THE DEMOCRAT

Monday, - - May 17

☞ An Aged Man.—William Cogar, of Webster county, died at his residence in the Independent State a few days ago—aged 109 years.

☞ Plant your potatoes in the "dark of the moon" so the bugs can't see you do it; they are already on the watch.

☞ Postal.—John Stanton is appointed postmaster at Middle Fork, Randolph county, vice George W. Mills, resigned. The office at Miners, Calhoun county, is discontinued; the papers go to Arnoldsburg. Also the office at Cherry Camp, Harrison county, the papers go to Wolf Summit.

☞ The Sunday Leader is the title of a new and spicy paper just started in Wheeling by C. C. Johnson & Co. It is issued every Sunday morning—terms $2 per annum, and it is the only Sunday paper in the State. The paper is a neat specimen of the typography art; while in editorial matter it is sound, solid and spicy. Our best wishes are extended for its success.

☞ The Town Council.—The new Council met at The Democrat office on Monday, the 10th inst. All the members were present and after organizing, the following subordinate officers were elected:

Assessor—J. W. Woffindin.
Street Commissioner—J. S. Wilkinson.
Treasurer—A. F. Whelan.
Attorney—Wm. E. Lively.

An ordinance was introduced and passed repealing the hog law, which was to have taken effect May 12th. The Council also amended the license ordinance by fixing the tax on retail dealers in ale, beer, &c., at $20; and on spiritous liquors at $50. "Uncle Joe" Darlington enters upon his duties with a determination to enforce the law; and we advise all hoodlums to "clar the track" when he is around.

☞ County School Superintendent.—As will be seen by an announcement published elsewhere in this paper, Major T. Smith, of Big Skin Creek, is a candidate for County Superintendent of Free Schools. We have no special acquaintance with the Major; but we know that he is a teacher of excellent reputation. Like his opponent, he is a member of the County Board of Examiners, and has been connected with Free Schools since the inception of the system in this State; and is consequently fully acquinted with the duties of the office to which he aspires. He comes to us well recommended by his neighbors and by the teachers with whom he has been associated; showing that he has numbers of warm friends.—It is almost certain, now, that the race will be between Captain Crooks and Major Smith for this office; and from the known popularity of both men, it appears that the contest will be a warm and exciting one.

☞ The Weston and West Fork Railroad.—*Meeting of the Directors on the 8th Inst.—Important Proceedings.*—On the 8th inst. a quorum of the Directors of this road met at the Bailey Hotel in Weston. After obtaining a temporary organization, the Board fully organized the company by the election of the following officers:

President—Henry Brannon.
Vice President—S. R. Steele.
Secretary—W. G. Bennett.
Treasurer—M. W. Harrison.

Messrs. Brannon, Edwards, Jackson and Bennett, who had been out on the various proposed routes of the road, reported that they had met with no difficulty whatever, in securing the right of way, except in one or two instances. They had traveled from Weston to West Milford and Lost Creek, and on both routes, the landholders were eager to give the right of way. The Harrison county Directors reported the same pleasing intelligence in regard to the landholders in their county.

Books were ordered to be opened for stock subscriptions, under the supervision of several gentlemen as follows:

Clarksburg—R. T. Lowndes, Luther Haymond and T. S. Spates.
Lost Creek—James Lynch and David Bassell.
West Milford—Jacob Pritchard, C. W. Helnick and B. D. Rider.
Jane Lew—M. McWhorter, J. W. Jackson and Dr. J. H. Davisson.
Weston—Er Ralston, F. M. Chalfant and A. A. Lewis.

Mr. T. M. Jackson, the engineer, was at the meeting, and presented a written report in relation to the proposed routes, the character of the ground, and other matters.—It was subsequently ordered that Mr. Jackson proceed at once to make an experimental survey of both the proposed routes; and he is now performing that duty.

A meeting of the stockholders was called, to meet at Weston on the 17th of July next, to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the capital stock of the company from $75,000, as originally contemplated, to $250,000. This is necessary, from the fact that sufficient stock is now assured to make the road a much better one than its friends had hoped for in the start. Gentlemen in Lewis and Harrison counties are subscribing liberally, and it is expected that the $250,000 will all be taken before the meeting of the stock-holders takes place. A quarter of million of dollars will build and equip a road from Weston to Clarksburg that will not only satisfy the opponents of the subscription, but will make a railroad equally as firm and lasting as any of the greatest roads in America.

—Now that the enterprise has assumed a practicable shape, and is beyond doubt a success, moneyed men are willing to invest largely in it. Branches to Buckhanon and other points are already talked of; and it is within the bounds of reasonable probability that within a few years we shall have railroad connection with the Kanawha Valley and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

☞ The new Capital building in Wheeling will be ready for occupancy by the first of November.

☞ The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic has appointed Saturday, May 29th, as Decoration Day—the 30th coming on Sunday.

☞ Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the insuendoes, innevacities, insinuations and suspicions which are uttered against him.

☞ This conundrum is respectfully submitted to the best speller: If S-i-o-u-x spells su, and e-y-e spells i, and s-i-g-h-e-d spells side, why doesn't s-i-o-u-x-e-y-e-s-i-g-h-e-d, spell suicide?

☞ We don't take much stock in conundrums generally, but the fellow who got this up deserves a silver medal: "Why is a newspaper like a toothbrush? because every one should have one of his own and not be borrowing his neighbors."

☞ We are informed that the large saw mills of the Hon. Henry G Davis, near Deer Park, were burned on last Saturday night. The loss is very considerable, being confined to the buildings and machinery. Mr. Davis also lost a fine barn at Deer Park, the same night, which was blown down by the high wind that prevailed on that evening.

☞ Dr. Camden, in pursuance of the request of the Board of Directors, is attending the annual meeting of the Medical Superintendents of Insane Asylums in the United States and British America. The meeting, this year, is held at Auburn, New York. The medical officers of the various Asylums meet in this way every year, for an interchange of opinion in regard to the treatment of insanity; and to discuss all matters connected with the good management of the institutions designed for the care and cure of insane people.

☞ Lumberport.—The Lumberport (Braxton county) *Expositor*, a manuscript journal owned and edited by a couple of young gentlemen in that thriving town, comes to us again. We take the liberty of copying from it the following spicy items:

Thomas Edwards is the happy owner of a very fine pair of trick mules.

G. M. Burns has his quadrupeds harnessed by the time "old Sol" first shows himself in the eastern horizon. Gid *has* been known to build a fire to plow by.

W. E. Fleming is saving up to buy a straw hat.

The Lumberport Boat Club are having their boats repaired, and will soon commence training for the race.

Perry Posey is much exercised about the Grangers. He has an idea that he can buy a gold dollar from them for fifty cents.

A Good Templar's Lodge is about to be organized here. We wish them success.

We have at this office quite a curiosity in the shape of an egg. It is an egg within an egg. The outside egg is about the size of a goose egg, and inside of this is a hen egg. Both have hard shells. Any one who may doubt this can see it by applying at this office.

Wanted—An industrious man to keep the flies off of E. A. Posey this summer. Apply to the postmaster at Lumberport.

Lost—On the 25th ult., in or near Lumberport, a Brogan Shoe No 11½. A liberal reward will be paid if returned to John Posey at the saw mill.

☞ The Fruit Prospect.—Fruit, says the *Register*, is a profitable crop in this country when the yield is not interfered with by frost or blight. Peaches, pears, apples and other fruits always find a ready sale, and generally at remunerative figures. There is less variation in the price of these articles when there is an average yield than in any other kind of produce. The present season, however, has not been favorable, "on the contrary, quite the reverse." Snow, ice and cold winds have attacked the trees and buds and done much mischief to fruit in all quarters. In the Eastern and Middle States the percentage of loss will range up as high as forty, while in Delaware the cold snap of the 16th and 17th ult., is believed to have killed nearly all the buds in the lower part of the State, while other sections escaped with a comparatively trifling loss. The early crop of strawberries will be light, but the late yield, it is estimated, will be as heavy as usual. Some damage has been done to the fruit in Maryland and West Virginia, but the annual amount produced in these States will not be materially reduced. Fruit cultivators in Iowa declare that the prospects of a fair yield in that section are good, and that the State will gather an average amount of this kind of produce. Fruit in Missouri has not been interfered with to any great extent at the latest dates from that section. In the neighborhood of Memphis, Tennessee, the fruit has been badly crippled, and not more than half a crop of apples, peaches and small fruits is likely to be realized. The Nashville *Union*, in writing upon this subject, says: "The general opinion appears to be that the fruit, with the exception of apples has been seriously injured, and the crop of peaches, pears, plums and cherries will be unusually small. Of apples there will be over a fair yield." In Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, the yield of fruit will be fair. Along the lakes the trees have been nipped with the cold. But in the central and southern portions of these States the same effects are not perceptible, at least to any great extent. Pennsylvania escaped the visit of the winter at the wrong season of the year, and the trees, except in a few uncommonly exposed localities, have not been injured so as to reduce the yield of fruit. The opening of vegetation was much behind the usual period in this locality, and that protected the blossoms and buds from frost and snow killing. The facts known at the present time in relation to fruit trees in all parts of the country warrant the assertion that of all kinds of fruit, except apples, there will not be more than half a crop in 1875. But some of the late ripening fruits may pick up during the summer and thus alter the fall average.

☞ List of Unclaimed Letters.—The following is a list of letters in the office at this place, unclaimed: Taylor Wright, George Stafford, John W. Brady, D. R. West, A. W. Sizer, Bruno Steinecker and Robert Coyner.—The following letter is held for insufficient postage—Simon Mokery, West Union.

☞ Matrimonial.—From March 19th to May 11th, 'Squire Woofter has given the permission of the Commonwealth to the following persons, to marry, &c.: Benjamin Elzy, (colored) to Lucy Southall (colored); Josiah McVany to Marcelia C. Smith; Eli Riggs to Mahala Hull; Charles Stark to Barbara Romback; Webster Hinzman to Anna Curtis; Charles B. Morrison to Mary E. Curtis; Marcellus Woofter to Leona B. Hinzman; Josephus Eakin to Susan V. Ward; David H. Linger to Sarah M. Self; James Martin to Sarah M. Morrison; William B. Holbert to Ellen Reed; Jacob Whitesell to Anna B. Heflin; and William Woofter to Dorcas E Riggs.

☞ Town Ordinances.—At a meeting of the Council, held May 10, 1875, it was

Ordained, That sections one and two of an ordidance entitled "An ordinance for the correction of sundry nuisances," adopted December 1st, 1874, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

[The above is in relation to the hog law.]

At the same meeting it was

Ordained, That paragraphs 6 and 8 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance in regard to licenses," adopted December 1st, 1874, be amended and re-ordained so as to read as follow:

Paragraph 6.—On every license to sell spiritous liquors, wines or other intoxicating drinks, at retail, $50.

Paragraph 8.—On every license to sell at retail domestic wines, porter, ale, beer or drinks of like nature, $20.

☞ Important Land Sales.—*Rare Chances for Securing Homes or Making Investments.*—By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that Mr. W. G. Bennett, as Commissioner of the Circuit and County Courts of this county, will, during the coming term of the County Court, sell at public auction a large area of land in this county.—The first of these sales takes place on the 7th of June, when forty tracts of land, on Sand Fork, about 10 or 12 miles from Weston, will be sold. These lands have been surveyed into tracts ranging from 17 to 160 acres, and have been so arranged that nearly all are accessible to roads, &c. They are all covered with valuable timber, which, on most of the tracts, can be floated down the Sand Fork, into the Little Kanawha, and from thence to market. They are all underlaid with valuable iron, lime-stone and coal deposits; while the surface is known to afford as good land for agricultural purposes as any in the State. The various tracts will be sold on easy terms—6, 12, 18 and 24 months, and the sale is *without reservation*.—This is certainly one of the best chances ever offered to secure a cheap home or to make an investment; for the lands are in a good and thrifty neighborhood, convenient to churches, schools, mills, &c.; and are steadily increasing in value.

—The second sale to which we refer, is of what is known as the "Fouse Lands," on Leading Creek and the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike, about 12 miles from Weston. In all, 2,301 acres are to be sold; and it will be sold in parcels to suit purchasers, on a credit of 6, 12 and 18 months. [The sale occurs June 8th.] These lands are well known as being exceedingly rich in timber, iron ore, coal, &c., and afford an excellent opportunity for a safe and profitable investment. To persons of limited means, who desire to own farms of their own, these lands are *get-at-able*. The sale in both cases is *without reservation*; and they will be sold at such prices as to enable any industrious man to meet the payments.

☞ Setting up the Pins.—Although many moons must elapse before the "dear people" will be once more pestered with patriotic individuals who are willing to be immolated upon the altar of their country—(by holding lucrative offices)—the aspirants for the various positions—both State and county—are already putting on their war paint, and are sceuting the battle from afar off. From this time heneceforth, until the day after the election in 1876, the "intelligent voter" will be treated with cordial politeness by the patriots aforesaid; and many of the said patriots will not venture to hold, much less to express, an opinion at variance with the views of the "intelligent voter" aforesaid. There are some honorable exceptions to this rule; but they compose the minority.—It is the privilege of every man in this country to be a candidate for office. He himself is the judge of the propriety of the matter. But we are opposed, on principle, and so are the masses of the people, to professional office-seekers, and to trimmers and dodgers of either high or low degree. A candidate for office should come within the purview of the old maxim, and be either "fish, flesh or good red herring"—or, to use the words of a friend of ours, who has an emphatic and allegorical way of expressing himself, a candidate should be "a man, a mouse, or a long-tailed rat."—It will be recollected that at the election in 1876, the people will have to elect all the State officers, a Senator in each District, members of the House of Delegates, Sheriff, Presiding Justice, Justices of the Peace, and nearly every officer except the Clerks of the Courts. At the same time, the Democracy expect to elect a President of the United States. And thus it behooves every good man, no matter to what party he belongs, to make no pledges to any one "at this stage of the game." Let us wait and see what Time will bring forth. There will doubtless be plenty of candidates—some of them with modesty enough to possess their souls with patience until the proper time arrives. Let us have men of that sort—men who are *not* trimmers; men who freely avow their principles and maintain them, regardless of consequences.—We have an abiding confidence that the people will rebuke trimmers and dodgers, and reward, fair, square, honest men.

—Miss Mary E. Baker, of Wardensville, Hardy county, can "drive the centre" with a rifle every time at from twenty to forty yards.

—Since the last term of the Circuit Court, nine chancery suits and one law case have been brought in the Circuit Court Clerk's office.

☞ Don't Advertise.—Advertising is a great bother. It only brings a lot of folks to your business place. If they want you, let 'em hunt you up. Then, if you get your name in the paper, you'll be bored with drummers, and people from the country will call on you and you'll have to show them goods, and like enough have to do up bundles for them, which will exhaust your stock so much that you'll be obliged to buy more goods, which is a great trouble. If you advertise, too, it gives your town a reputation abroad, and folks will go there and settle down, and crowd your quiet place, and make it too lively. If you don't want to do anything, keep as still as you can.

☞ The M E Church.—We have before us the minutes of the M. E Church Conference, held at Point Pleasant, W. Va., March 3d, 1875. The number of full members within the bounds of the Conference, including *probationers*, is 81,152. The value of church property, including churches and parsonages is estimated at $606,255. The number of Sunday Schools reported, is 428, with 3,874 officers and teachers, and 21,112 scholars. An increase during last year of 2,153. The missionary contributions were comparatively small. The entire amount contributed last year was $3,659.72, an increase over the previous year of $274 65. The contributions for the Conference claimants last year advanced $168.91, beyond those of the previous year.

☞ Lewis County Fair.—The Directors of the Agricultural Society, at a recent meeting, fixed upon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, (September 22, 23 and 24) for the Fifth Annual Exhibition. The following are the officers elect for 1875:

President—W. G. Bennett.
Vice President—Noah Life.
Secretary—A. M Dent.
Treasurer—Er Ralston.
Chief Marshall—Wm. E. Lively.
Chief Police—A. M. Smith.

The catalogue now being prepared, will be printed and circulated in a few weeks. The premium list this year is much larger than heretofore. The total amount offered is between $2,500 $3,000.—The grounds, buildings and track are to be thoroughly rejuvenated; and it is the intention of the Directors to make the fair this year an example to our neighbors all over the State.—The following is a list of the Directors: Esaias Fetty, A. M. Smith, John Hussey, F. M. Chalfant, Noah Life, John P. Peterson, T. A. Edwards, Marshall Cookman, A P. White, W. E Lively, A. M. Dent, Er Ralston and W. G. Bennet.

☞ West Virginia Central Railroad.—The Secretary of State has issued a certificate of incorporation to J. H. Nash, T. B. Swann, J. H Huling, E. A. Bennett, Daniel Huffman, J. W. Cracraft and C. P. Snyder, all of Charleston, composing the directory of the West Virginia Railroad Company for the purpose of building a railroad from or near the mouth of Big Sandy river in Wayne county, on the line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky to a point at or near the South Branch of the Potomac river on the State line between the States of West Virginia and Maryland, through the counties of Wayne, Cabell, Putnam, Kanawha, Clay, Braxton, Webster, Upshur, Randolph, Pocahontas, Pendleton, Barbour, Tucker, Grant, Hardy and Hampshire. The route of the proposed railroad shall be, as near as practicable as follows: Beginning at or near the mouth of Big Sandy river in Wayne county and running thence in a northeasterly direction to the Kanawha river at or near St. Albans, thence up the Kanawha river to the mouth of Elk river, thence up Elk river and following the same for the distance of one hundred and fifty miles, thence in a northeastly direction to South branch of the Potomac river, striking same in the county of Pendleton, thence with the said South branch of the Potomac river and down the same to a point at or near its mouth. The principal office or place of business of the corporation shall be at Charleston.

☞ Braxton County.—*Strange Creek Iron Works, &c*—The attention recently attracted to the valuable iron deposits along Elk River, in Braxton county, is proving to be a golden egg to our neighbors. Already capitalists from other States have gone there, and developing the rich resources of that region. A correspondent of the *Register*, writing from Strange Creek, says: The Elk River Iron and Coal Company, located at this point, are carrying on their work quite extensively at this time. They will soon have completed a furnace or stack for turning out pig iron. Ore seems to be plentiful and of good quality in this county. If we had a railroad running through Braxton, we would soon have one of the wealthiest counties in the State, for we certainly have the mineral, such as iron ore, coal, lime, salt and lead, and we don't know what else may turn up when the development commences. We have fine farming lands, fine timber, good water and water power and plenty of it, and a fine school system established all over the county. We don't see why capital and emigration don't turn their attention in this direction, and help us howl for a railroad. Nothing else will do us any good, and it certainly would pay any company to build a road from Charleston to Clarksburg; at any rate we think so. The town at the mouth of Strange Creek, known as Savagetown, derived its name from Jesse S. Savage, the President of the Elk River Iron and Coal Company. It contains some four or five hundred inhabitants and has one hotel, several boarding houses, one store, one saw mill, three blacksmith shops, one carpenter shop and a good stable. They seem to be in good earnest and certainly will make iron.

☞ Court House Items.—Only one new suit has been brought in the County Court since the last term.

—The Deaf and Dumb Institution of this State is to undergo extensive additions.

—Wheeling proper has a population of 27,000. Wheeling and vicinity has a population of 42,000.

☞ The new store at Troy is now conducted by Heckert, Aspinall & Co., —"Uncle" George Heckert having purchased an interest in the establishment.

☞ The beautiful design of the days of Josephine is coming into fashion again, and the waists of women are to be up under their arms. Won't it look handsome, though, to see a six foot woman with a three inch waist?

☞ Mr. F. M. Chalfant has added to his possessions by the purchase of a fine 200 acre farm on Fink's Creek, in this county—price $2,500. Frank ought to be a real estate agent. He is not happy unless he can make a speculation in *terra firma* occasionally.

☞ The Presbyterian Church.—The next general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States will assemble at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 20th inst. Much important business will be transacted. The church of which this is the chief judicatory comprises one hundred and seventy-four presbyteries arranged in thirty-five synods, and having under their care 4,906 ministers; 4,916 churches, embracing 498,634 communicants and over half a million Sabbath School Scholars. Total amount contributed to all objects last year, $9,120,792. The foreign missions are in charge of 861 laborers and established among the Indian tribes and Chinese in the United States, and in Mexico, South America, Asia and Africa. The converts connected with these missions number over five thousand, and the mission schools are attended by about thirteen thousand scholars.

☞ Magic Relief.—*Robbery of the Injunction Judge.*—A vile miscreant in the person of a colored boy named Isaac Green, who was attending upon the room of his Honor, Judge Ward, lately robbed his said Honor of between fifty and sixty dollars during a session of the court at Raleigh Court House. The Judge thought of issuing an injunction restraining the boy from leaving with his booty, but as he had absconded before the papers were prepared, it was thought better to call up on the sheriff, who forthwith pursued and captured the culprit. The money was found upon his person, and he was sent on to the May term of the County Court for examination. We hope he will be dealt with to the utmost severity of the law. Anybody, be he black or white, who would rob a vendor of patent medicines; one whose whole life is spent in relieving suffering humanity in two minutes, ought to be hung. He is too mean to live.—*Wheeling Register.*

[Reported for The Democrat.]

☞ Patrons of Husbandry.—*Organization of County Council.*—There was a meeting of the Patrons of Husbandry at Asbury Chapel on Big Skin Creek, May 1, 1875, for the purpose of organizing a County Council. Eleven Granges were represented. The house was called to order by Worthy Master Israel Simmons, who stated the object of the meeting. The Council was organized by electing the following officers:

Master—Major T. Smith.
Overseer—A. E. Forinash.
Lecturer—F. A. Marsh.
Steward—J. B Harsman.
Assistant Steward—H. D. Bailey.
Chaplain—A S. Blagg.
Treasurer—D. H. Swisher.
Secretary—S. Talbott.
Gate Keeper—David S. Allman.
Ceres—Miss Alice Forinash.
Pomona—Mrs. M. Peterson.
Flora—Mrs. Lucy Bailey.
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs E A Fisher.

Executive Committee—G V Forinash, Chairman, J J Anderson, Israel Simmons, I Butcher and David T Peterson.

Trustees—T B Bartlett, W V Chidester and D M White

The Executive Committee was empowered to commence its duties at once and report at the adjourned meeting. There were several resolutions read and adopted. Upon motion, the Council adjourned to meet with Orion Grange No. 47, time to be designated by the Executive Committee.

☞ West Virginia Post Offices.—From the Postal Guide, recently sent us by Senator Davis, we find that we have in this State 731 post offices. We hardly think the "Guide" is correct in many particulars—especially as to offices in this State. At the expense of considerable time we "sorted out" the post offices in the various Congressional Districts of the State, and find them distributed as follows:

First District - -	185 offices.
Second District - -	280 "
Third District - -	266 "
Total - - -	731

—We had supposed that this District had more post-offices than either of the others; but it will be seen that we are far behind in the matter. Lewis county is credited with thirteen post-offices, located as follows: Alkire's Mills, Big Skin Creek, Fink's Creek, Freeman's Creek, Gaston's Mills, Hacker's Creek, Ireland, Jacksonville, Jane Lew, Leading Creek, Little Wild Cat, Roanoke and Weston. It will be seen that Walkersville is omitted from the list, although the office at that place, is in operation—in this Senatorial District, according to the "Guide," the post-offices are distributed as follows:

Lewis county - - - - -	13
Barbour - - - - - - -	16
Taylor - - - - - - -	11
Upshur - - - - - - -	14
Randolph - - - - - -	17
Tucker - - - - - - -	9
Total - - - - -	80

—There are but 31 money-order offices in the State; and only three of these are reported in this Senatorial District, viz: at Buckhannon, Grafton and Weston.

—We learn from a reliable source that the cold snap has not injured the usual crop of weeds in the least.

—The New York *Day-Book* hoists the name of William Allen, of Ohio, for President, and Charles J. Faulkner, of West Virginia, for Vice President in 1876.

☞ Mr. H. S. Bland, in pursuance of an order of the County Court made at the last term, is making out a new index book of the transfers of real estate, &c., from the formation of the county to the present time—the present index book being worn out. Since the formation of the county, up to this writing, about 18,000 transfers of real estate have been recorded.

☞ Neighborhood Items.—We clip the following from the Buckhannon *Delta* of the 13th:

—Our old friend, J. H. Rohrbough, has accepted a position in the well-known firm of Thompson & Jackson, of Parkersburg, and leaves on Monday.

—A meeting will be held in the Court House next Saturday evening, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of awarding a gold watch to to the gentleman who receives the largest number of votes. Revs. F. M. Hughes and L. D. Casto are the candidates in the field.

—Died, on the 8th inst., at the residence of Mr. Jacob Kesling, Mr. Ephraim Furr, aged about 80 years. Mr. Furr was a pensioner of the war of 1812.

—Rev Oliver Lowther, President of the West Virginia Conference of the M P Church, will hold his Presidential meeting for the Buckhannon Circuit, on the 15th and 16th of May, at the Totten Grove, near Buckhannon. Should the weather be stormy the preaching will be at the Paugh School House. All ministers, pastors, preachers and members of all orthodox churches are invited. Wm. Sisk,*

Minister in charge.

—Died, of typhoid pneumonia, on Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, Romeo Bassel, eldest son of Benjamin Bassel, Esq., aged 19 years. Mr Bassell's sickness was short and severe, and soon accomplished its work. Everything that could be done for him was done, but all was of no avail. He was an excellent young man, of sober and industrious habits, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His remains were interred in the cemetery on his father's farm, and were accompanied by a large concourse of friends.

From the Philippi *Plaindealer* of the 8th:

—Philippi can boast of four doctors and one medical student.

—L H Mead is announced as a candidate for Superintendent of Free Schools in Tucker county.

—The County Court has purchased a lot of evergreens for the Court House yard, and in addition thereto, some of our enterprising gents have furnished and planted a lot of locust, maple, &c., until we will have a neat and nice court-square.

—The spiciest "country paper" in this State is the Beverley *Enterprise*. We'll bet a four dollar bonnet that our friend Sargent can gather up more local items under adverse circumstances than any other man in West Virginia. Some unmitigated cuss Butlerized our last copy, but from the previous one we get the following items. A Philippi correspondent sends the *Enterprise* the following:

—A Granger's store is soon to be started in Philippi.

—The United Brethren Ministerial Association convenes at this place, in June next.

—The dwelling of George W Green, of Simpson Station, was consumed by fire a few days since. Mr. Green was once a resident of Philippi, and his many friends will be sorry to hear of his misfortune. Loss not known.

—The railroad fever is up, here. It is the expressed opinion of our solid men, that Barbour county stands a far better chance for a railroad than it has ever stood at any previous time. It only remains for the voters of Barbour, and the counties through which the road will pass, to manifest a willingness to aid in its construction, and it will be built. The people should remember the benefits that will accrue from the construction of the road, and in consideration of the fact, lend a helping hand toward furthering the project.

We take the following from the local columns of the *Enterprise*:

—The Grand Jury adjourned on Monday last, after being in session three days. A number of indictments were found for misdemeanors.

—We learn that our friend E. S. Taft is about to start a paper at Philippi, entitled the *Present Age*. Good luck to you, Ed.

—On Saturday last, the High Sheriff of this county undertook to serve upon us a subpœna, to bring our body before the Grand Jury to inform that body of sovereigns if we knew of any infractions of the law. We have no objections under ordinary circumstances, to having Dow White call on us, but on this occasion we suddenly remembered that we had business at Huttonsville, and thither we went; traditions say we made good time; we don't know how that is, but we do know George Leonard's horse has the bottom. We found most of the citizens of Huttonsville out ramp hunting, and so we went "up higher." The Sheriff can call now, he will find us at home with the latch-string out.

☞ Ryan & Co. have on hand a lot of eastern made saddles, which will be sold for cost and carriage.

Fresh Fruits of all kinds at Vasser's

Hardware, cheap as anybody can sell it, at Brinkman's

Coffee 25cts, sugar 12½cts, tea $1, ginger pop 5cts at Brinkman's.

Lemons 75cts and Oranges 50cts a dozen at Brinkman's.

Corn shellers at Brinkman's.

Patent Rat Traps at Brinkman's.

I have purchased Perry Lorentz's interest in the toll-gate at the east end of town, and toll must be paid, or I will prosecute. F. Brinkman.

The time and place—To buy a Pure Metal Cook Stove—at Chalfant & Moore's.

Cocoa Nuts, Prunes, Dates, Figs, Lemons, Oranges, &c., at Vasser's.

Some fruit, and prospects of an average crop of wheat in Lewis, and our Railroad a fixed fact—that Chalfant & Moore can sell you Ford & Butcher's Premium Wagons at lowest figures—call and see sample.

A good Saddle and Bridle for $7.

Coffee for 23cts per pound.

Did you see that splendid assortment of Holloware at Chalfant & Moore's

Household Novelties at Chalfant & Moore's.

DR. GEORGE B. MORRIS, *of the firm of MORRIS, JARRETT & HALL, Dentists, No. 134, 5th Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., will be in Weston on the 27th of May, and remain 10 days. He will have a* **DENTAL ENGINE** *which makes four thousand (4,000) revolutions in a minute, and is positively the greatest invention known to the Dental profession. He will therefore be better prepared to execute fine work with dispatch than ever before.*

A Student wanted at the Pittsburgh office.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between T. A. Hornor and C. A. Hornor, under the firm name of T. A. Hornor & Son, was this day, by mutual consent, dissolved. The business will hereafter be conducted by C. A. Hornor, at the old stand at Roanoke. The books, notes and all other accounts will be left at the store with C. A. Hornor, for collection, until the first day of July, 1875.

T. A. Hornor,
Roanoke, W. Va., May 10.
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West Virginia:

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, on the first Monday in May, 1875

W. G. Bennett, Commissioner

vs

W. H. Haddox and Aaron Williams.

UPON A PETITION IN CHANCERY.

"The object of this petition is to obtain a decree against the defendants for $543, with interest thereon from the 15th day of January, 1873, being the aggregate of five notes executed by the defendants on said day for the purchase of lot No. 15 of 181 acres of the Minter Bailey lands, sold under a decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, in the chancery cause of John Brannon, Commissioner, against Minter Bailey's heirs and others, and to re-sell said lot of land for cash."

And it appearing by affidavit filed, that defendant Aaron Williams is a non-resident of this State, and he not appearing, it is ordered that he do appear here at rules to be held in the Clerk's office of said Court on the first Monday in June next, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste:

W. H. BYRNE, Clerk.

W. G. Bennett, att'y for petitioner.

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Until further notice.

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Wild Beasts of the Forest

will not be on exhibition at present, but their absence will be fully made up by a large stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Ready Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, Wooden ware, &c. We will not enter into the

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but will be in our proper place, and will sell our goods at such figures that you will forget all about such things as Wild Lions, and rejoice that you have saved your money to invest in Dry Goods, Groceries and Notions, marked down to the lowest prices. Neither will we introduce the

Ten Baby Elephants,

but will sell you Ladies' Dress Goods at prices that will convince you that we understand our business. Those who have never seen the real living

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will not see it here, but will see Groceries, &c., sold at "old time" prices. Among the living curiosities we regret we have not at present on hand

A Live Snake 100 Feet Long,

but what odds when you can see the variety of goods and bargains we give. Our

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is dead, but by buying our goods of first hands, we dispense with the "middle man's" profit, and can therefore sell low.

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TIGERS, HYENAS & LEOPARDS,

As long as we can get our goods at invoice prices, thereby saving from 15 to 20 per cent.

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