

Chapman's Explanation.

We are sorry not to be able to send to each of our customers our usual semi-annual announcement card.

Our time has been so fully taken up in opening and placing on sale this the largest stock of goods ever shown in Tazewell, that we have not had time to make our announcements. We beg your forgiveness and hope we may soon have the pleasure of showing you through our stock.

Yours truly,

R. C. CHAPMAN

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We can furnish you 160 acres of fine farm land for only Fifty-Five dollars. Title perfect.

No taxes for seven years. Finest country for a **FRUIT, GRAIN, HOGS, SHEEP or CATTLE.**

Climate and water unequalled. No swamp or malaria. Land is located in mineral district. Special railroad rates. Send postage for handsome book-of-particulars, map and information. **AMERICAN LAND COMPANY,** 59 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. Please mention this paper.

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Trespass Notice
All parties are hereby notified not to trespass on the lands or dam of the undersigned by hunting, fishing or in any other manner. The law will certainly be enforced against such.
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Samuel Gillenwaters
J. C. Bailey,
H. F. Peery,
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Pounding Mill.
School opened at this place on Tuesday. Mrs. C. P. Williams and Miss Nannie Gillespie, of Wittens Mills, are the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard White entertained a number of friends Tuesday night in honor of their son Joe's twenty-first birthday. Joe received a number of nice presents. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and her niece, Miss Nellie Witt, from Paint Lick, who spent over a week with her, spent Saturday at Cedar Bluff at the home of Mrs. Steele's mother, Mrs. J. Marion McGuire.

Mrs. A. H. Griffith and daughter returned last week from a three weeks visit to Bluefield. Her father, H. F. Hunt is still quite ill, as is also her brother, Keller.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cecil, who has spent several weeks here at the home of her son, J. B. Hurt left this week to visit other children down the line.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gillespie are at her father's at Raven—she is visiting and he is on business.

Mr. Will Cordal, who died at Cedar Bluff last night, will be buried near here in the morning. His child about 1 year old was buried here last March.

Mrs. Livie Johnson and children joined her husband on Tom's Creek last Saturday and will reside there awhile.

Mrs. J. Marion McGuire and her son Jim were up from Cedar Bluff Saturday afternoon. Jim and his brother Ferd entered Tazewell College last week.
Sept. 12.

Consolidated Coal, Iron and Land Company.

DIVIDEND OF CAPITAL.
Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the Consolidated Coal, Iron and Land Company in General Meeting of the Company, ordered a dividend of Capital of 10 per cent upon the preferred stock payable on the 1st day of November, 1900 at the office of the Company in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., to the preferred shareholders of record on the 15th day of October, 1900, on the production of the certificates of stock in order that there shall be stamped thereon the amount of said dividend and of the amount of the reduced capital thereby.

CHARLES S. THORNE, Secretary.
July 17th, 1900.

Virginia Development Company.

DIVIDEND OF CAPITAL.
Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the Virginia Development Company in General Meeting of the Company ordered a dividend of Capital of 10 per cent upon the Preferred stock payable on the 29th day of October, 1900, at the office of the Company in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Preferred shareholders of record on the 15th day of October, 1900, on the production of the certificate of stock in order that there shall be stamped thereon the amount of said dividend and of the amount of the reduced capital thereby.

CHARLES S. THORNE, Secretary.
July 17th, 1900.

WANTED—One young man from Tazewell county, Virginia, to prepare for the coming Railway Mail Service Examination. We furnish everything, including books and maps. Address, enclosing stamp, Inter-State Correspondence Institute, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The emergency bags sent by a church society to Kansas soldiers in the Philippines contained among the necessities a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the well known cure for piles, injuries and skin diseases. The ladies took care to obtain the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve knowing that all the counterfeits are worthless. Jno. E. Jackson.

You can spell it cough, cough, cough, kauf, kaff, kough, or kaugh, but the only harmless remedy that quickly cures it is One Minute Cough Cure. Jno. E. Jackson.

DEATH AND RUIN IN GALVESTON

Loss Far Greater Than First Estimated,

CITY IN GREAT DISTRESS

A Mass of Ruined Buildings in Which Are Hundreds of Corpses—Survivors are Threatened with Starvation and Death.

The wreck of Galveston was brought about by a tempest so terrible that no words can adequately describe its intensity, and by a flood which turned the city into a raging sea. The Weather Bureau records show that the wind attained a velocity of eighty-four miles an hour, when the measuring instrument blew away, so it is impossible to tell what was the maximum.

The storm began at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Previous to that a great storm had been raging in the gulf and the tide was high. The wind at first was from the north and in direct opposition to the forces from the gulf. While the storm in the gulf piled the water upon the beach side of the city, the north wind piled the water from the bay on to the bay part of the town.

By 3 o'clock the waters of the gulf and bay met, and by dark the entire city was submerged. The flooding of the electric light plant and the gas plant left the city in darkness.

To go upon the streets was to court death. The wind then was at cyclonic velocity, roofs, chimneys, portions of buildings, telegraph poles and walls were falling and the noise of the wind and the crashing of buildings were terrifying in the extreme.

The wind and water rose steadily from dark until 1:45 Sunday morning. During all this time the people of Galveston were like rats in a trap. The highest portion of the city was four or five feet under water, while in the great majority of cases the streets were submerged to a depth of ten feet. To leave a house was to drown and to remain in it was to court death in the wreckage.

Dallas, Texas, September 10.—Charles S. Deihl, General Manager, The Associated Press, Chicago:

From the latest reports which are considered reliable, the disaster at Galveston and along the coast has not been exaggerated. The waters of the gulf and bay met, covering the island to a depth of six to twelve feet. During this sudden flood a most terrible storm was raging, the wind blowing about eighty miles an hour.

Many of the dead have been uncovered; others are still under the debris; others carried out to sea. It is not possible at this time to give a reliable report as to the deaths. From estimates made by reliable persons, who have just returned from Galveston, it is said that not less than 1,500, and possibly as many as 5,000 people were destroyed. Of course the wounded are numerous.

The damage to property is most shocking, some of the best public buildings and private establishments were wrecked. Thousands of homes were swept entirely away.

It is quite safe to set this down as one of the greatest disasters that has ever visited the United States. The loss of property is irreparable; the loss of life is appalling.

It will take a week to tabulate the dead and the missing, and to get anything near an approximate idea of the monetary loss. It is safe to assume that one half of the property of the city is wiped out—that one half of the residents have to face absolute poverty.

ESTIMATE OF 5,000.
Houston, Texas, September 11.—The latest estimate from a Post correspondent just back from Galveston places the number of dead at 5,000. Houston, Texas, September 11.—The Post correspondent was instructed to forward the following address to the people of the United States: Galveston, Texas, September 11.—It is my opinion, based on personal information, that five thousand people have lost their lives here. Approximately one third of the resident portion of the city has

been swept away. There are several thousand people here who are homeless and destitute. How many, there is noway of finding out. Arrangements are now being made to have the women and children sent to Houston and other places, but the means of transportation are limited. Thousands are yet to be cared for here. We appeal to you for immediate aid.
WALTER C. JONES.
Mr. Jones is mayor of Galveston.

FEMALE TROUPE IN WRECK

Eight Women and One Man Are Killed and Six Injured.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 12.—A special train of the Duncau Clarke female minstrel troupe was wrecked at Mounds this afternoon, and of the sixteen occupants nine are now dead and six others are seriously injured, some of them perhaps fatally.

The injured are all in the hospital here. Duncau Clarke, the manager, will probably recover. Patrick Patterson, the only man who was killed, was the cook. He was hurled from the car and struck the switch stand.

A special train was hurried from this city to the scene with Dr. W. W. Oranstead, the company's physician, and a corps of nurses on board. They did what they could to relieve the suffering company. The dead were taken in charge by the coroner of Pulaski.

RHEA IN GILES.

Ladies in the Audience—Republican Speaking Also.

Pearisburg, Va., Sept. 11.—Judge Wm. F. Rhea addressed a large and enthusiastic crowd on the court-green here to-day. The court-house was occupied by the Republicans, who were addressed by Hon. Lee Moore, of Christiansburg, and Colonel J. Hampton Hoge.

Judge Rhea made a most convincing argument against the policies of the Republican party, and made a fine impression upon the people. Giles county will give a good majority on November 6th. About fifty ladies came out to hear the Congressman, and manifested much interest. It was singular, but there was not a lady present at the Republican speaking. Their places were taken by the negroes.

Judge Samuel W. Williams and Colonel J. M. French were called on and made splendid old-fashioned Democratic speeches.

The Fever Subsiding.

We have to announce that the "remittent" fever, which has been raging among our readers, has almost entirely subsided. The absence of any report in our columns for some time is due to this fact. Since our last report only a very few patients have applied for treatment. Among them was A. J. Larimer, H. M. Kinser, Jno. F. Litz, Thos. A. Witten and few others whose names we do not recall. A number of patients living out of the State have plied, and ever case our remedy has proved successful. Let no one hesitate for fear of failure on our part. We never fail to cure the worst cases. One patient treated recently had been suffering for three years, and one dose of our Lightning Cure did the work. We have heard of several violent deaths of sufferers who failed to call on us. We warn the sick that delay is exceedingly dangerous, and may prove fatal at any time. The symptoms of the disease are unmistakable. The patient has, usually a coated tongue, bad taste in the mouth, and a pain or duty uneasy feeling about his conscience—if he has any conscience—a sort of a hang-dog look about his eyes, general despondency, and in some cases loss of appetite. Such conditions have been known to result in suicide. All these symptoms are exaggerated when the patient gets his paper from the office and when he happens to see the editor on the street he invariably has a desire to shun him and pass down the other side. If you have any of these symptoms we warn you that the fever is on you, and unless you get relief there may be serious consequence, and you ought to consult us at once, and get a dose of our All Healing Lightning Cure, price \$1.00 per dose, guaranteed to keep the patient well for a year.

STRIKE IS ORDERED

142,000 Miners in Pennsylvania to Quit Work.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 12.—At 5:15 o'clock this afternoon President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers of America, affixed their signatures to the document which will call 142,000 miners of the Pennsylvania anthracite region from their work Monday morning, and precipitate one of the most gigantic strikes in the history of the labor world.

The document was the official endorsement of the request of the anthracite districts to strike. It was considered by the national executive board of the Mine Workers last week, and when the board adjourned all power to endorse the request for the strike was left in the hands of the national president and secretary. This afternoon President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson sat in the headquarters receiving telegrams from different parts of the anthracite region, and hoping they said that each message might be some concession from the operators that would prevent the strike, but none came.

The three district presidents reported this afternoon that of the 142,000 men in the three districts, 134,500 would go on a strike Monday. President Mitchell would not state what secret instructions were at work to prevent the strike and which caused the delay. He said the person at work had offered his services voluntarily and the matter was confidential.

Minister Leads Lynching Posse.

Allon, Ills., Sept. 8.—Two blood-hounds and a posse of fifty men under the Rev. Owene Rose, a minister of the Gospel, of Sabula, Iowa, are scouring the country in the neighborhood of Godfrey, Ills. Just north of this city, in search of two negroes for the purpose of lynching them.

Mr. Rose has requested the authorities not to interfere, in case the men are taken as he intends to string them up by their legs, with heads dangling downward, and shoot them to death.

Up to a late hour nothing had been heard from the pursuers, and it is believed the negroes are still at large. William Riggs, a brother-in-law of Rev. Mr. Rose, while cutting corn yesterday was approached by two negroes who knocked him down, beat him and then amused themselves cutting fancy figures in his flesh.

MISSIONARIES MURDERED.

Ten American; Two Danes; One Briton—Also Three Children.

Shanghai, Sept. 7.—Ten American missionaries and three American children, two Danish missionaries, and one British missionary, stationed in Shan Si Province, were murdered late in July, according to accurate reports received today. They were stationed at Fen-Chiw-Fu Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Price, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Atwater, all of the American Board; one child of Mr. and Mrs. Price's and Mr. Mrs. Atwater's two children; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lundgren Danes, and Miss Eldredge, British. Stationed at Taku—Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Clapp, Rev. G. L. Williams, Rev. F. W. Davis, Miss Rowena Bird, and Miss Mary L. Partridge, all of the American Board.

The Fen-Chow-Fu party left the station under a Chinese escort for the coast, and were murdered en route. The Toiku party were killed at the station.

Another Wreck on The Clinch Valley.

Following close upon the heels of the disastrous wreck near Maxwell ten days ago comes another serious one on the C. V. Division, in which two men lost their lives. Capt. Reese Bowen's train, going west ran into a work train at St. Clair, just this side of Graham. Conductor G. E. Croy, of the work train and a boy who carried water for the men, were instantly killed, and Engineer Dennis and Bob Gillespie, one of the hands, were seriously injured. The cause of the wreck seems to have been the failure of the flagman to flag the west freight train. No one on this train was hurt.

The injured and dead men were taken to Bluefield. The passenger train due here at 5 o'clock p. m. transferred passengers at that point. From later accounts it appears that the work train was doing some work at point of the accident, and was backing at the time, the west bound freight crashing into the Caboose.

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RHEA AT WYTHEVILLE.

He Makes a Powerful Speech to an Enthusiastic Crowd.

Wytheville, Va., Sept. 10.—To-day being County and Circuit court day the political campaign was formally opened. Judge W. F. Rhea, Congressman from this district, spoke for the Democrats. He occupied the courthouse, and it was packed with attentive and enthusiastic listeners throughout his speech, which lasted for an hour and twenty minutes and was an eloquent and powerful arraignment of the Republican party and its policy.

The Republicans had the Opera House, where General Thomas L. Ross, Mr. J. L. Gleaves and Mr. Stuart F. Lindsey held forth to a scattered and seemingly listless crowd. Ex-Congressman Yost, of the Tenth District, whom they had advertised to speak, was prevented by sickness from being present.

The references of Judge Rhea to the wholesale charges of fraud preferred against the people of this county in the contest for his seat, and refuted as groundless by the Committee on Elections, evoked great feeling.

Kruger at Lorenzo Marquez

Lorenzo Marquez, September 12.—President Kruger arrived here last night.

President Kruger and several Transvaal officials are staying at the house of Mr. G. Cott, the consul of the Netherlands here. It is reported that they will sail for Europe September 24, on the German Steamer Hrozog.

Washington, September 12.—The following dispatch has been received by the War Department from the United States army officer who accompanied the Boers in their campaigns, as military observer: "Lorenzo Marquez.—Events have required the departure of attaches from the Transvaal. Request instructions." "REICHMANN."

This message is interpreted at the Department to mean the complete collapse of the Boer resistance to England. Captain Reichmann has been cabled permission to start at once to the United States.

The Best Advertising

When a business man admits by a painted sign or a display window that he wants business, he can give one of but three reasons if he fails to advertise in the newspapers, viz: That the amount of business in his line in the community is too small to warrant the expense; that he lacks the money required for the best form of advertising; or that his judgment is bad and is not influenced by obvious facts. The most successful business men are the most persistent newspaper advertisers. —Philadelphia Record.

Seize the Imperial University Fund

Peking, Sept. 10.—The allies marched toward Pao-Ting-Yu on Saturday, September 8th. Prince Ching has had interview with Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese maritime customs, but the result is kept a secret. Important developments from the meeting are, however, expected. The Russians have confiscated the Imperial University fund of five million taels, which the Chinese are using to pay off the troops, as a part of the indemnity which Russia will exact from China.

The Vote of Maine.

The election in Maine is over and is another straw for the political prophets. Strangely enough the leaders of both parties seem to extract comfort from the result. The Republicans are gratified that they have carried the State by a majority of 32,000. Nobody expected anything but a Republican victory in Maine. It is a certain to go Republican as G. origin is to go Democratic. So it is not very plain why the Republican leaders should be especially pleased. The Democrats take comfort in the fact that the Republican vote fell off eleven per cent, and the Democratic vote was increased twenty-two per cent. Now if this result is a straw showing the trend of popular opinion in the Union, it is very encouraging to the friends of Mr. Bryan; for a like change in any of the doubtful States would give his electoral vote to the Democratic ticket and if the same state of things should prevail in all the doubtful States, Bryan would be elected by a handsome majority. The Republicans are welcome to all the comfort they can extract from their victories in Maine and Vermont. No Democrat is fastidious enough to expect New England to break away from the Republican ranks. That is about as probable as that the solid South should cast its electoral vote for McKinley and Roosevelt. —Lynchburg News.

Preaching Next Sunday.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. H. Wye will preach in the Stra Memorial church next Sunday morning and night.

PROBABLE MURDER

Sheriff White, of Mercer County, Shot Twice.

James A. White, Sheriff of this (Mercer) county, was shot at Oakvale about 1 o'clock this morning, and the information at hand indicates his injuries will prove fatal.

The most plausible story in regard to the lamentable occurrence is to the effect that a son of Mr. White had become involved in a difficulty with two young men named John Reed (probably better known as John Alley) and Cass Coles. After blows had been exchanged young White went home and securing a pistol declared his intention of shooting his late assailants. He then left the house and his father and an older brother followed him, with the intention, it is presumed, of preventing him from using the pistol. When they were nearing the scene of the recent fight Reed, or Allen, it is alleged, opened fire, discharging five shots, two of which took effect in the sheriff's body one entering just under the heart and the other penetrating the lower bowels.

It is said that Allan fired the shots at White after having called to the latter not to follow him around the depot, where he had gone when he saw young White approaching, followed by his father, Sheriff White. After the shooting Sheriff White grabbed Allen and struck him several times. He then placed him under arrest, but the severity of his wounds compelled him to turn his prisoner over to some of the bystanders, from whom he escaped, and up to last night no trace of him had been found. It is supposed that he went back to Elkhorn where he lives. He is a desperate character, and will probably never be taken alive. He came to Oakvale with the avowed intention on the day of the tragedy of "painting the town red."

Sheriff White was still alive on noon yesterday. —Roanoke Times.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Jno. E. Jackson's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

NEW YORK'S DEMOCRACY

Stanchfield Nominated For Governor—The Balance of the Ticket. Saratoga, N. Y. Sept. 12.—For governor, John B. Stanchfield, of Chemung; lieutenant governor, Wm. F. Mackey, of Erie; secretary of state, John T. Norton, of Rensselaer; for comptroller, Edwin S. Atwater, of Dutchess; for treasurer, John B. Judson, of Fulton; attorney general, T. F. Conway, of Clinton; for surveyor and engineer, Russell R. Stuart, of Onondaga.

This was the ticket named by the Democratic State convention today. Its head was not selected without the indulgence of acrimonious personalities and a sarcastic exchange of compliments among the leaders. But when the will of the convention had finally registered, ex-Senator David B. Hill was the first to propose the unanimous nomination of "a friend of lifelong standing, John B. Stanchfield." This attitude proved so spontaneously infectious that representatives of almost every county which had opposed Mr. Stanchfield were immediately upon their feet, and one by one were recognized by Chairman Rains to second the nomination. The ballot for governor resulted: Stanchfield 249, Coler 154, Mackey 1.