

AUTUMN IN BEDFORD.

A GLIMPSE OF THE BEAUTIES OF THAT MOUNTAIN SECTION. SOME VERY FINE APPLES. Note Are Abundant and the Crop "Top Excellent" - Improving the Elks' Home - The Asbestos Mines - Social and Personal News of Interest.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., October 11.—(Special)—If more ideally beautiful October weather can be found than is now prevailing in Bedford, it would be difficult to even imagine it. The mountains are deeply, darkly, beautifully blue; the forests are arrayed in all the varied gorgeous tints of crimson, gold, russet, and green; the chestnuts are bursting from their burrs and dropping to the earth, to be gathered by the nut-pickers and provident squirrels, while, above all, di- vidual azure skies are blending, and the sunshine tempers the crisp air to a de- lightful mildness.

AUTUMNAL FRUITS. Although the fruit crop this season was by no means an average one, many of the farmers are bringing in to market wagon-loads of splendid apples, ripe and luscious, and also the Paradise sweets, the low-lander, and other good varieties, ready for eating. Mr. Cabell Horsely, who owns a small orchard on the side of the sharp top of Peaks of Otter, near the Big Spring, has had 20 barrels of Albemarle pippins already packed.

CHESTNUTS ARE VERY ABUNDANT, as are other native nuts, betokening, it is said, a hard winter. These nuts, in such large quantities, that the quality of tobacco this season will be greatly superior to that of last year, and it is thought the weed will equal or exceed last year's output in quantity, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions which have prevailed.

RESTORATION IS COMPLETED, and the house is ready for occupancy. The work was done by the contractor, Mr. J. H. Taylor, who has been engaged by the American Asbestos Company (the mine of which is located in Bedford), which was held in charge by Mr. J. H. Taylor, who is a prominent attorney of Bedford. The work was done by the contractor, Mr. J. H. Taylor, who has been engaged by the American Asbestos Company (the mine of which is located in Bedford), which was held in charge by Mr. J. H. Taylor, who is a prominent attorney of Bedford.

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Ayer's Hair Vigor. Keep your own hair. Get more. Have a clean scalp. Restore the color to your gray hair. It's easy. Probably you know this already. Then tell some friends about it.

"I DO NOT KNOW I HAVE NERVES," Says Mrs. Bertsel, of Brooklyn.

Pe-ru-na Refreshes, Invigorates, Recuperates, Like a Charm, So the Fair Sex Speak of the Action of Pe-ru-na. Catarrhal Diseases the Bane of American Women. "Health and Beauty," Dr. Hartman's Latest Free Book.



MISS LOUISE BERTSEL writes: "I have been suffering from a catarrhal disease of the bladder for over a year, my complexion was ruined and I was nervous and losing flesh every day. The doctors advised that I go to a sanitarium, but a number of people advised me to try Peruna before going to that expense, and I did so. I found that the first bottle regulated my bowels, cleared my complexion, and by the time I had taken six bottles my stomach and diges- tion were in perfect working order, and I had gained so much weight, and my complexion was so much improved, that I feel like a new woman. I do all my own work and a lot of other work besides. I will give Peruna all the credit." - Mrs. Mary A. Engelhardt.

PERUNA CANNOT BE IMITATED. There is no use trying to imitate Peruna. It has been tried many times by men skilled in pharmacy, and the im- itation of Peruna do not fool any one who has ever taken Peruna or who has ever dis- tressed the good results of Peruna. Peruna acts so promptly, its effects are so lasting, and it is so sure to reach the seat of the trouble located in the body that no imitations of Peruna can succeed.

IF YOU DO NOT DERIVE prompt and sat- isfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable ad- vice gratis. Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus O.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bank Clearings of Richmond. The bank clearings of Richmond from January 1, 1902, to October 1, 1902, show a total of \$188,875,209.49. What will be the total December 31, 1902? The clearings for August were \$15,331,129.63, and for September, \$16,365,708.98. If you come nearest to the total for the year 1902 before October 15th, \$50 will be added to the first prize. Read the big advertisement and act to-day.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. HORSE SHOW AT LYNCHBURG. October 22d to 24th, Special Rates via C. & O. Route. For the Horse Show at Lynchburg, Va., the Chesapeake and Ohio railway will sell round trip tickets to Lynchburg at one fare plus 50 cents (one admission fee.) From Richmond, \$4.25. These tickets will be sold October 21st to 24th inclusive limited for return to October 27th.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. MRS. JACOB CASSELL DEAD. End Came Suddenly in Bristol—News from the Border. BRISTOL, VA., October 11.—(Special.) Mrs. Jacob Cassell died suddenly at her home in Northey, Bristol, early this morning. It is said that the delay in finding a physician was the re- sponsible cause. Her remains were taken to Gate City, Va., for burial. Her child, Robert Rhea Parhart, 12-year-old, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parhart, re- sided at Bristol, died rather sud- denly on Thursday afternoon. The boy was taken to the hospital, but his remains were interred at Bristol.

TALK ON PURE FOOD.

MR. KOINER TO ADDRESS RETAIL GROCERS' CONVENTION. Body Will Meet Wednesday Morn- ing in the Hall of the Chamber of Commerce—Speakers and Subjects for the Two Days.

A convention of the State Retail Gro- cers' Association will be held in this city in the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday and Thursday, this week. There are twenty-five retail grocers' As- sociations in this State, and these have recently been organized by E. H. Stevens, national organizer, and George Williams, deputy organizer.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT and inter- esting feature of the meeting will be an address by Hon. George W. Koiner, Commissioner of Agriculture, on "Pure and Adulterated Food." The Retail Grocers' Association, as stated above, will be in session two days. The following programme has been arranged: FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER—Rev. D. A. Solly. Opening Address—National Organizer E. A. Stevens. Welcome to Delegates—President Tiller, Richmond Retail Dealers' Protective Association. The Capitol City's Greetings—His Honor, Mayor R. M. Taylor.

RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—W. F. Wilkins, president Danville Association. Response to Mayor's Address—E. W. Shortridge, president Newport News Association. Election of temporary president and secretary. Temporary president appoints commit- tees on Credentials, Rules and Order, Con- stitution and By-Laws, and Resolutions.

ADDRESS—The Retail Grocer from the Salesman's Point of View, W. F. Wilkins, of the Moneyweight Scale Company. Address—"Pure and Adulterated Foods," Hon. George W. Koiner, Commissioner of Agriculture. Appointment of Committee on Nominations. Appointment of Committee on Ways and Means.

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CATARRH OF THE STOMACH. A Pleasant, Simple, But Safe, and Effective Cure for It. Catarrh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The usual symptoms are a full or bloating sensation after eating, accompanied sometimes with sour or watery risings, a formation of gases, causing pressure on the heart and lungs and difficult breath- ing, headaches, sickle appetite, indiges- tion, and a general played-out, languid feeling.

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GOLD SEAL CHAMPAGNE.

"SPECIAL DRY." "BRUT." "GOLD SEAL" is made by the French process from the choicest grapes grown in our own vineyards, excels any other American wine and equals any imported. "GOLD SEAL" may be placed on the table of the most fastidious connoisseur without fear of criticism or comparison with any imported champagne.

MR. STERLING B. LACY left to-day for El Paso, Tex., where he will reside in the future. Mr. Charles T. Phillips has accepted a position in Charleston, W. Va., and left to-day to assume his new duties. The Business-Men's Association last night appointed a committee to represent the association at the hearing in the election of temporary president and secretary.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT appoints commit- tees on Credentials, Rules and Order, Con- stitution and By-Laws, and Resolutions. Addresses by A. H. Gregory, secretary Washington Retail Grocers' Association, A. L. Moody, Jr., Petersburg; L. W. Lane, Jr., Williamsburg; J. R. Hodges, Danville; W. Parker, Clifton Forge; J. W. Cochran, Charlottesville; R. L. McKinney, Covington; W. W. Richardson, Hampton; E. C. Turner, Emporia.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS in Virginia. INTRODUCTIONS. AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK. Convention called to order by presi- dent. Report of Committee on Credentials. Report of Committee on Rules and Order.

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CHICAGO, ILL., October 11.—(Special.) Fred Thorpe, who has lived for a year and a half with a broken neck, was awarded \$25,000 damages against the Union Traction Company, to-day, by a jury. Thorpe is a carpenter employed by the Union Traction Company. He is now obliged to wear a frame work, which supports his head, and is known to physicians as a jury mast.

BOER GENERAL DEFEND KRUGER. DENY REPORTS THAT EX-PRESIDENT CARRIED OFF GOVERNMENT FUNDS. UTRECHT, HOLLAND, October 11.—At a meeting in honor of the Boer general, held here last night, General Botha de- finitely denied the reports which have been charged that he had carried off the treas- ury of the State funds, and declared that, on the contrary, the ex-President had contrib- uted to the Boer cause money from his own pocket.

LEXINGTON PERSONALS. LEXINGTON, VA., October 11.—(Special.)—Attorney-General William A. Anderson visited Lexington during the past week in order to register under the new law. During his visit he had many pleasant conversations with his townsmen. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts, of Wash- ington city are the guests of Captain and Mrs. Montgomery B. Corse.