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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1899.
LOCAL NEWS.

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The Winchester Star of last Friday says that Mr. Chas. B. Rouss had had sent to a gentleman of that city a New York paper containing a cut of a small log house, beneath which appears the following:

"A little off the main road near Winchester, Va., stands a little log cabin almost as strong and weather-proof today as when George Washington built it over one hundred and fifty years ago. He was only eighteen at the time, and the cabin was built as a temporary shelter during his surveying days, when he lived almost among the Indians and learned so much about them that afterward proved invaluable to him. But the cabin shows how well and thoroughly he did everything even as a boy."

The Star of Winchester says, "no one could be found in this vicinity who had ever seen or heard of such a building, and if it is in existence the New York newspaper has 'one' on our local people."

The cabin above referred to is doubtless the one Washington occupied when he was a surveyor, situated at Washington spring, on land now owned by A. Moore, Jr., president of the Bank of Clarke County, and close to "Soldier's Rest," formerly owned by Gen. Daniel Morgan, of Revolutionary fame, but now in the possession of Mr. J. Ewd. Barnett. The cabin and spring are located about a half mile east of Berryville. Tradition does not say that Washington built this small house, but used it when making calculations of his surveys, at which work he was extensively employed by Lord Fairfax. The building is in a good state of preservation, and is owned by Mr. G. G. Calmes, assistant U. S. District Attorney for Indian Territory.

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Briefs.
In today's issue of our paper will be found a communication, signed "An Old Voter," in which the writer gives his views touching the candidates for county offices. There are many voters who no doubt take issue with our correspondent, and we would not think of surrendering our columns to one side without offering the use of them to the friends of the other. Don't be afraid to speak out if you feel like it, but have your contributions in not later than Saturday, to make sure their publication the following week.

Miss Laura W. Gold wishes to announce that she will have associated with her during the session 1899-1900, Miss Rose McDonald, who has resigned her position in Norfolk College. Miss McDonald is a graduate of Norwood Institute, Washington, and was a student of Columbia University. Miss Gold will also be assisted by Miss Mary W. Gold, whose thorough and efficient teaching has contributed much to the success of the school during the present year.

LAURA W. GOLD, Prin't.
Last week the residence of Mr. Boyd, situated near the line between Jefferson and Clarke on the Blue Ridge mountain, caught fire and the building, together with its contents, were totally destroyed. The fire from the burning dwelling was communicated to the timbered land, and for several days and nights this destructive element was sweeping over portions of the mountain. Mr. G. W. Fennell, from whom we gathered this information, says the only way to fight a fire on the mountain is to burn towards it. The injury done to timber is doubtless considerable.

Go to I. Bowman's for the famous Wickless Blue Flame Oil Stove. Spring is here, after much delay, with its blossoms and weather that enables us to dispense with fire. The cherry, plum, and pear trees show a mass of blossoms, but very few peach trees are robed in pink bloom. We saw two trees, one standing in a yard and the other in a garden, with their branches decorated in blossoms, but we saw many other trees that contained no fruit germs whatever.

New Gloves, Parasols, Underwear and Hosiery, at S. L. Palmbaum & Co's.
Owing to the physical condition of Rev. Ewd. Wall, rector of Grace Church, who was suffering from a sore throat, the usual Sunday services were suspended on the 23rd. We are requested to give notice that the special collection for the "Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen," announced for that day, will be taken at the morning service Sunday next, the 30th inst.

New Silks, Ribbons, Embroideries and Laces by S. L. Palmbaum & Co.
Mr. J. H. Bell, more familiarly spoken of as "Minney Bell," who is a tenant on the farm occupied by Mr. Henry A. Williams, had his leg broken by a horse falling on it. The accident happened on Monday morning, and as he is a competent and energetic farmer, the disability it will impose upon him will be very trying.

One hundred head of stock cattle will be offered at public sale by Mr. C. C. Middleton at the residence of Mr. John F. Bell, near Berryville, on Thursday, the 27th. See advertisement.

Ladies' Shirt Waists and Skirts received by S. L. Palmbaum.

Last Friday fire was communicated from a pile of burning garden rubbish to a load of fodder standing by the stable on the premises occupied by Mrs. A. R. Brown, but with the assistance of Mr. Young, their neighbor, the family was able to subdue the fire before it made much progress.

The engagement of Miss Nannie Powell McCormick, daughter of Dr. Cyrus McCormick, of this place, and Maj. Charles Ellet Cabell, a young lawyer of Lynchburg, Va., is announced. The wedding will take place in June.

New Lace Curtains and Dotted Swisses at S. L. Palmbaum & Co's.

Mr. Thomas C. Lawyer and Miss Mary O. Grubbs, both of this county, were married at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. Julian Broadus Wednesday last.

Novelties in Spring and Summer Dress Goods and Trimmings received by S. L. Palmbaum & Co.

Miss Lula Gordon, of Frederick county, and Mr. H. B. Crim of Wadesville, were united in holy bonds of wedlock Wednesday afternoon in Martinsburg, and after a delightful drive the happy couple arrived at Wadesville late that evening.

The price of wheat, which closed weak on Saturday, advanced on Monday because the visible supply decreased 1,323,000 bushels in the past week. No. 2 red is quoted at 77½ cents per bushel in Baltimore. Corn is worth 41½ cents per bushel.

Fine Display of Millinery.

We wish to inform the Ladies of Berryville and neighborhood that the Line of Millinery Goods received by us this spring consists of all the latest fashions and best of goods and that our department is under the charge of Miss Adron, who has given satisfaction to many of our customers in the past. You will find ready-trimmed hats of every description, straw hats of the latest styles, and our trimmings are the best material to be had—no shop worn goods. Give our stock an inspection, and you will find it the largest and most complete ever brought to Berryville. Prices are low down. Also, our stock of Ladies' Furnishings has been replenished with the newest and latest of goods. MRS. L. E. RICAMORE.

Briefs.
Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Beulah Church, near Charleston, W. Va., Miss Jennie Brenneeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Brenneeman, of Rippon, Jefferson county, was married to Mr. J. Marshall Melvin, one of Baltimore's merchants. A brother of the groom, Mr. Harry Melvin, of Duffields, W. Va., was best man, and Miss Nellie Crittenden served as maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, of Charleston, assisted by Rev. Joseph P. Wilson, of Baltimore, formerly pastor of Mark et al. M. E. Church, of Winchester. Miss Emma Kinzel, of Winchester, was organist.

Recently, says the Winchester Star, while a man was engaged in the work of plowing on the land belonging to Mr. Goldballenger, he was surprised and dumfounded to see the horses and plow sink into the earth some ten or twelve feet. The farm had been worked for twenty years and this occurrence was an extraordinary revelation, as no one had an idea that portion of the land was so peculiarly constituted. The horses were bruised, but were extricated safely. The earth was dug out to enable better work and then the animals were pulled out with ropes. About twenty-five people assisted.

"A Mock Trial," an entertainment in which young blind people will appear in all the leading parts, will be given at Winston Hall on Wednesday evening, April 26th. The pupils are from the Industrial Home of the Blind, Hartford, Conn., and they will reproduce a court scene of a jury trial growing out of an attempt by the real criminal to fasten the crime upon an innocent young girl, whose acquittal is brought about by the successful detective work of a most marvelous and novel invention. The entertainment is pronounced unique and highly interesting.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, during a recent visit to Washington called upon President McKinley and was assured by the Executive that the invitation from Hiram Lodge No. 21, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to be their guest had not been forgotten by him, but just as soon as business permitted he would visit Winchester. President McKinley was made a Mason by Hiram Lodge during the civil war, when he was a major in an Ohio regiment. He has always expressed a desire to revisit Winchester and see the room in which he first became a Mason.

The Washington Post, in speaking of the young trotting horses in training on the Brightwood track near that city, says: "Trainers Lang and Morrow worked out a very slick pair of pacers that will do to take to the races in Happy Jim and North Carolina Girl, owned respectively by Mr. Head, of Alexandria, and Mr. Hutchinson, of Berryville, Va. It was like breaking sticks for them to pace a mile in 2:25, some of the quarters being at a twenty gait."

In the latter part of 1899 the earth will again cross the immense sea of asteroids of 1833, and, during that blazing night of November, 1899, it is said that we shall witness a veritable conflagration of the heavens, but one wholly inoffensive to the spectators.

Judge Wm. L. Clark having resigned as clerk of the circuit court of Frederick county, the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of P. H. Gold to the position.

A Card.
To the Voters of Clarke County:

I have no desire to force Mr. Neill to act as my deputy in the event of my election, and if I had understood him to say "under no circumstance" would he serve with me, I would not have added to my card that he would be offered the deputyship, if I were elected. I am sure you will agree with me that there are many others who are efficient and willing to act in this capacity. C. A. FORD.

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Hardesty-Sowers.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. Catherine Sowers last Thursday evening, when her daughter, Miss Eva Durant Sowers, and Mr. Stanley L. Hardesty, a well known young farmer of this county, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreen and cut flowers, and the bridal couple stood beneath a beautiful floral bell when the solemn words that made them man and wife were pronounced. At four o'clock the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march indicated the coming of the bride party into the parlor. Mr. William Moore, accompanied by Miss Lola Hardesty, headed the procession, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Orta Sowers, whose escort was the best man, Mr. Holmes Hardesty. Then came the bride leaning on the arm of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. O. Sowers, of Stanley, Va., assisted by Rev. Julian Broadus, pastor of the Baptist Church here. Miss Sallie Osburn presided at the piano. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of white organdie, and carried American beauty roses—a gift of her cousin, Mr. Hen son, of New York. The maid of honor and bridesmaid were gowned in white organdie over pink, and carried La France roses.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining room, where an elegant dinner was served. The bridal presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty drove that evening to their home near Summit Point, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

Among those from a distance present at the wedding were, Rev. N. O. Sowers and wife, and Miss Hattie Sowers, of Stanley, Va.; Mrs. Nannie Tillet, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Osburn, and Mr. Eugene Chamblin, of Loudoun county; Mrs. Frank Osburn, of Snickersville; Mrs. Wood ward, of Winchester; and Miss Nellie Hardesty, of Fairfield, Va. L. C. Jolliffe's "Bright Lights."

The show-going populace of Berryville will, no doubt, be pleased to hear that S. H. Jolliffe's (formerly Jolliffe & Hearn) "Bright Lights" will give an exhibition in Berryville on Monday night, May 1st, under the auspices of J. E. B. Stuart Camp, S. C. V.

Mr. Jolliffe and his show need no introduction to our people, as exhibitions have been given here during the two preceding years, and the people are aware of the excellence and high standard of the entertainments. Among the many features of the entertainment are, "The Peerless Vocalist," Miss Clara Myers in refined ballads; the children's delight, "Jolliffe's old-time dog circus"; Bartino, the phenomenal ladder balancer and high wire still walker; "The Hunting Trio," in their latest absurdity, "A Tramp's Troubles," etc., etc.

Admission—Adults, 25 cts.; children under twelve years, 15 cts.; reserved seats, 10 cts. extra. Doors open at 7:30 p. m., and curtain rises at 8:15.

Personals.

Mrs. M. J. Cox left here last week for New York, where she takes a steamer this week for Germany. She will visit her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Heddaeus.

The Misses Underwood, of Morris town, N. J., are guests of Mrs. H. L. Lewis, at "Audley."

Mrs. E. S. Kowlsar has gone to Gloucester C. H., Va., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Lee.

Mrs. Jacob Warden, who has been very ill with an attack of pneumonia, has improved very much during the past week, and we are glad to learn.

Mr. D. R. Meade left this place Monday for Louisville, Ky., whence he will go to Indian Territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Owens returned Tuesday to their home in Washington, Va., after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Province McCormick left Tuesday for La Platte, Md., to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson left on Monday morning to visit their son, Rev. E. J. Richardson, in Essex county.

Mr. Robert K. Campbell was in town during the past week visiting friends.

Mr. Charles Biedler, of Baltimore, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blake, of Charles town, spent several days with the family of Mr. George Phillips last week.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Smith.
Mrs. Bettie Smith, wife of the late Warren C. Smith, died at her home near Wickliffe, this county, Sunday night at 12 o'clock, after a lingering illness of consumption, aged about 69 years. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Dr. Robt. C. Randolph, of this county, and is survived by three children, Mr. Robert R. Smith, and Misses Susie and Lucy Smith, all of Clarke county. Her funeral took place from her late residence Tuesday morning, and interment was made in the Old Chapel graveyard.

Meeting of Confederate Veterans.

J. E. B. Stuart Camp of C. V. met at Camp Hall last Saturday afternoon with the average attendance present.

A committee, consisting of comrades S. J. C. Moore, A. Moore Jr., and R. Powell Page, was appointed by the commander, in obedience to a resolution of the camp, to act with committees from other Confederate organizations in selecting a design for the proposed monument to be erected in the court house yard.

A report was adopted urging members of the camp to use their influence with the female members of their families by persuading them to unite with the Daughters of the Confederacy organization. It was reported to the camp that the Daughters intended to make a systematic canvass for funds to pay for the erection of the monument afore mentioned.

It being reported to the camp that as a benevolent organization it could hold, through trustees, title to property, commander Gold was authorized to name five trustees to hold the two lots in Green Hill Cemetery donated by said company to the camp for the interment of any of its dead. The trustees named were comrades J. E. Barnett, John O. Crown, C. McCormick, Jos. Price and J. S. Ware, and comrade A. Moore Jr. was instructed to ask the county court to have their appointment confirmed agreeably to law.

It being ascertained that this camp was entitled to send four representatives to the reunion at Charleston, S. C., the name of comrade S. J. C. Moore was added to those of R. O. Allen, A. Moore Jr., and R. Powell Page, appointed as delegates to said reunion.

The attention of the camp having been brought to the fact that the funeral expenses of our late comrade, J. W. McComick had not been paid, the camp ordered their payment.

Meeting of S. C. V.

The J. E. B. Stuart Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, met in Camp Hall last Saturday night in response to a call issued by the secretary, 2nd Lieut. Jas. W. Foley was elected to the chair in the absence of Commander Grigsby. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Camp will co-operate with the Society of the Survivors of the Clarke Cavalry, the J. E. B. Stuart Camp of Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy, in the work of erecting a monument to the Confederate dead, and that for that purpose a committee of three be appointed by the commander, is hereby authorized to confer with such committees as have been, or may be appointed, with power to obtain funds, select a location and erect such monument."

The committee appointed were, Comrades Blackburn Smith, C. Van Deventer and J. A. T. Grigsby.

Comrades C. VanDeventer and J. A. T. Grigsby were elected delegates, and J. W. Foley and Dr. G. N. Hardesty alternates to the Charleston convention which meets May 10th.

At the meeting of Stonewall Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, held last Thursday, Mr. A. Moore, Jr., was present and gave an interesting talk about the necessity for action to be taken to secure funds for the erection of a soldiers' monument.

In aid of the plan suggested it was determined to appoint committees to solicit contributions for the monument fund.

A committee, consisting of Misses Mary Lippitt, Louise Hardesty and Lillie Moore, was appointed to meet committees of other organizations in regard to the proposed monument.

Miss L. Gold read some events of April, 1861.

Applications for membership from Misses Laura W. Gold and Annie C. Moore were favorably acted upon.

A Confederate Monument.

We mentioned last week that some years ago the Confederate organization known as the "Survivors of the Clarke Cavalry" had taken steps to have erected in the court house yard a monument to the memory of those sons of Clarke county who died in battle, or from wounds received or disease contracted while serving in the Confederate army. The names of such will be placed on the monument. We also stated that about \$600 was now in hand for this purpose, and that \$400 was needed to complete this monument. If any of the readers of the COURIER wish to contribute to this laudable undertaking, we will receive and acknowledge through these columns all sums sent to us, and turn over the same to monument committee.

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MILLINERY.—A full line of Black, White and Fancy Sailors always to be found in this Department. Don't forget we make a speciality of Ready-to-wear Trimmed Hats.

[COMMUNICATED.] County Candidates.

Mr. Editor:—Did it ever strike you as being the most remarkable and inexplicable thing imaginable that, at every election for county offices, there should be an uncontrollable impulse and desire to make changes and to turn out the old officers? It matters not how intelligently, efficiently, or faithfully the duties of the various offices have been discharged, without rhyme, or reason, or sense, changes are demanded. The only so-called reasons, or these changes are of the most flimsy and senseless character—rotation in office being their main argument, and next to that, the emoluments of the offices for the poor and needy aspirants. Why should there be a rotation, as long as official duties are discharged to the entire satisfaction of the county? And what, Mr. Editor, have you or I to do with the individual impetuosity of these various aspirants? No doubt but that these emoluments would be very grateful to each of us. I know that, so far as I am concerned, I would not object to them, especially if I had not a stroke of work to perform, to secure these official perquisites. But, official service is a cold, stubborn matter of business, with no place or room for sentiment, and official duties are expected to be conducted upon strictly and purely business principles, and are the citizens of the county expected to ignore those principles, to cater to the wishes of Tom, Dick, or Harry, simply upon the grounds of their necessities? Public offices are created for communities—not for individuals.

Let us look for a moment at our different county offices and see how they have been conducted, and if found to have been administered in an improper manner and not to the interest of the entire community, then we should demand a change of officers, and not before.

We will take, first, a hasty view of the office of Commonwealth's Attorney and inquire if there has been any delinquency in the discharge of its duties. The present incumbent has been in office but one term. Has he discharged or has he not discharged his duties faithfully? We wish to know, for, if he has not, he should be removed and some one else put in his place. The office is one of too much importance to be lightly dealt with or for personal considerations to influence us in the selection of a suitable officer. Has there ever been one word of complaint against the incumbent? Has there been any other verdict, than that Mr. Brown has been an able, faithful and zealous officer and that he has watched over and guarded the interests of the county with an eye, at all times, single to her welfare? Can any man say one word to the contrary? If so, why do we displace him and put Mr. Lewis in his place? Why give up a tried servant and one who has not been found wanting, for an entirely untried one? But we must do so, purely because Mr. Lewis wants the office and because he would like to hear its emoluments jingling in his pockets. Tell me, if you please, if there be any other reason. I, for one, in the absence of any charge of delinquency, will vote to keep Mr. Brown just where he is.

Let us look, next, at the Clerk's office and see how matters stand there. It is true that Mr. Gibson has held the office for 24 or 25 years and that he has received \$25,000 or \$30,000 proceeds from it. Whose business is that? Are you or I or any other citizen of the county any the poorer by what Mr. Gibson has received out of the office? We are obliged to have a clerk and as long as the office is conducted, in every respect, in a proper, business like manner, and without a complaint from any source whatever, what matters it to us whether Gibson has had the office for 25 or for 50 years, or whether he has received from it \$25,000 or \$50,000. What the people of Clarke want, is a competent, efficient and faithful County Clerk. The question is, have we or have we not had such an officer in Mr. Gibson? It is presumed that the Bench and Bar of our county know more about our county records and the books in our Clerk's office than the outside people—they have an opportunity to consult and do consult them every day. I am told that the Bench and Bar to a man, in the county, favor Mr. Gibson's retention in office. That should be sufficient for the rest of us. Again, I was not aware that the office of Clerk was at the mercy of every popular breeze, to be changed by the whims of the rabble or the needs of the indigent. Old Mr. Tom Tidball of Frederick, was Clerk of his county for over 50 years and down to the day of his death. Old Mayor Turner of Warren, was Clerk of his county from its foundation and for 40 years, down to the day of his death. Bill Jennings of Fauquier, was Clerk of his county for over 40 years and until the day of his death. And, as to our old friend, Mr. Tom Moore, he was the Clerk of Jefferson county for 100

years, more or less. Such a thing in those days, as turning out a County Clerk, was never heard of. John Gibson has spent a fourth of a century—nearly half of his life—in the service of his county and has been a faithful servant, and now, even before his usefulness has ceased, like a faithful old horse, he is to be turned out to browse and pick a precarious living along the wayside of his future life, and all because another gentleman thinks that he needs the office more than Gibson. Another case of an untried against a tried man. Until it can be shown that our present Clerk is not a suitable person to continue as our servant, I shall vote to retain him.

We will now, Mr. Editor, with your permission, take a squint at the office of Commissioner of the Revenue and see how our old "brother" Griffith has conducted matters, and if we find that there has been any pilfering or coquetting with voters as to the "giving in" of their property, we will demand a change and try Mr. Moore or some one else. And especially do we wish to know whether the rich man's and the poor man's—the white man's and the black man's dogs are all assessed alike.—The revenues of the State are too important a matter to be trifled with and we want no dickering or fooling. It is true that our old "brother" has worn his lips smooth kissing the blarney stone, but they are his lips, not ours, nor would it be material to us if he were to kiss every voter in the county, either white or colored—in short, he might be considered the great oratorical priest of the county of Clarke, and it would make no difference to us, provided he conducted the business of his office conscientiously and faithfully and in a business like manner. As to the length of time he has held the office, that counts for nothing—the longer he holds it the presumption is, the better the officer he will make. Without any proof to the contrary, as to any dereliction of duty, I shall vote for retaining him, and long may he wave.

And how about the office of Sheriff? What are the objections to the present officer? Has not Mr. Briggs been found to be not only a polite and estimable gentleman, but in every respect a high class officer, performing the duties required at his hands firmly, and at the same time with delicacy? Then why should he be turned out and an entirely new and untried sheriff and entirely new and untried deputy, be put in his place? Simply because others are craving the little pay to be derived from the office. Well every man has a right to run for office, but the most of them have a greater right to stay at home. I, certainly, and with a great deal of pleasure, shall vote to keep Isham Briggs where he is.

The next thing, I presume, that we will hear will be some fellow springing up to take Albert Bradford's place as County Treasurer, and the first thing that we will know will be that the county and State revenues have gone a glimmering, "where the woodbine twined." We believe we have heard of such things before in the county of Clarke.

In conclusion, and as to the office of magistrate, precisely the same state of things exist as with the other officers, viz: to "turn the rascals out" and put in new and bigger ones. Ignorance is the first qualification of an up-to-date Justice of the Peace, and they should be the happiest people on earth, upon the principle that "where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise." Seriously, Mr. Editor, in our modern magisterial aspirations, ignorance and mendacity are the controlling essentials of a magistrate, for I know, at this very time, men who are aspiring for this office who are so ignorant, that they couldn't if their lives depended upon it, fill out a plain warrant with the "Guide" lying before them. And these men are expected to occupy seats formerly held by gentlemen of intelligence, of culture, of unimpeachable integrity and punctilious honesty. Is not the bare contemplation of such a state of society enough to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every decent man in the county and cause him reverently to exclaim: "In God's name where are we going?" "Quo Vadis? Quo Vadis?"

AN OLD VOTER.
P. S.—In my denunciation of some of these candidates for magisterial honors, if any one of them should enquire if he were the man alluded to, my reply would be that the bare enquiry self convicted him, and that as Nathan said unto David, "Thou art the man." A. O. V.

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