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Gallant nation, faded by numbers, Say not that your hopes are dead; Keep that glorious flag that slumbers, One day to average your lead.

ORIGINAL STORY.

[Written for the Old Commonwealth.] THE MOUNTAINEER; A STORY OF THE LATE WAR.

BY SINGLESTICKS.

"What shall I sing?" asked Miss Holmsford. "Let mother select the song," said Mr. Shelton.

"There is a song that Robert always loved," said Mrs. Shelton. "He loved it, and sung it often, and so we mourn for him, for his sake, I would like to hear it to-night."

"Mrs. Dana's beautiful sacred song, 'Pass Under the Rod.' For his sake, I saved the music from all the rest when we were driven from our home, not thinking how soon we would need to learn the lesson it teaches, and draw consolation from its words. I would love to hear it now. Clara, you will find the music in my trunk."

Clara went out, and in a few minutes returned with the music. Miss Holmsford took her seat at the piano, and commenced singing. I saw the young bride, in her beauty and pride, Brooded, in her snowy array;

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"But," said Warner, "when I seen I was wrong, did I give it up immediately, and acknowledge you was right? Hav'n't I furnished the Union troops everything I had to spare?"

"Yes, and darn you, you took all the money they had to spare. Its no use talkin', we want some bacon—you've got bacon—and we're going to have bacon. So, shell it out."

"You will either pay me the money for it, or give me an order on the commandant at New Creek?"

"Well, you see, we ain't goin' to pay you the money for it, and I am afraid our orders on New Creek ain't good. So, it ain't worth while to waste paper writin' them."

"But, gentlemen—"

"Aint got any time to talk. Shell out yer bacon, or we'll hunt for it. There's twelve of us, and each one of us can carry a piece."

"But, gentlemen—"

"Dry up, and give us the bacon," said one of the men on the grass, "or we'll go in the house, and we might find something else there that is worth carrying off!"

This threat had the effect of starting Warner and his boys. In a short time the twelve pieces of bacon were laying before the Swamps, and they loaded themselves. As they were starting, Coffman turned around and said,

"Good-bye, Mr. Warner. When we know that you've got any more bacon to sell, we'll call on you."

And Warner was left alone, and he soliloquized: "That didn't pay. When them fellows are about a fellow might as well be a secessionist as a Union man. Can't stand that. One hundred and fifty pounds of good bacon as was just smoked, gone. Maybe there's some justice at New Creek, and I might get something for my bacon. But them fellows! they ought to be hung, every one of them—hung as high as Haman. Oh! if I just had my way, wouldn't I—"

His attention was attracted by another squad of men coming down the road, in an opposite direction from that taken by the Swamps. In a few minutes they came up, and proved to be a squad of dismounted Confederates on search of horses. They were all strangers to Warner, but they seemed to know him.

"How are you Mr. Warner?" said one of them, extending his hand to that gentleman.

"How are you, gentlemen? What's the news? To see the old Southern flag still waving over victorious troops? Give us all the news you have."

"Well, we have not got any news, only that that soldiers always have to tell," said one of the men.

"And what is that?" asked Warner.

"We are hungry."

"Yes, yes, that is what all soldiers say.—A party just left here saying the same thing."

"Who were they?" asked all the soldiers.

"A party of Swamps."

"Oh, you are trying to scare us off now.—But we are not afraid of that kind of cattle."

"I tell you, gentlemen, it is dangerous about here now."

"No doubt of that Mr. Warner. Its dangerous anywhere in these mountains. But I think it will be safe long enough to eat a bite."

"Indeed, gentlemen, I have nothing in my house to eat. I assure you I have not."

"Look here, boys," said the leader, "I believe this fellow is Union. Go to his stable and get a couple of horses out."

"Oh, no," said Warner, frightened. "I will give you something to eat; and I assure you, I am a strong secessionist. I was the first one in this neighborhood. Mary, turning to his wife, who had head out of the window, got something to eat for these gentlemen, immediately. Walk in the house, gentlemen."

"No, we thank you. We'll stay out here and watch them Swamps that were here before us, and the whole party laughed at the joke."

It took but a short time to prepare a meal for the soldiers, and but a short time for them to eat it. After eating, the leader turned to his men and said,

"Well, boys, as we have had something to eat, we will push on after them Swamps.—And that we might get along faster, go to the stable and get out two of the youngest horses."

"No, no, sir, you don't mean that. I am a good secessionist."

"See here Mr. Warner, we all know you. You are neither fish, flesh nor fowl; but belong to the party that is with you, whether rebel or Union. We want horses, and you may as well contribute some as any one else."

By this time the horses were out, and two men mounted. With a pleasant good-bye and a cheer for the best secessionist in the country, the party moved away.

"The skies are dark, and getting darker," said Warner, as he saw two horses going.—I am a persecuted man. At the beginning, I made money off of them; but now neither side has any respect for me. Oh, how the army demoralizes me. If I only knew where these rebels belonged, I would acquaint their commander of their conduct. But its no use trying to find out. Oh! we people on the border have a hard time of it, especially me!"

"Yes, Charley, just as soon as you and Clara can arrange matters, mother and myself are willing that you should take that place in the family to which we have all looked forward so long. We have lost our youngest, and we are anxious that you should take his place," said Mr. Shelton to Gartheld, who had just

been asking his consent to an early union with Clara.

"Thank you, sir. I will go and see Clara," and he passed out of the room where he had been sitting into another, where he found Clara. An arrangement was quickly entered into, and the lovers were happy.

"Charge them!" The voice rang out clear, and in a few minutes the Swamps were driven out of the Petersburg Valley. Two of them lay dead, and another was a prisoner in the hands of the Confederates. His captors were talking to him as they were taking him thro' the Gap. There was heard the crack of a rifle. The guard looked at the top of the bluff, and saw a man turning away. They looked at their feet, and Coffman was there—dead. As the figure on the bluff turned away he said,

"Coffman will never answer to roll call again. He's resigned his commission!"

It was the Mountaineer.

"To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight my troth."

And Clara Shelton and Charles Gartheld were made one.

[THE END.]

Love on the Brain.

The following lively description of the peculiar sensations attending this malady, which we copy from an exchange, will enable all persons to judge of its approach, and to remedy the evil:

Ordinarily, the patient while laboring under this disease, is unfit for business. There is a sort of a will-o-the-wisp figure dancing before his distorted vision, coming between him and his labor, unfitting him for a sober computation of units and tens, and making a Balaam of him generally. He suffers a loss of appetite, to the intense gratification of his landlady. He looks upon bacon and greens with utter contempt, and wants something more ethereal. He thinks about the honey-dew of Hybla, and wishes some of the drug stores in town had a supply. He studies Byron and Moore, and quotes from each with remarkable facility. Lalla Rookh becomes a favorite, especially a certain portion of the fire-worshippers.

The disease is confined to no particular age or station. We had an attack of it when about fifteen. It was so severe that mother wanted to give us paregoric. We told her the pain was not so low down. We recovered in course of time. Once it broke out full in the shape of a certain question to a certain lady. She answered in a monosyllable of two letters. It brought us to our senses. It swept the mist from our eyes like a fog before a hurricane. We hadn't expected anything of the kind, and was sure it had thundered.

We looked for the cloud and saw a large white fowl sailing on a pond. Thought we were much the same kind of a bird with our wings clipped. A few days after we told our chaum that we didn't see anything in the flourishing Dorothy Diddle to admire. And we didn't. The disease develops most singularly in those who are advanced in years.—Any one who has seen an old man in love has seen Nature's harlequin.

The old dame gets up nothing more ludicrous or more inconceivable. Every one feels like laughing at the poor old fellow's infirmity. We once saw an old man who was suffering from an attack of it. He was well advanced in life to have half a dozen grandchildren. We knew him. He was the playmate of our illustrious grand-sire, who was not a quartermaster in the revolutionary war. If he had been, we would be better off than we are now. We had noticed for some time a singularity in his conduct. We saw him several times with roses stuck in his buttonhole. We caught him once reading Burns Highland Mary. We were out with him once looking at his stock, and we asked him which was his favorite heifer. He said "widow Wilkins." The cat was out; we knew what was the matter. But when, several months after, we saw him washing the dishes while the widow, that was, nursed the baby, we thought he was cured permanently.

A Merry Set.

The style of occupation and amusement at the baths of Leuk, in Switzerland, is thus described:

At 5 o'clock each morning, a bell is rung for the bathers to repair to the baths, and then comes one of the most whimsical scenes that can be imagined. The baths are great covered reservoirs, capable of holding from twenty to fifty persons, and into these the patients plunge up to their necks in seething water, where they remain no less than four hours at a time, and many of them twice a day. Men and women enter the same tanks, swimming about at will, or fixing themselves behind little floating tables, on which they repose themselves and read, or play games of dominoes and chess. It is necessary to relieve the tedium of so long an ablution, to do something for amusement's sake, and the songs, the speeches, the repartees, the choruses, the row of laughter, the shouts of applause that follow each other, are endless.—All the resources of French vivacity are brought into play to pass the time; and the effect of a half hundred heads, which is all you can see of persons thus variously engaged, is to the last degree dull.

Some one truly says that we must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light.

What is higher and handsomer when the head is off? A pillow.

Unfortunate—Very.

A young medical student from Michigan, who had attended lectures in New York for some time, and who considered himself exceedingly good looking and fascinating, made a deadly onset on the heart and fortune of a blooming young lady in the same family with her. After a prolonged siege the lady surrendered. They were married on Wednesday, in the morning. The same afternoon the young wife sent for and exhibited to the astonished students a beautiful little daughter aged three years and a half.

"Good heavens! then you were a widow?" exclaimed the student.

"Yes, my dear, and this is Amelia, my youngest; to-morrow, Augustus, James and Reuben will arrive from the country, and then I shall have my children together once more."

The unhappy student replied not a word; his feelings were too deep for utterance.—"The other little darlings" arrived. Reuben was six years, James nine, and Augustus a saucy boy of twelve. They were delighted to hear that they had a new papa because they could now live at home, and have all the playthings they wanted. The "new papa" as soon as he could speak, remarked that Augustus and James did not much resemble Reuben and Amelia.

"Well, no," said the happy mother, "my first husband was quite a different sort of man from the second—complexion, temperament, the color of hair and eyes—all different."

This was too much. He had not only married a widow but was her third husband, and the astonished step-father of four children.

But the fortune, thought he; that will make amends. He spoke of her fortune.

"These are my treasures," said she in the Roman matron style, pointing to her children.

The conceit was quite out of the Michigan, who finding that he had made a complete goose out of himself, retired to a farm in his own native State, where he could have a chance of making his boys useful and make them sweat for



Wednesday, November 29, '86. RAN. D. CUSHING, GIDEON SHREY, EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

The Coming Crash.

For some months past it has been manifest that the great accumulation of currency in the commercial centers had led to wild speculations in gold and stock, and led also to over importations of foreign goods, and an excessive production of domestic goods. The banks went heedlessly into the speculative movement, and furnished the means for the great stock operations of the day. Railroad and other stocks were destined, as it was believed, to go up to the rates of July, 1864, when gold was at \$280. But some reflecting and sagacious men, who had seen this elephant before, warned the public of a coming crash. We thought it would come a sudden, like the fall of the tower of Siloam, upon all parties concerned. It appears that the outside public, who had been again seduced by the prospect of gain into Wall street operations, are those who are crushed by the fall. The brokers who had anything to lose no doubt had protected themselves. They would also be very large losers, as they ought to be. They have added this stock speculation by large advances on stocks which have fallen, or will fall, by a margin provided for.

As to the foreign and domestic goods market, we have heretofore mentioned the cause for a great decline of price and a serious loss upon them. The dry goods market in England is overstocked, and the factories are working on short time. They have sent over to this country for forced sale an immense supply of goods.

These goods are sold on foreign accounts. Dry goods lately imported have been sold at a considerable loss on their first cost. This has, of course, brought down the price of domestic goods, and particularly of woollens.

We have heard of one firm in New York—a large commission house—that lately sold goods which actually cost \$3,000,000 in gold for the same in currency—a loss of nearly fifty per cent.

Government and State bonds have declined, but will no doubt soon rally.

Farmers' Convention.

The Farmers' Convention which met on Tuesday and adjourned on Thursday night was, in practical aspects, a success. It was a working body, and addressed itself with diligence to those subjects upon which the redemption of the State mainly depends. In the Convention, there was discussion, out of it, consultation. One useful and interesting feature was the narration of the personal experience of leading farmers in reference to details of management, as also of the general principles upon which their operations have been conducted. The chief incident of the last night's session was the speech, or rather clear and admirable statement of Major Sutherland, of Danville, in which he detailed at length, and to the great satisfaction of all, his opinions and his observations. The impression made by his address was such as to elicit a vote of thanks.

Now that the ice is broken, we hope to see the Agricultural Societies of the State resuming all their operations with vigor, and extending the benefits of their organization to the whole farming interest. This next agricultural demonstration will doubtless be on a larger scale, embracing, perhaps, a fair and cattle show.—Whig.

A contemporary says the numerous sales of lands in different portions of Virginia to persons from the North, completely disprove the reiterated assertions of the Radicals, that the Southern people will not suffer Northern people to live among them.

While this is true, there is nothing needed to disprove the assertions of the radicals.—They do show shallow, bare-faced, mean, unprincipled lying that the Prince of Liars—the devil himself—wines and trembles in his boots.

TEACHERS.—In order to secure native teachers for its schools, the Legislature of Georgia has provided that every Georgia soldier, under thirty years of age, "mained in the service, may be educated at the State University at the public expense, for such length of time as he will give his obligation to teach after leaving the University. This plan strikes us so favorably that we are disposed to recommend it to the adoption of our Legislature with reference to all institutions of learning that receive assistance from the State.

The comptroller of Georgia is bothered to know how to collect the taxes from negroes. They refuse to pay, change their names, residences, and flout about over the State to avoid the tax-gatherer, and generally when they are picked up there is no money. So the collectors do not know what to do, as the law provides no remedy.

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Our Schools.

Heretofore the subject of Common School Education has been permitted to occupy a secondary place in the columns of our journals and the minds of our statesmen, who would have stood as guardians at the doors of our school houses, and not have permitted a single teacher who was in the least disqualified for the responsible position of guide and teacher of our children, to have entered, or a single book that contained also than the purest matter, to be placed on the desks of our school-rooms. We know but little of the teachers who are at present engaged in the schools of this country; but before the war about the only qualification required of the majority of the teachers in country schools, was to be able to read, to know the multiplication table and how to write a copy, and to understand the use of the rod. A knowledge of grammar, geography, algebra and rhetoric was considered superfluous, and the teacher possessing a knowledge of these simple branches was considered, too learned for the plain people. We believe the eyes of the people are opening to this matter, and they will require a higher standard of education in the teachers of their children. They are beginning to see that if the par is a defective work must be defective—if the teacher is a blockhead the scholars will not be much better. We have heard of a few instances where incompetent teachers have been employed lately; but we hope, for the sake of the children, that these cases are rare, and these few incompetent ones will be given to understand that there are other positions they are more capable of filling, than teachers of those who are to become the rulers of our land. If a blacksmith, wagon-maker, or tailor offers to do work he knows nothing about, he will lose his customers, because they discover that by employing half-way men they are losing money. Then why should you be more careful of a wagon wheel, or a horse-shoe than of your child's mind? We have known parents to quarrel for weeks with their mechanics because a job was not finished as it should have been, and at the same time permit their children to set day after day under notoriously incompetent teachers without a single protest.

We are pleased to see that some of the teachers of this country have moved in this matter, and are now engaged in perfecting a system that will prove of great advantage to both people and teachers. The Rockingham Teachers' Association is composed of intelligent teachers, and we hope they will be able to fix a high educational standard throughout the county. The people should give a hearty support to these gentlemen, as they are engaged in a matter that is vitally important to every person in the county. Let all the teachers of the county connect themselves with this Association, and take a part in its proceedings. We refer our readers to the list of books recommended by the Association, published in another column, and to the time of the next meeting.

We intended referring in this article to the subject of school books, but we must postpone it, promising to devote an article to it in our next.

Poor People and Poor Money.

In a sermon on the disadvantages of being poor, preached by Henry Ward Beecher, last week, occurred the following:

In all the troubles and mischiefs that arise from false weights and spurious currency it is usually the poor that suffer most. Here is a spurious quarter of a dollar. The merchant, in whose hand it chances to be, thoughtlessly, of course, (for merchants are always honest) it passes it to the trader, and he, seeing that it does not look quite right, but not thinking it worth while to scrutinize it too closely, passes it to the grocer; and he, glancing at it and not liking the looks of it, but not wishing to be over-particular, and saying, "I took it and must get rid of it," passes it to the market-man; and he, saying "It might as well be kept traveling," passes it as he is journeying to the conductor; and he, knowing that it is not good, but dreading to say anything to the man, says to himself, "I will keep it and give it to somebody else," and passes it to the sewing-woman. She is poor, and a person that is poor is always watched; and when she offers it, it is discovered to be spurious, and is refused; and she looks at it, and says, "It is nearly my whole day's wages, but it is counterfeit, and of course I must not pass it, and she burns it up, and so the only honest one among them all. And bills, spurious currency, almost always settle on the poor at last.

An interesting meeting of the Methodist Church has been in progress for some time past at Kewtown, under the supervision of Revs. A. Poe Bunde and Jos. Funkhouser.—At last accounts there were some twenty-five conversions.

The New Castle Gazette very pertinently says to find out "what's up," inquire the price of Eggs, Butter, Meat, Flour, &c. The only things we know of that have fallen lately are the leaves.

The Texas stay law, approved by the Governor, requires payments on all judgments rendered before the 1st of January, 1867, to be made in annual instalments of one-fourth each.

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Important Intelligence.

A special Washington telegram in the Baltimore Sun says:—In order to clear up the doubts and the cause of the arrest of the Mexican General Ortega, and the authority upon which it was made, I am enabled to say that General Sheridan acted upon his own motion in ordering the arrest of Ortega and his party. General Sheridan has communicated the particulars of the arrest, and the reasons that induced his action, and the government approves his course. It appears that Ortega, in the opinion of General Sheridan, was violating our neutrality laws, that he is supported in Mexico by a very small party of British and French merchants, being really the only adherents or supporters of Ortega.

In Northern Mexico the Mexican or native population almost unanimously support Juarez. Ortega contemplated a coup d'etat, and had no supporters except the former adherents of Maximilian. It is further stated that the object of the French and English merchants was to control the valuable trade in Northern Mexico, and prevent American merchants from monopolizing the same.

Prior to the arrest of Ortega affairs were in a disturbed condition, but now there is confidence and tranquility upon the Rio Grande.

Since the special meeting of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon there has been the greatest interest manifested as to the purpose of this extraordinary convening of that body; and various speculations have been sent off to the Northern press on the subject. I can state positively that the Cabinet was called together to consider our foreign relations. In this connection it may be stated that it is known that the French government has declared its purpose to disregard the arrangement for the withdrawal of the first detachment of French troops from Mexico during the month of August, as proposed by Mr. Seward and Del'Hayes.

The French Emperor has notified our government that he cannot effect the withdrawal of the troops until next spring, when he proposes to embark the entire force at once. In view of the failure of Napoleon to comply with his agreement to withdraw one portion of these troops, and inasmuch as the notification of this forfeiture of the agreement comes at this late day, our government is not disposed to put full confidence in the further promises of the French Emperor. There is reason for believing that this matter was the immediate cause of the Cabinet meeting yesterday, and that to day the subject was again discussed in the regular session, General Grant being present, by request of the President.

It is intimated in official circles that instructions have been sent to our Minister in France to demand the immediate withdrawal of the French troops from Mexico.

Advices from Paris on the 23d of November state that "La France" editorially admits that the departure of Maximilian from Mexico is likely to take place at any moment, if it has not already been accomplished.

"Le Temps" says that the French will quit Mexico speedily and altogether. "The Monitor" maintains a silence on the Mexican question.

Driving Out the Devil.

The Sacramento (California) Bee, of October 16th, says: "The Chinese population of this city is troubled in mind, and for that reason some of the prominent men to-day submitted to the board of trustees a document, of which this is a copy: "To the Honorable the President and the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento. The undersigned, residents of the city of Sacramento, pray your honorable board to grant them permission to burn firecrackers and other weapons of their native country, for a period of three days, for the purpose of driving the devil from the city, and particularly from that portion of it occupied by the Chinese. (Signed.) Sacramento, Oct 18, 1866." The temple for the orgies is being arranged, and the three days' performance will probably commence towards the end of the week.

WHERE'S THE NIGGER?—A radical sheet, the Tamaqua Journal, says: "We have had the Republican victory—now, where's the Nigger?" Thereupon the Bellefonte Watchman "goes in" at the following rapid rate: "Go to your store, and you get from eighteen to twenty five cents worth of nigger in every yard of muslin you buy; from ten to fifteen cents worth of nigger in every yard of calico; from six to eight dollars worth of nigger in every pound of coffee you purchase; from eight to twelve cents worth of nigger in every pound of sugar you buy to sweeten it; you'll find a small bit of nigger in your box of matches; and considerable nigger in your plug of tobacco. You can get nothing, wear nothing, see nothing, taste nothing, or have nothing, that is not more or less affected by the miserable niggerism that has controlled the country since 'Old Abe' left Springfield for Washington."

IMPORTANT DECISION.—It will be recollected that some time ago four citizens of South Carolina were arrested by command of Major General Sickles, and having been tried by a military court, under the orders of that officer, were sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted by the President to imprisonment for life, and the prisoners having been first dispatched to the Dry Tortugas, in order to evade a writ of habeas corpus, were eventually incarcerated in Fort Delaware. Here they were demanded by the civil authority, under a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Hall, the District Judge of the United States for the district of Delaware.—The mandate of his court was obeyed; the prisoners brought before him, and, after a patient hearing of the case, they were discharged, on the express ground that "according to the law of the land the prisoners ought not to be and cannot be held under the commuted sentence of this military commission; and that they be discharged."

General Magruder, who has been in Mexico since the close of the war, was at Havana on the 17th inst.

Diabolical Outrage.

A Mr. Singleton, a young sprig of a lawyer, who was a candidate for District Attorney last year on the Disunion ticket and was defeated of course, is employed as Superintendent of the schools in Ebersburg. He teaches the higher class. He has for one of his assistants, who teaches a younger class of scholars, in the same building, a Miss Eliza Jones. Mr. John Blair, a worthy citizen of Ebersburg, and the keeper of a very respectable hotel in that town, has a bright little boy of about twelve years of age, who was attending the school or class taught by Miss Jones. It was a bright, black-faced, woolly-headed, little negro girl, was attending the school. Miss Jones ordered the intelligent little white boy to sit beside the little black girl, (an unusual place to seat boys beside girls in school under any circumstances.) The white boy refused, and he would rather sit on the floor than beside the nigger. The mistress told him "it was a better place to sit than in a barroom with copperheads." This expression showed most conclusively the partisan feeling of her conduct. The white boy still refused. The partisan teacher then locked the door, so that no one could go out to report the proceeding. It is said Mr. Singleton did the same with the door of his room in the same building. Miss Jones then commenced flogging the white boy for not sitting beside the negro girl, and during half a day, it is said, she most unmercifully whipped him, until "the boy was so bruised and mangled that he could hardly reach his father's house."

If our informant has given us the truth, we look upon this as one of the most diabolical acts we have ever recorded. The attempt to teach miscegenation in a school room, and to enforce it with cruel and unmerciful punishment, is a crime of so horrid and revolting a character, that should condemn its perpetrators to the deepest scorn and contempt of every human being.

DISTRIBUTIONS.—We would call attention to the opinion of one of the leading papers of Canada on this subject: "Most of our readers have no doubt read some of the numerous advertisements of Gift Enterprises, Gifts, Concerts, &c., which appear from time to time in the public prints, offering most tempting bargains to those who will patronize them. In most cases they are genuine humbugs. But there are a few respectable firms who do business in this manner, and they do it as a means of increasing their wholesale business, and not to make money from such firms, it is true, handsome and valuable articles are procured for a very small sum, and what is more important, no one is ever cheated. Every person gets good value for his dollar; because, as we have stated, it is intended to act as an advertisement to increase their ordinary business.

We have seen numbers of prizes sent out in this way by Sherman, Watson & Company, Nassau Street, N. Y., and there is no doubt that some of the articles are worth eight or ten times the money paid for them, while we have not seen or heard of a single article which was not fully worth the dollar which it cost. But this is only one of the exceptions of this rule, for as a general thing the parties engaged in this business are nothing but clever swindlers.

(Saturday Reader, Montreal, C. B., Jan. 13, 1866.)

PANIC IN WALL STREET.—Things have a blue look on "the street," it will be seen by the financial record elsewhere. Gold is down several per cent, and stocks, including governments, are coming down with it "by the run." In the produce, provision and other markets, there is likewise great excitement, with reports of "numerous failures," &c.

Whether bottom is reached at this hour or not remains to be seen. Flour, grain, beef, pork, &c., have all a blue-ey, a fact to which consumers would do well to call retail dealers' attention.—New York Express.

STAGNATION OF TRADE.—The Chicago, Cincinnati and other Western journals speak quite despondingly as regards trade and trade prospects out there. "Nothing doing" is the universal remark. Nobody likes to trust the future any more than can be helped.—The Radical threatens to remove the President, it is alleged, are at the bottom of this want of confidence, stagnation in trade and business embarrassments.

THE MISSOURI RADICALS.—The St. Louis News, says that Governor Fletcher, B. Gratz Brown, Hon. Henry S. Blood, and other prominent radicals, have inaugurated a movement, having for its object the rejection by the Legislature of the Congressional constitutional amendment of the State constitution to abrogate the disfranchisement of the rebels, and substitute therefor negro suffrage.

Mrs. William C. Rives has translated from the German, and is about publishing, a Christmas eve tale, entitled "Antoine, or the young Artist." The proceeds of sale are to be applied to the repairs of a church in Mrs. R.'s neighborhood.

A boy twelve years old, shot and instantly killed, his sister, three years younger, at Wayne Township, New Jersey, a few days ago.

At the banquet to Gen. Nelson Taylor he stated in his speech that he should not contest the seat of John Morrissey in Congress.

Richard Lawrence, who made an attempt to assassinate General Jackson, in 1835, still lives, and is an inmate of the Maryland Lunatic Asylum.

Dr. Peters, the man who killed Gen. Van Dorn in 1862, stabbed a man named Lusk, at Marion, Arkansas, lately. It was thought Lusk would die.

HARRISONBURG MARKET.

HARRISONBURG, VA., Nov. 28, 1866. FLOUR—Superfine, \$11 00 @ \$11 50 Extra, \$12 00 @ \$12 50 Family, \$13 00 @ \$14 00 GRAIN.—Wheat, \$0 00 @ \$2 25 Corn, \$0 00 @ \$0 83 Oats, \$0 00 @ \$0 16 LARD, \$0 00 @ \$0 15 BUTTER, \$0 00 @ \$0 25 EGGS, \$0 00 @ \$0 25 SHEEPSKIN, \$0 00 @ \$0 85 HENSKIN, \$0 00 @ \$0 40 TURKEYS, \$0 00 @ \$0 40 FLAX SEED, \$0 00 @ \$0 25

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The freedman in various parts of Virginia are said not to be satisfied with working land on shares of the crop, although on that system they got half of what was made, but are clamorous to rent lands and work them on their own hook altogether. As soon as they can make enough to buy some land, their labor will be no longer available to the white population. This will probably lead to a large emigration of white laborers from other sections and other countries, who, in their turn will soon be able to buy land for themselves. The final result of it will be that the negroes will not be able to stand the competition, and will disappear before the new comers like snow before the sun. Fifty years hence, they will be as scarce in Virginia as the Pamunkey Indians.—Baltimore Transcript.

The Masonic display in Baltimore, on the 20th, was grand and imposing.—Several visiting delegations participated in the ceremonies. President Johnson, in full regalia, appeared on the portico in front of the residence of Gov. Swann, and reviewed the procession. He afterwards, accompanied by Gov. Swann, proceeded to where the corner stones of the new Masonic Temple were being laid, and took a position on the grand stand. It is estimated there were 5,000 Masons in the line.

The Georgia Legislature, for the promotion of the agricultural interests, passed a bill for the transportation of lime on the State road, provided it should be sold at no more than eight cents a bushel. The practical working sense of the "arant rebels" is shown in this way of legislation. They are not theorizing about the amendment, but trying to make Mother Earth, well fed, give her richest fruits to her children.

The Congressional Retrenchment Committee, while investigating the affairs of the New York custom House, discovered that the clerks were taxed four dollars a month for political purposes, and if they refused to pay were discharged. A very handsome sum has been made by the Collector in the matter of bonded warehouses, and it is stated that he now makes \$40,000 a year out of his office.

The Herald's special Toronto (Canada) dispatch says a large agitation meeting was held last week. Resolutions were adopted urging the Canadian people to accede to the terms offered by the last U. S. Congress. A large force of troops have been ordered by the Canadian Government to Fort Erie. Mr. McKensie applied to-day for a new trial for the Canadian prisoners under sentence of death.

Suit has been commenced before the Supreme Court by John H. Lester against General Butler, charging him with false imprisonment. Also charging him with fraudulent conversion of property—damages—\$50,000. Lester received a free pass from Secretary Stanton during the war to bring his family North. General Butler disregarded the permit, and imprisoned him.

One of the Nashville papers says: "There will be great deficiency in Tennessee pork this winter, the cholera having swept off the live stock to an alarming extent. As pork is one of the principal commodities of this State, the deficiency will be greatly felt."

In the Presbyterian General Assembly, at Memphis, the discussion of the relation of baptizing children to the discipline of the church, was concluded, and the canon as reported by the committee was adopted. Carson's discipline as far as chapter nine, with slight modifications, has been adopted.

John Surrat, an alleged accomplice in the killing of Mr. Lincoln, was discovered serving in the Papal Zouaves, under the name of John Watson. He was arrested under the demand of Gen. King, but escaped afterwards into Italian territory. The authorities of Italy are seeking his recapture.

Secretary Stanton has appointed Col. W. H. Stewart, W. F. Flyan, of Washington, and A. Miller, of Georgia, as commissioners to award compensation to loyal slave owners of Maryland, whose slaves were drafted during the war. The commission exists under an act of Congress passed last session.

Dispatches from England, in the hands of the Governor General of Canada, advises that the possibility of trouble with the United States renders it incumbent upon the Canadian authorities to exercise increased vigilance.

The Circuit Court of the United States, at Baltimore, has decided in the case of a suit between parties in Tennessee and Maryland, that the statute of limitations was suspended during the late war.

It has been judicially decided some where that a married woman's clothes belong to herself and not to her husband. The decision is not intended to restrain a man from wearing his wife's coats, collars, boots and things, if she is willing.

Another negro regiment (the 127th) from Kentucky, lately encamped on the Virginia side of the Potomac have been mastered out of service and are about to leave for Louisville.

George Peabody has lately given \$150,000 to Mrs. Charles W. Chandler, a niece residing at Zanesville, Ohio, and added to the gift the purchase money of a fine house valued at 200,000.

A Proposition. As a teacher's report, approaching, we would like to see a few hundred more to our subscribers...

Wood Wanted. This is our subscribers who pay their subscriptions in wood...

Cash for Rags! We are now wanted at this office, for which we will pay the highest price...

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Virginia Central Railroad Company, held in Richmond on Thursday...

The Southern Opinion is the title chosen for a journal now to be issued in Richmond by H. B. Pollard...

Col. W. Preston Johnson, of Louisville, Kentucky, a son of the late Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson...

The laws of Virginia minister to make return to the Clerk's office of their county every marriage solemnized by them...

A suit involving property to the amount of \$300,000 is now being tried in the Circuit Court of Augusta county...

During the month of October eighty-eight victims were received at the Virginia penitentiary...

The colored folks are going to build a fine church in Mt. Sidney. Several new buildings have gone up...

The Rowanite times says a much larger area of land was secured in wheat in that county this year...

Rev. Wm. E. Munsey has been transferred from the Highlands to the Baltimore Conference South...

A woman in Wheeling cut the throat of her newborn babe the other day. It is becoming absolutely dangerous...

The Christmas number of Godey's Lady's Book is at hand. It is an attractive number. We assure our lady readers...

Woodstock can boast of a fine Drabing Club, and the young men of this place are putting in their time profitably...

A Petersburg gentleman turned a pair of new imported otter skins upon his lawn, and the next day two interesting colored children and several pigs were missing...

An Irishman having been told that the price of bread had fallen, exclaimed: "This is the first that I ever rejoiced at the fall of my best friend!"

G. N. Williams has sold his property, a house and lot on Main street, opposite Town Hall, Staunton...

Mrs. Harry Gilmer, whose gallant exploits are fresh in the remembrance of the citizens of the Valley...

The total tax of Winchester, as reported by the News, is \$7,371.63. There are 99 firms who have merchant's licenses...

The farm of W. A. Staples, near Lowry's Crossing, Bedford county, was recently sold by the Piedmont Land Agency...

A lady named Jones was burned to death in Marion, Va., a few days ago, by falling into the fire, while in a fit of terror...

A man named Wickline was arrested and committed for trial in Greenbrier, charged with robbing the mail.

A Sherman, Augusta co., V. Baro is appointed postmaster, vice J. D. Balaly, who cannot take the oath.

A conductor on the Va. and Tenn. railroad witnessed a lunar rainbow on the morning of the 20th inst.

The planet Venus is now moving towards us at the rate of 80,000 miles an hour. Fast time, that!

A Handsome Present.

Pitman showed us a few evenings since a very handsome hat, designed for the editor of the Old Commonwealth...

Winchester, Nov. 21, 1866. Dear Commonwealth: Some weeks ago your sympathies for us and our indignation at the want of liberality on the part of your merchants...

Our own town, Winchester, is peculiarly fortunate in having the handsome Editors in the Valley, and none more the admiration of the ladies...

We would just add that these same hats are now worn by not only the editors, but by almost all the professional men...

School Teachers Association. At a meeting of the Association on Saturday, the following catalogue of school books was recommended...

Base Ball. The second of the series of match games, between the Lee Club (certainly the General Lee Club) of New Market...

County Court. The November Term of the County Court commenced on Monday of last week...

Learning a Trade. The New York Sun, in an excellent article on "Learning a Trade," says: "The idea that manual labor is not 'respectable'..."

A Gobbler Wanted! Christmas is coming, friends! The gay and festive season when mirth rules the hour...

Narrow Escape. On Saturday last about 1 o'clock, Albert Wise was attacked by a vicious bear...

A Challenge. John H. Witts requests us to state that he will accept a partner and "wing" partridges against any other two men in Rockingham county...

Dr. Harris is now prepared to extract teeth without pain. See advertisement.

To the members is Thanksgiving day.

Price's Real Estate Agency.

The Real Estate Agency firm of J. D. Price & Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent. While we are sorry that our friend, Mr. Price, has retired from the firm...

A Good Idea. The following appears among the by-laws of a benevolent society of a neighboring town: "Gentlemen are required to engage ladies whom they wish to accompany home...

The Valley Railroad. The survey of this road has been completed, and Major Randolph and his efficient Corps, have left us for Baltimore...

Should Read the Newspapers. An exchange says, that it is a great mistake in female education to keep a young lady's time and attention devoted to the fashionable literature of the day...

Church Dedication. On Sunday last the church recently erected in this place for the benefit of the colored people, was dedicated to the service of God...

Price of Pork. This is about the beginning of the Pork season, and the price of this very necessary article is a matter of interest to the buyer and the seller...

A Successful Huntsman! A correspondent of the Lynchburg News, writing from Charlottesville, says that there is now living in Pooshontas county, Va., a man who is 70 years of age...

"What do Printers Live On?" "Father, what do the proprietors of the Commonwealth, who send us their paper regularly every week, and which we could not do without, live on, and pay their workmen for?"

The Old Guard. The December number of this favorite journal contains a splendid portrait of Gen. A. P. Hill. Every lover of his country should read this Old Guard, and endeavor to increase its circulation in his community...

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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DR. JUAN DELAMAR'S CELEBRATED SPECIFIC PILLS. Prepared from a prescription of Dr. Juan Delamar, Chief Physician to the Hospital de Nord on the coast of the Republic of Cuba.

DR. SCHEENK'S MANDRAKE PILLS. These pills are composed of various roots, having a power to relax the secretions of the liver...

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks, after suffering from this disease for several years...

WONDERFUL BUT TRUE! MADAME REMINGTON, would recommend a talented and accomplished clairvoyant, who in a clairvoyant state, has seen the features of the person you are to marry...

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L. C. MYERS & CO., Respectfully inform their friends and the community generally that they have just received from the Eastern cities, and are now opening at the store-room recently occupied by Mrs. Hoack & Co., a large and handsome stock of DRY GOODS...

JAMES O'BRIAN has just returned from Baltimore with a large and handsome stock of Ladies' and Misses' Gaiters, Hosiery, and all the latest styles of Boots and Shoes...

GINN'S FOUNDRY, 208 N. MARKET STREET, WINCHESTER, VA. The undersigned has for a long time been engaged in the iron foundry business...

MILL GEARING. Threshing Machines, Sowing Machines, and all the latest styles of Mill-work...

COOKING STOVES, and all the latest styles of Stoves, Ranges, and Kitchen Appliances...

BRANDIES, WINES, OILS AND OLD RYE WHISKY. A. J. WALL, Proprietor.

OLD AMERICAN HOTEL, Corner Market and Water Streets, WINCHESTER, VA.

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SEIBERT HOUSE, NEW MARKET, VA. JOHN McQUADE, Proprietor.

AMERICAN HOTEL, HARRISONBURG, VA. J. P. EFFINGER, Proprietor.

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SALISBURY, BRO. & CO., Extensive Importers and Manufacturers of GOLD, PLATED, AND ORFÈVRE JEWELRY.

D. M. SWITZER, MERCHANT TAILOR, Respectfully informs the public that he has removed from his old stand in the Brick Building...

MATHEWS, HILLS, & RANF'S HAIR DYES, just received and for sale at OTT'S Drug Store.

CORN WANTED. Wanted, 2000 bushels of Corn at 55 cents per bushel, in Goods.

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No. 57-70 acres of choice land in the State of Alabama, very productive, beautifully situated, and well adapted for a plantation...

No. 68-50 acres of land 6 miles west of Harrisonburg, 20 acres of which are improved, the balance being a beautiful tract of woods...

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