempting to cross a bridge over the Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners, and graduated with high honors from one of the best dental colleges. Examinations and estimates free. Baltimore Dental Association, Marquis Building, corner Main and Augusta streets.

A. C. Braxton for U. S. Senate. What appears to be a well founded rumor is going the rounds of political circles today to the effect that Hon. Allen Caperton Braxton, of Augusta, has about yielded to the pressure of his friends to enter the race for United States senator to succeed Hon. Thomas S. Martin, whose term will expire in 1907.

The primary will take place in the summer of 1903, and great interest will be added to the race if it be true that the brilliant Augusta leader will be a candidate for the honor. Governor Montague is looked upon as a candidate, and Senator Martin will almost surely stand again. Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler is also mentioned and it is said that he has serious intentions of running.—Richmond Leader, Monday, with regret.

Judge Grattan of the Rockingham county last week refused to grant a new trial to Cassin Isaac alias Cass Joseph, the Syrian peddler, who was convicted of assaulting a little white girl near Shendum. A stay of sentence was granted for 60 days to allow time for an appeal to the circuit court.

Memorial Exercises. DEATHS DURING THE WEEK.

Staunton Lodge, No. 351, B. P. O. E. held its annual memorial service Sunday afternoon at the opera-house, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The brothers who have died within the past year were R. D. McNeely and Kenneth McKey. Ralph E. N. Caisch, of Richmond, delivered an eloquent address on the benevolent points of the order. Dr. Caisch is a great favorite with Staunton audiences, before whom he has often appeared. Mr. Fred H. Gottlieb, of Baltimore, who recently sent his check, for \$100 to the Stenwall Brigade Band, was present and played a delightful flute solo. Mr. Gottlieb is a great lover of music and an exceptionally fine musician.

Others taking part in the program were Mrs. A. H. Sprinkle, Mrs. Hust Glenn, Mrs. H. F. Norris, Miss Annie Walter, and Messrs. H. F. Norris, Albert Hildebrandt, a "cello" soloist, of Baltimore, and L. Tucker. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Father Frioli. Prof. Thomas Headsworth was the musical director.

To License Pistol Carrying. Senator W. P. Backus, of Halifax, offered in the Senate Monday following bill on the subject of carrying concealed weapons. A bill to regulate the carrying of pistols in this Commonwealth and providing a license for the purpose. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: That no person shall carry a pistol without first obtaining a license so to do.

The County and Circuit Courts of this Commonwealth are hereby authorized to grant licenses to carry pistols for the term of one year to those persons who are of even temperament, discreet and of good character and who can show a necessity for the carrying of such privilege, and who exhibit to the court a receipt from the treasurer for the sum of \$5 for the privilege. No dealer or person shall sell a pistol to any person unless he first ascertain that said persons has a license to carry same.

J. I. Sheriff, sergeant of cities and towns, treasurers and their deputies are hereby exempted from the operation of this law. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half of which shall go to the informer.

Preaching and Preachers. Dr. Dubose, a missionary from China preached to two large and deeply interested congregations Sunday at the First church in the morning and at the Second at night. Rev. J. E. Book-keeper presided at the Second church service and being one of the early pastors of the church was warmly welcomed by the congregation. He had preached in the morning at Hebron church and administered the sacrament to his old congregation there, where he was for eight years also the well beloved pastor. He remained in the city Monday, being the guest of Mr. W. A. Crawford, former Hebron parishioner.

Pink Tea. The public is cordially invited to attend a pink tea given by the nurses of the King's daughters hospital for the benefit of the institution, in the parlors of the hospital annex on Monday, Dec. 14th, from 4 to 10 p. m. The decorations will be entirely of the new holiday color, pink, and refreshments will be served by the nurses in their new pink uniforms. Souvenir menu cards will be presented at the door. This is the first public effort made by the nursing staff of the hospital, and the support of the hospital, and it is hoped that the people of the city will not be backward in showing their appreciation and encouragement. SUPERINTENDENT.

Hair Burned from Their Heads. Clifton Forge, Va., Dec. 8.—A gasolene stove in the dining room of Mr. John Johnson was accidentally knocked over by Mrs. Dubing Sunday and exploded. The carpet and other furnishings caught and two lamps on the mantle exploded from the heat. Mr. and Mrs. Dubing was badly burned, the hair being burned from both of their heads and their faces partially blistered. The fire department responded to an alarm but the fire was already out. The damage to the house was small.

Free, Free, Free. In order to more thoroughly introduce our painless methods we will extract teeth without pain free of charge when other work is done. Our new manager in charge holds certificate of qualification from the Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners, and graduated with high honors from one of the best dental colleges. Examinations and estimates free. Baltimore Dental Association, Marquis Building, corner Main and Augusta streets.

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WAITING.

At present the best sight in town is our Handsome Stock of Holiday Goods, which includes the pick of the market in bright, fresh, new styles and novelties for the Christmas season, and we are waiting to show it to you. It will give you new ideas to see our holiday line. It is easy to select from because it contains everything to make people happy, whether they are old or young.

Charming Gifts—Plenty of Them, are ready and waiting for your inspection. To look through our fine assortment is pastime—to prize the goods is a pleasure—to possess them is a privilege. Come and see the best for Christmas in the new, the novel and the beautiful. It is a stock to please the many and save the money of all who come. You'll trade with us simply because you can't duplicate the goods or prices. Whatever your wants may be, we can meet them with the most desirable and satisfactory selections.

H. L. LANG, Scientific Optician, Staunton, Va. Stonewall Jackson Camp. At the called meeting of Stonewall Jackson Camp Tuesday night, Capt. Bumgardner concluded his reading of Col. Henderson's paper, which interested the audience so much that they gave him a unanimous vote of thanks. Considerable motion, Bumgardner and Waters were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The meeting will be held on the 21st inst. at the camp. The camp has arranged for a public address and reunion of veterans, the 19th Jan. Gen. Lee's birthday, the chaplain Dr. Scott will be in the city day before Sunday, which invitation was accepted and the camp voted to go in a body on the 18th, to the Second Presbyterian church.

Clare Items. Clare, Dec. 8.—Mrs. A. H. Jones and Miss Maud Floyd spent a few days in your city last week. Mr. Raymond Hamilton spent Sunday in our city. Mr. Denner Kincaid is with us again. Mr. W. R. Rodgers spent Sunday at Meadow Grove. Mr. Birt Van Fossen paid a short visit to friends near Headwaters this week. Miss Nannie Cobb will leave this week for a visit to friends in Marlinton, W. Va. Mr. Homer Van Fossen spent Sunday with his mother near Valley Mills. Mrs. Luther Colner, whose illness has been noted, is we are sorry to report, no better.

JOHN T. WILKINS. John T. Wilkins, a veteran printer, died in Harrisonburg on Thursday of last week. He was well known all over the State and was a member of the older members of the fraternity. He was 63 years old, and during the war was color bearer of the 10th Va. Regiment, and while holding this position was captured by the Confederates and remained a prisoner until a few weeks before the close of the war. His funeral took place in our city on Saturday at 10 o'clock, and the remains were taken to Harrisonburg.

MRS. FRANCES BURWELL JOHNSON. Mrs. Frances Burwell Johnson, widow of Thomas Johnson, died Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Bettie B. Caldwell. Mrs. Johnson was 87 years old, and had been ill for some time so that her death was not unexpected. She was Miss Thomas of Richmond. Her son, George Johnson, died only a few months ago. Mrs. Johnson had a large circle of friends in Staunton. The funeral took place from Mrs. Caldwell's home in the city on Tuesday at 10 o'clock and the remains were taken to Richmond for interment.

JAMES M. MADISON. Mr. James M. Madison died at his home near Mt. Solon on Wednesday of last week, after suffering for a long time with cancer of the throat. He was about 44 years. He was a most estimable man and a devoted member of the United Brethren church. His wife and two children survive him. His funeral took place Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. L. H. Paul of Mossey Creek. The interment was in the country there.

Mrs. MAMIE LAMBERT, wife of C. W. Lambert, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the family home in the northern part of the city. She had been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Lambert was about 65 years old, was a member of the Baptist church and a good Christian woman. Her husband died in 1898. She is survived by her three sons, Will, Harry and Frank, and three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Bailey, and Misses Katie and Rose.

SHIPPERS! Take Notice! When in Doubt JUST TRY A. J. M. MURDOCH & CO., 40-42 So. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa. Reliable Commission Merchants. EGGS, POULTRY, GAME AND FEATHERS. Quick Sales. Daily Returns. Local Reference: Mann Bros., Staunton, Va. G. W. Bixler, Cherry Grove, Va. F. M. Sinesinger, Cowan's Depot, Va. Dec 12/31.

DO YOU USE LIQUORS? As a special inducement for the Holiday Trade, I offer OYE and Maryland Rye Whiskies at Only \$2 a Gallon. Wholesale Price in RETAIL Quantities. ALSO PAUL JONES, MONTICELLO, SHERWOOD, WILSON, QUEEN CITY CLUB, COLINGWOOD, OLD BONNIE, etc. Also Wines for family use. Mail Orders a Specialty. We Ship Quick. Send for Price-List at once. G. E. KLISE, RETAIL LIQUORS, No. 5 Johnson St., Staunton, Va. Dec 12/31.

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The President's Recent Message.

Note we say RECENT message. It would not be proper to speak of this as his LAST message. But his deliverance two years hence will be his LAST. In the outset let it be understood that we have no disposition to deal harshly with the President, and we shall be grieved if anything may be said in this criticism to wound or discourage him. But we must be candid and truthful, and to use the President's own words "must not shrink from the struggle before us."

It must be admitted that the message is disappointing. Instead of bringing with it, as we naturally expected, it is as mild and innocent as a lamb. The storm which raged in the breast of its author when denouncing his recent campaign speech seems to have subsided entirely. Whether the improvement is permanent remains to be seen.

No one can find fault with the recommendations of the message; for it really recommends nothing, not even peace. In the opening paragraph of the message the President makes the startling announcement that this nation is "seated on a continent flanked by two oceans." By referring to oceans, it will be seen that, strange as it may seem, this statement is literally true; and our position would be one of great peril, but for the fact that we are surrounded by water.

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