### From Wide Awake for January. A LITTLE CHILD'S FANCIES.

I think that the world was finished at night, Or the stars would not have been made;
For they wouldn't have thought of having the light,

And then, again, I alter my mind, And think perhaps it was day, For a little child tired of play.

And I think that an angel, when nobody knew, With a window pushed up very high, Let some of the seeds of the flowers fall through, From the gardens they have in the sky.

For they couldn't think here of lillies so white And such beautiful roses, I know;
But I wonder, when falling from such a height, The dear little seeds show grow.

And then, when the face of the angel was turned I think that the birds flew by, And are singing to us the songs they learned On the opposite side of the sky.

And a rainbow must be the shining below Of a place in heaven's floor that is thin, Right close to the door where the children go

And I think that the clouds that float in the skies Are the curtains that they drep down, For fear when we look we should dazzle our eyes As they each of them put on their crown.

I do not know why the water was sent, Unless, perhaps, it might be God wanted us all to know what it meant When we read of the "Jasper Sea."

Of the world where we live is a lovely place. For I'm always trying causes to trace

And keep thinking "Wherefore?" and "Why?" Ah! dear little child, the longing you feel Is the stir of immertal wings But infinite love one day will reveal

The most hidden and puzzling things You have only your duty to try and do To be happy, and rest content; For by being good and by being true You will find out all that is meant!

## TWO VALENTINES

In a comfortably furnished room in a large New York boarding house sat two young men. A bright fire glowed in the grate, well-chosen engravings was diffused about the room from an Argand burner.

Let me introduce the occupants of the apartment as Tom Stacey and John Wilbur, young men of twenty five or thereabouts, who were known in business circles as Stacey & Wilbur, retail dry goods dealers, No. - Broadway. They had not been in business long, but were already doing unusually well. They had taken rooms together, one of | was the time when this quality was urwhich is now presented to the reader. | genty needed.

"Has it occurred to you, Wilbur," asked his partner, removing his cigar, and knocking away the ashes, "that to-morrow is St. Valentine's Day?"

"Yes; I thought of it this afternoon, as I was walking up from the store." "So did I; and to some purpose, too, sured confidence. as I will show you.

Tom Stacey went to a drawer, and drew out a gorgeous valentine-an | They had taxed their resources to the elaborate combination of hearts, doves,

"What do you think I gave for that?" he inquired.

"I don't know, I'm sure. It appears to be very elegant."

"It cost me ten dollars." "Whew!" whisted Wilbur. strikes me you are either very extravagant or very devoted. May I know what fair damsel is to be made glad by the receipt of this elegant missive?"
"That's my secret," said Tom, laugh-

ing. "I don't mind telling you, however. It's to go to Edith Castleton." "I presume you feel particularly interested in the young lady."
"Not at all. But I told her I would

send her a valentine, et la volia! Shan't you conform to the custom of the

"I had not thought of it," said John, thoughtfully, "but I believe I will." "And what fair lady shall you select as the recipient?"

"You remember the poor seamstress who occupies an atttic room in the

"Yes; I have met her on the steps two or three times."

"She looks as if times were hard with her. I think I will send her a valen-

"And what good do you think it will do her?" asked Stacey, in surprise. "Wait till you see what kind of a

valentine I will send." Wilbur went to his desk, and, taking out a sheet of paper, drew from his portmonnaie a ten-dollar bill, wrapped it in the paper on which he had previously written, "From St. Valentine,"

and placed the whole in an envelope. "There," said he, "my valentine has cost as much as yours, and I venture to say it will be as welcome."

"You are right. I wish now that I had not bought this costly trifle. However, as it is purchased I will send it." The next day dawned clear and fros-

ty. It was lively enough for those who sat by comfortable fires and dined at luxurious tables; but to the poor, who shared none of these advantages, it was indeed a bitter day.

In an attic-room, meanly furnished. sat a young girl, pale and thin. She was cowering over a scanty wood fire the best she could afford-which heated the room very insufficiently .-She was sewing steadily, shivering from time to time as the cold blast shook the window and found its way to the

Poor child! Life had a very black aspect for her on that wintry day. She was alone in the world. There was absolutely no one on whom she could call for assistance, though she needed it sorely enough. The thought came to her more than once in her discomfort: "Is it worth while living any longer?" But she recoiled from the sin of suicide. She might starve to death, but she would not take the life God had given her.

grunged in gloomy thought, she continued to work. All at once a step was | come. to her room. Then there was a knock ruined.'

on the door. She arose in some surprise and opened it, thinking it must

be the landlady or one of the servants. She was right. It was a servant. "Here's a letter for you which the post boy has just brought, Miss Mor-

"A letter for me!" repeated Helen Morris, in surprise, taking the letter from the servant's hand. "Who can have written to me?"

"Maybe it's a valentine, Miss," said the girl, laughing. "You know this is you she Valentine's day. More by token, I've again." got two myself, this morning. One's a karakter, (caricature) so mistress calls

it. Just look at it." Bridget displayed a highly embellished pictorial representation of a female hard at work at the wash-tub, the cast of beauty being decidedly Hiber-

Helen Morris laughed absently, but did not open her letter while Bridget remained-a little to the disappoint-

ment of that curious damsel. Helen slowly opened the letter. A oank-note for ten dollars dropped from it to the floor.

She eagerly read the few words on the paper: "From St. Valentine."

"Heaven be praised!" said she, folding her hands gratefully. "The sum will enable me to carry out the plan I had in view." Eight years have passed away .-

Eight years with their lights and shadows, their joys and sorrows. They brought with them the merry voices of children-they brought with them new made grave, happiness to some, and grief to others.

Towards the last they brought the great commercial crisis of '57, when ouses that seemed built upon a rock tottered to their fall. Do not many re member that time all too well, when merchants with anxious faces ran from one to another to solicit help, and met adorned the walls, and a bright light only averted faces and distrustful looks? And how was it in that time of universal famine with our friends—Stacey & Wilbur?

Up to 1857 they had been doing an excellent business. They had gradually enlarged the sphere of their operations, and were rapidly growing rich when this crash came.

They immediately took in sail. Both were prudent, and both felt that this

By great efforts they had succeeded in keeping up till to 14th of February, 1858. On that morning a note of two thousand dollars became due. This was their last peril. That surmounted they would be able to go on with as-

But this alas! this was the rock on which they had the most apprehension. utmost. They had called upon their friends, but their friends were employed in taking care of themselves, and the selfish policy was the one required

"Look out for number one," superseded the golden rule for the time be-

As I have said before, two thousand dollars were due on the 14th of February. "How much have you got toward

it?" asked Wilbur, as Stacey came in at half-past eleven. "Three hundred and seventy-five dollars," was the dispirited reply. "Was that all you could raise?" ask-

ed his partner, turning pale. "Are you sure you thought of everybody?" "I have been everywhere. I'm fagged to death," was the weary reply of Stacey, as he sank exhausted into a

"Then the crash may come," said Wilbur, with a gloomy resignation. "I suppose it must."

There was a silence. Neither felt inclined to say anything. For six months they had been struggling with the tide. They could see shore, but in sight of it they must go down.

At this moment a note was brought in by a boy. There was no post-mark. Evidently he was a special messenger. It was opened at once by Mr. Wilbur, to whom it was directed. It contained these few words only:

"If Mr. John Wilbur will call immediately at No. - Fifth Avenue, he will learn something to his great advant-

There was no signature. John Wilbur read it with surprise, and passed it to his partner.

"What does it mean, do you think?" he asked. "I don't know," was the reply, but I

advise you to go at once." "It seems to be in feminine handwriting," said Wilbur, thoughtfully. "Yes. Don't you know any lady on Fifth Avenue?"

"Well, it is worth noticing. We have met with so little to our advantage lately, that it will be a refreshing

In five minutes, John Wilbur jumped into a horse-car, and was on his way to No. - Fifth Avenue.

He walked up to the door of a magnificent brown stone house, and rang the bell. He was instantly admitted, and shown into the drawingroom, superbly furnished.

He did not have to wait long. An elegantly dressed lady, scarcely thirty, entered, and bowing. said, "You do not remember me, Mr. Wilbur?" "No, madam," said he, in perplexty.

"We will waive that, then, and proceed to businees. How has your house borne the crisis in which so many of our large firms have gone down?" John Wilbur smiled bitterly.

"We have struggled successfully until to-day," he answered, "but the end has dress of women!" cries Martha Jane,

"What sum will save you?" was the

lady's question. "The note due is two thousand dollars. Toward this we have but three hundred and seventy five." "Excuse me a moment," said the

hostess. She left the room, but quick-"There" said she, handing a small slip of paper to John Wilbur, "is my cheek for two thousand dollars. You can repay it at your convenience. If

you should require more, come to me "Madam, you have saved us," cried Wilbur, springing to his feet in delight. "What can have inspired in you such

benevolent interest in our prosperi-"Do you remember, Mr. Wilbur?" said the lady, "a certain valentine containing a ten dollar note, which you sent to a young girl occupying an at-tic room of your lodging house, about

eight years since?"
"I do distinctly. I have often wondered what became of the young girl. I think her name was Helen Morris." "She stands before you," was the

quiet response. "You, Helen Morris!" exclaimed Wilbur, starting back in amazement. "You, surrounded with luxury!"

"No wonder you are surprised. Life has strange contrasts. The money which you sent me seemed to come from God. I was on the brink of despair. With it I put my wardrobe in repair, and made application for the post of companion to a wealthy lady. I fortunately obtained it. I had been with her but two years when a gentleman in her circle, immensely wealthy, offered me his hand in marriage. I rope in 1848, and went to California at esteemed him. He was satisfied with the close of the next year. Almost imthat. I married him. A year since he died, leaving me his immense fortune. You see I have never forgotten you, having accidentally learned that my timely succor come from you. I resolved, that if ever fortune put it in my power, I would be riend you as you had be riended me. That time has come. I have paid the first installcome. I have paid the first installment of my debt. Helen Eustace remembers the obligations of Helen Mor-

John Wilbur advanced, and respectfully took her hand. "You have nobly repaid me," he said. "Will you also award me the privilege of occasionally

calling upon you?" "I shall be most happy," said Mrs.

Eustace, cordially.

John took a hurried leave, and returned to his store as the clock struck one. He showed his delighted partner the check which he had just received: "I haven't time to explain," he said, "this must at once be cashed."

Two o'clock came and the firm was saved—saved from their last peril. Henceforth they met with nothing but prosperous gales. What more?

Helen Eustace has again changed her name. She is now Helen Wilbur, and her husband now lives at No-

Fifth Avenue. And all this came of a Valentine. How Much Salt Stock Need.

The French government, some years ago, commissioned a number of practical and scientific gentlemen to investigate the quantity of salt needed by the different domestic animals. This commission fixed upon the following

scale as the smallest daily allowance: ounces; for fattening stall-fed oxen, two and half to four and a half ounces; for store-sheep (double for fat sheep one-half to two thirds of an ounce; for horses and mules, one ounce. Salt is not only an agreeable article of food, but in some diseases it is almost a specific remedy. For those diseases to which sheep are most subject-flukes in the liver, worms in the bronchial tubes and worms in the stomach and intestines-salt is an unfailing remedy, as well as an effectual preventive. The irritating worms which sometimes infest the rectum of the horses are removed at once by an injection of a solution of Court of the United States, with Mr. of once ounce in a quart of water. But | Justice Bradley, by President Grant. it is a constant addition to the food that it is most useful as a preventative, to the health of our domestic animals. In fattening hogs, our horses, or cows do

of salt .- Southern Farmer. "The Brooklyn young men's esthetic club are discussing the question, 'What can one poor, weak woman with a club do against a tyrannical husband who crawls under the bed and refuses to come out?'-Brooklyn Argus." The question was submitted to a gentleman in our town who is authority in such matters, and he said: "Let her get another husband who is too large to crawl under the bed. She can then use the club on him until the one under the bed is forced by starvation to come out and surrender.

The Home Journal objects to the wearing of diamonds when travelling because it is vulgar. It is a position which we assumed years ago, and we are glad to say that no one connected with this paper has ever been guilty of

such vulgarity. We have occassionally taken a ride with a lawyer, but there

are some depths to which we cannot

sink .- Norwich Bulletin. Patrick was brought into court. 'Well, Patrick," said the Judge, "what have you to say to the charges against you?" Did you plead guilty or not guilty?' "May it plaze your Honor I prefer to do nather, but to drap the

"Talk about the extravagance in isn't a woman."

The Electoral Commission.

Beneath are given brief biographical sketches of the members of the electoral commission, consisting of five judges of the Supreme Court, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, to which has been referred the counting of the electoral votes cast for President and Vice-Pres-

Nathan Clifford was born at Rumney, N. H., August 18, 1803, and educated at Haverhill Academy and the Hampton Literary Institute, studying law and removing to Maine in 1827 .-From 1830 to 1834 he sat in the State Legislature for York county, being Speaker during the last two years; then for four years was attorney-general of the State. In 1839-43 he served in Congress as a democrat, and under President Polk was Attorney General of the United States from December 23, 1846, when he succeeded John Y. Mason, till March, 1848, when he was appointed commissioner to Mexico, with Ambrose H. Sevier, of Arkansas. At the close of the war he held the Mexican mission till September, 1849, when he returned to Portland and practised law till President Buchanan appointed him to the Supreme Court,

January 28, 1858. Stephen J. Field, brother of Cyrus W. Field and David Dudley Field, was born at Haddam, Conn., November 4, 1816; traveled in youth in Europe and the East, and returning studied at Williams, graduating in 1837. Coming to New York he studied and practiced law with his brother, visited Eumediately he was elected alcalde of Marysville, and in October, 1850, sent to the Legislature, where he took a prominent part in moulding the judiciary of the new State. In 1857 he was elected to the Supreme bench, becom-

Lincoln. Samuel F. Miller was born at Richmond, Ky., April 5, 1816, graduating at the University of Transylvania, and practicing medicine for several years before taking up the profession of the law. He is set down as having been an emancipationist from 1848, and removed from the State to Iowa in 1850. He practiced law there for twelve years, being a leading republican manager. though accepting no office, and July 16, 1862, was appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States by President Lincoln.

Joseph P. Bradley was born in Al-New Brunswich, N. J., with honors, in 1836, was admitted to the bar in 1839 at Newark, N. J., where he has since resided. Besides his labors in every branch of his profession, he has devoted much attention to mathematics and the study of law as a science, extending his researches to the civil law researches which have been of great service in his judicial duties. Engaged in many important cases in the State and United States Court, he has never taken a very active part in politics. He was formerly a whig, warmly sustained the Union cause during the war, headed the electoral ticket for Grant in 1868, and ranked as a moderate republican. He was appointed to the bench of the For a working ox or milch cow, two United States Supreme Court in 1870. He received the degree of LL. D. from

Lafayette College in 1859. William Strong was born at Somers, Conn., May 6, 1808, and graduated from Yale in 1828. After graduating, while studying law he taught school in Connecticut and New Jersey. He was admitted to the bar at Philadelphia in 1832, and began practice at Reading. He served in the Thirtieth and Thirtyfirst Congress, (1847-51,) and in 1857 was elected to the Supreme Bench of Pennsylvania for a fifteen years' term. He resigned in 1868, and two years later was appointed to the Supreme THE SENATORS.

Thomas F. Bayard was born at Wilmington, Delaware, October, 1828, and educated at the Flushing school, his not fail to supply an adequate supply early training being intended to fit him for commercial life. He, however, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. Except in 1855-56, when he resided in Philadelphia, he has practiced in his native city. In 1853 he was appointed United States district attorney for Delaware, resigning the post a year later. In 1868 he was elected to the Senate of the United States, and on the expiration of his term in 1875 was re-elected. In the Senate he has been one of the most conspicuous members ever since he took his seat. He was a candidate for the democratic nomination at St. Louis last year, and served on the conference committee that produced the bill under which this commission was organized.

Geo. F. Edmunds was born at Richmond, Vt., February 1, 1828, and received a common school education, subsequently studying law and being admitted to the bar in 1849. Between 1854 and 1862 he served five years in the State Assembly, being Speaker for three sessions and two as a President pro tem. of the Senate. He was a memper of the State convention which met to form a coalition between the republicans and war democrats and author of its platform. He was appointed to the Senate in 1866 on the death of Solomon Foot, the appointment being confirmed by the Legislature, and Mr. Edmunds being re-elected in 1869 and 1875. In 1866 he was a delegate to the "loyalists' convention" at Philadelphia. In the Senate he was always ranked among the most prominent and Unless we can raise a certain exultingly, "what do you say to Tweed's industrious of its members, serving for heard ascending the staircase which led sum of money by two o'clock, we are six million suit, I'd like to know? He the past six years as chairman of the trious member and a moderate though

munds was a member of the conference committee, and led the fight for the adoption of its report in the Senate.

Frederick T. Frelinghuysen was born at Millstown, N. J., August 4, 1817, graduating at Rutgers in 1836, and coming to the bar three years later .-In 1861 he was appointed attorney general of New Jersey, and he was reappointed in 1866. On the death of William Wright, in November of that year, he was appointed to the United States Senate, securing a re-election, but being defeated a few days ago by Mr. McPherson, democratic candidate. Mr. Frelinghuysen's most important positions on the Senate committees were those on naval affairs, foreign affairs and the judiciary. In 1870 he

declined the English mission. He was a member of the conference committee. Oliver P. Morton was born in Wayne years later elected circuit judge. was the republican nominee for Goverpor in 1856, and in 1860 was elected Lieutenant Governor on the ticket headed by Henry S. Lane. Mr. Lane being elected to the United States Senate two days after his inauguration Mr. Morton succeeded him as Governor, being re-elected in 1864, but having to quit his post a year later to spend some time in Europe, a stroke of paralysis preventing him from discharging his duties. Returning from Europe in 1866 he resumed the Governorship, and in 1867 was elected to the Senate, being re-elected in 1873. In 1870 he declined the English mission, and last year was a prominent candidate for the republican nomination at Cincinnati. In the Senate Mr. Morton has always played a conspicuous part as the leader of the advanced radical faction. He served on the conference committee, being the only one of its fourteen mem-

bers that did not sign the report, and led the opposition to it in the Senate. Allen G. Thurman was born in Lynchburg, Va., November 13, 1813, his family removing to Ohio six years later. In 1835 he was admitted to the bar, and served in the Twenty-ninth Congress (1845-47) as a democrat. In 1851 be was elected judge of the Supeme Court of Ohio, being chief justice from 1854 to 1856. In 1867 he was beaten by Hayes for the governorship. but a year later elected to the United States Senate, securing a re-election in 1875. Last year he was a candidate for the democratic nomination, but was defeated in his own delegation on account of his opposition to the inflationists. In the Senate he has long been and taken a prominent part in work

THE REPRESENTATIVES Josiah G. Abbott was born at Clemsford, Mass., November 1, 1815; graduated at Havard in 1832, and was admitted to the bar three years later. He served in the Massachusetts State Assembly in 1836, and in the Senate in 1841-42, being also in 1855 elected to the Supreme Court. He was seated present Congress on a contest, and declined a renomination. The democratic party made him their standard-bearer in the senatorial contest of 1875 and

James A. Garfield was born at Orange, Ohio, November 19, 1831, graduating at Williams in 1856 and studying law. In 1859 60 he sat in the Ohio State Senate. On the breaking out of the war he obtained a colonel's commission, serving in the West notably at Shiloh, Corinth and Chicka mauga, and being promoted to the rank of major general of volunteers. He was elected to Congress in 1862, and has been a prominent member of the House ever since. He has served on such important committees as those on millitary affairs, ways and means. banking and currency and appropriations, and since Mr. Blaine's retirement has been the most conspicuous figure on the republican side of the House. He was in December the party nominee for Speaker, and on the Southern question was shosen to break | thou bring me unto dust again." "All a lance with Mr Lamar. Mr. Garfield spoke and voted against the compro-

George F. Hoar, was born at Concord, Mass., August 29, 1826, graduated at Harvard in 1846, was admitted to the bar in 1849, and settled to practice his profession at Worcester. served in the Legislature in 1852, and was a member of the Senate in 1857. In 1868 he was elected to Congress, and has since been regularly reelected until last summer, when he retired, being elected a few days ago to the United States Senate to succeed Mr. Boutwell for the term ending 1883. Mr. Hoar has always been one of the most prominent members on the republican side of the House, though not an extreme partizan. He was one of the managers in the Belknap impeachment case and a member of the conference committee.

Eppa Hunton was born in Fauquier county, Va., September 23, 1823, and, though his early education was limited, studied and practiced law, and in 1849 became Commonwealth's attorney for Prince William county, a post he held till 1862. He sat in the first session of the Virginia State Convention that assembled at Richmond in 1861, then resigned to enlist in the Confederate service. He was colonel of the Eighth Virginia Infantry, and promoted to the rank of brigadier general after Gettysburg. At Sailor's Creek, just before Lee's surrender, he was made prisoner and confined for some months in Fort Warren. He was elected to Congress in 1872 and re-elected in 1874 and 1876, serving acceptably and earning the reputation of a capable and indus-

spoke for the bill.

Henry B. Payne was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, November 30, 1810, and studied at Hamilton College, embracing the law as a profession, and in 1834 settling to its practice in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1848 he was one of the Cass electors in Ohio, and served in | His people. "Thus saith the Lord, for the State Senate during the two succeeding years. For several years he four, I will not turn away the punishsat in the Cleveland council, and was ment thereof because be burned the closely identified with the railroad and manufacturing interests of Northern Ohio. In 1851 he was the regular nominee for Senator in the protracted for the act of cremation. contest ending in Ben Wade's election, and six years later ran for Governor against Chase, being beaten by less that would approve of or admit of such delegate to the Cincinnati convention | the scriptures and customs of the past in 1854, to the Charleston convention and present give no account of this, county, Ind., August 4, 1823, and edu- in 1860 and to the Baltimore convencated at Miami University. He was tion in 1872. During the "tidal-wave" and should be condemned. admitted to the bar in 1847, and five excitement in 1874 he was elected to True, certain periods of excitement in 1874 he was elected to Congress from the Cleveland district, Louis convention he would have been nominated for Vice-President with Mr. consented to serve. He was one of the of the bill in the House.

## (For the COMMONWEALTH.) Cremation.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH:-That every christian, and especially every minister, a christian people Again, from a leshould unite in an earnest protest gal standpoint, it suffers condemnashould unite in an earnest protest against such a disposition of the dead,

we believe, admits of no question. It is admitted by all that the foundations of power with us as a nation, of a higher law—antiquity, custom are found only in the gospel or princi- and statuary law—and are falling back ples of the christian religion. It has given to us a fountain from which our therefore be unworthy of holding the land is inundated with the various branches of knowledge and science, thereby giving to us the highest and most honorable place amongst the nations of the earth. Believing then; as we do, that all that is commendable, praiseworthy, and should be perpetuated, are contained within this gospel

as given to us in the scriptures. We argue that that which is condemned as forbid by the Author of tauths should not be indulged or permitted, but the warning voice of both ministers and laity should be heard in every avenue from which evil presents itself, and only that which is permitted, recommended and required by this standard, should be encouraged and

cultivated. The christian, then, by this rule, occupies a very responsible position. "Ye darling bright eyed boy? The very the leader of the democratic minority, are the light of the world," saith the thoughts produce unpleasant sensabany county, New York, March 14, 1813, graduated at Rutgers College, New Brunswich, N. J., with honors, N. J., with honors, New Brunswich, N. J., with honors, N. J., with honor then, being the true position of the christian's element in society, to illuminate the darkness, and preserve that which is susceptible of corruption, we dare not suffer these peculiar elements to become obscured or their efficiency long years past, one who has guarded curtailed by anything whatever, that has the "appearance of evil," even of our life, down to the present timeshould it emanate from a source that over Rufus Frost, republican, in the in other matters are worthy of commendation. From this standpoint we wish to view the subject under consid-

1st. Is cremation of the dead approved or sustained by the scriptures? We answer no! That all mankind must die needs no argument, for it is self-evident by the past and present.

Disobedience on the part of the first pair, entailed this finality as a sequence on themselves and their posterity, and therefore God says there is a time the earth, it being the edict of the Authis Job says, "They shall all lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them." Again, "his bones are full of the sins of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust." "Thou hast made me as the clay, and wilt flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn unto dust." The preacher says, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was." These, with many other passages that might be offered, present one central idea, and that in the silent tomb, until by natural is the returning of the elements composing our physical being to their original condition in the earth. Iron to iron, lime to lime, phospho-

rus to phosphorus, with the arieform fluids of which our bodies partake. Cremation reverses or changes this

whole order of God's economy as above set forth. 2nd. That the dead should be buried and not cremated-when possible to do so-is further established by scripture and antiquity. The first physical death recorded—though accomplished by violence-gives evidence of a burial of the body, although having the facilities for a successful cremation-the altar and fire-yet Cain at once proceeded to dispose of the body according to the edicts of God, by opening a place in the earth and giving that which had been taken, that they might be until as before, each part seeking its

original. This is established by the interview held between God and Cain, when the Lord said, "the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." The earth has opened his mouth to hands. From this on down the pathway of human life burial grounds mark

it on either side. regard to this matter-purchasing pla- and relieved his swelling breast of fee committee on the judiciary. Mr. Ed- staunch democrat. Mr. Hunton was cob bought for a hundred pieces of sil- . - Miners' Journal.

one of the conference committee, and ver; and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph." Thus we find that in all ages God's people have invariably adhered to this command and

purpres of Israel's God. But in every recorded instance God has forbid and threatens punishment, whenever cremation was resorted to by three transgressions of Moab, and for

We have not been able, as yet, to find one passage in the word of truth than 1,500 votes. Mr. Payne was a disposition of the dead. Therefore, as we agree it is irreligious, anchristian,

True, certain periods of the past, and with certain people, cremation was but was defeated last fall. At the St. practiced; but it was in violation of divine law, and by a heathen class, who worshipped a God of fire-Mo-Tilden had Governor Hendricks not high-unto whom human sacrifices were offered, the body being slowly conference committee and had charge burned in the arms of the idol which was of metal, hollow, and could be heated on the inside. In every ins'ance of this character God condemns and forbids its execution. Therefore we hold it to be wrong, and should not be practiced or even tolerated by

tion; but we pass this point. He who would advocate and uphold such a practice, is doing so in violation into a heathen custom, and would position of teacher amongst a christian people. Again, it is inbuman and revolting to the better part of our nature. The associations of life are of such a character that they bind heart to heart by the strong chords of sympathy and love, and that which has even the appearance of torture or suffering by one of our kind, but more so when by those we love, is revolting, and at once spirit or genius of the nearest relationship of life. Where is that mother that would willingly give up her child into the hands of the cremators, to be returned in perhaps a spoonful of ashes, bottled and ready to be placed on the what not or centre table, and exhibited to friends and visitors as her tions, and we believe would even sicken those occupying the lowest level in

the walks of human society But hark ! what is that doleful sound borne on the air? It is the solemn sound of the church bell-tolling its mournful intelligence-that a dear friend, one whom we have loved in our footsteps from the earliest period a mother-stepped off the shores of time into eternity, after years of life's struggles, cares, sorrows and burdens. She yields to disease and has fallen by the hand of death, leaving sons and daughters with sad and heavy hearts to follow her to the furnace; the fire is kindled; all things are ready; the cremators receive that dear mother and wife and thrust her within the openmouthed furnace. A hissing, seathing, crisping, cracking sound comes from that fiery grave, drawing the sighs and sobs of bleeding hearts, who mourn for when man shall "return unto the a loved mother, and the comforting inground, for out of it wast thou taken, fluences of the scene are, that in a few for dust thou art and unto dust shalt hours she will be returned them in thou return." This, then, gives the ashes, to be placed among family rel-foundation, in fact the origin, of depositing the dead within the bosom of and unchristian comfort as this; it is but adding insult to wounded nature, thor of our being. In confirmation of and lacerating more and more bleed-

ing hearts. Reader, shut your eyes and behold imaginatively your near, dear and loved ones thus disposed of and coming back to you in pit ashes. Is it not revolting, and do you not turn away from the sight with disgust and right-

eous contempt?
But these is consolation in the knowledge that even after death dear ones have been carefully and sacredly laid away to rest, clothed and housed process decomposition hath been fully accomplished in accordance with the design and purposes of an all-wise and ever-to-be adored Creator. Truly,

### Онго, Јап., 1877. An Astonished Dutchmam.

A Dutchman in the Pennsylvania oil regions let his lands to an oil company last Spring, on condition of receiving one-eighth of the oil procured. The well proved to be a pretty good one, and the farmer began to think the oil men should give him a better chance, and ventured to tell them so. They asked him what he wanted. He said they ought to give him one-twelfth. The arrangement was finally made, with the understanding that the Dutchman was not to tell any one. All went smooth until the division day came. when our friend was early tah and so to see how much better be would be off under the new bargain. Eleven barrels were roolled to one side for the oil men and one for him. How's dish ?" said he. "I think I was to get more as before. You have made some mistake." The matter was explained receive thy brother's blood from thy to him that he formerly got one bas rel out of every eight, but it was his proposition to take one out of every twelve. This revelation took him bacl :. The patriarchs were very careful in He scratched his head, looked cros , ces for their especial purpose. Aye! ings of self-reproach by indignantly r :-"Joseph's bones were buried in She- marking: "Well, dat ish do firs thin," chem, in a parcel of ground which Ja- as I knowed eight vas more as twelve."

C. M. VANDERFORD, EDITOR.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1877.

The Senate on Friday last elected Col. Samuel A. Swann Superintendent of the Penitentiary in the place of Col. Strother, resigned on account of ill

Both houses of Congress passed a bill abolishing the Police Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Grant vetoed the bill, and both houses then passed it over his veto.

Gov. McCreary, of Kentucky, has recognized Nichols as Governor of Louisiana, by issuing a requisition upon him for the return of a fugitive from justice, arrested in New Orleans.

From recent developments it appears that Jacob Den Herder, a Republican Elector of Michigan, was ineligible when chosen. He was a postmaster, and has been summoned to Washington to appear before the House Com mittee to testify in regard to his ineli-

The present Congress will expire by limitation in about three weeks more. The session so far has been occupied mainly with political work, and the counting of the electoral vote will consume most of the intervening time before the 4th of March. The next President will undoubtedly call an extra session of the Senate and it is not improbable that the new House will be convened also.

Judge Bradley was chosen on Wedresday last as the fifth judge of the electoral tribunal, which is now complete and composed as follows: Senators Edmunds, Morton, Frelinghuysen, Thurman and Bayard; Representatives Hunton, Payne, Abbott, Garfield and Hoar; Judges Bradley, Miller, Clifford, Strong and Field. On the first page of this issue will be found short sketches of these gentlemen.

The next Senate will be nearly balanced politically. Not counting the three controverted seats in Louisiana and South Carolina, and placing Judge Davis on the Democratic side, and Christiancy and Booth on the Republican, that body will stand Republicans thirty-nine, Democrats thirtyfour. Should the contested seats be awarded to Democrats, and it is quite probable that they eventually will, the Republicans will have but two major-

Everybody seems anxious to congratulate Senate. Perhaps Gen. Butler should be excluded. He was sent to the House chiefly to keep Mr. Hill straight, and lie may not like to be cheated of his task in this way.—TRI-

We would sooner expect to hear that Hill had wrung Butler's nock, than that Butler's crookedness and perversity had kept Hill straight. Hill's af fair with Yancey, in the Confederate Congress, would teach Butler to tread softly and proceed with caution in any matter where Hill was concerned.

J. H. Maddox, the treasury agent, who has been testifying before a congressional committee concerning the rascality of the Louisiana Returning Board, and their willingness to sell the vote of the State to the highest bidder. has been dismissed from the service. Maddox is as corrupt as the members of the Returning Board, doubtless, and should not hold any office of trust, yet his dismissal at this time looks like a punishment for his disclosures and a part of the programme to shield the Board in its villianies.

There was great desire on the part of eminent lawyers throughout the country to be engaged in the contested election cases before the Electoral Tribunal, and the Democratic and Republican Committees were besieged with applications. The Democrats have chosen Charles O'Conner, Jeremiah Black, Lyman Trumbull, Matthew W. Carpenter R. T. Merrick and Ashabel Green. The Republican counsel are Wm. M. Evarts, E. W. Stoughton, Stanley Matthews, W. E. Chandler, S. Shellabarger and Geo. H. Williams. Never before, perhaps, in this country, was there eyer such an array of legal talent assembled in a case. Black, O'Conner and Evarts stand at the head of their profession, while the others are lawyers of eminent ability.

Gov. Wells-J. Madison Wells, the President of the Louisiana Returning Board-was before the House committee on Monday. He carried a sword cane, and wore on his person a knife and a pistol, intending, no doubt, to bulldoze the whole committee. He was examined on the two letters written to West and Maddox, published elsewhere in this issue, and crossexamined by David Dudley Field. Mr. Field pressed him so close that his explanation was very lame indeed and indicated that he was very abstemious of the truth. At times he was very insolent, and had to be reprimanded by the chairman of the committee before answering some of the questions. At every turn the rascality of himself and for months waiting for something to of the people on the question in Au- timated at half a million dollars worth, his associates became more apparent. turn up.

The counting of the electoral vote began on Thursday last, according to and under the provisions of the new electoral bill. The votes of Alabama. Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut and Delaware were counted without opposition, giving Tilden and Hendricks twenty-five and Hayes and Wheeler nine. Florida was next in order, and there being three sets of returns objections were raised by both sides. The certificates and accompanying papers were handed over to the tribunal of fifteen, who immediately

went into the consideration of the case. David Dudley Field and Ran. Tucker opened the case for the Democrats. and Kasson and McCreary for the Republicans. Chas. O'Conner submitted a brief, in which he argued that evidence, other than that submitted to Congress by the President of the Senate, should be received by the commission. After a discussion it was determined to hear counsel on this question, allowing each side three hours. R. T. Merrick and Judge Black, for the Democrats, and Stanley Matthews and Mr. Stoughton, for the Republicans, then made arguments on the question at issue, that of Mr. Merrick being generally pronounced logical, argumentative and conclusive. The case was closed by Wm. M. Evarts, for the Republicans, and Chas. O'Conner, for the Democrats, on Monday, and on Tuesday the tribunal went into secret session to determine whether or not it would go behind the returns made by the Returning Board.

The testimony before the House Committee concerning the acts of the Returning Board of Louisiana are most damaging and present a tale of villainy, fraud and corruption unequalled in this country before. The substance of it is that Wells and the other members offered the State for sale, and for one million of dollars would have given a majority for either the Hayes or Tilden electors. One J. H. Maddox, a government official, was agent for the Returning Board to negotiate the sale .-He first applied to the Radical Managers, and asked for one miliion of dollars to protect the Returning Board. Failing in getting the money-troops being substituted for money to protect the members-Maddox, after frequent conversations and communications with Wells, applied to Mr. Hewitt, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and also to John Morrissey, and offered to sell the vote of the State to Tilden for the sum of one million of dollars. Maddox and the Returning Board again failing' in their scheme to make money out of the vote of the State, the sale was abandoned. The Board then, upon the former orders of Chandler, that the State must of manipulating the returns, and after a protracted session extending over weeks made a Tilden majority of eight or ten thousand disappear and showed forty-five hundred and the election of a Republican Governor and a Republican Legislature. Surrounded by troops and backed by the Radical Administration the Board felt secure from exposure and harm. The House of Representatives, however, exercised its authority and day after day wrings from their unwilling lips revelations which should consign them to the penitenti-

# VERY UNCERTAIN.

The readers of the COMMONWEALTH will doubtless expect some expression of opinion concerning the result of the labors of the electoral tribunal, upon which hinges the presidential question. We have observed all movements carefully, studied closely the arguments of the Democratic and Republican counsel, and conclude that there is much doubt about the result. Law and justice differ widely sometimes. If justice is sought, Tilden will be inaugurated; but if the technicalities of the law only are to govern, the result to us seems very uncertain.

# A PLAIN QUESTION.

Which is the greater criminal, J. Madison Wells, the villainous and dishonored chief of the Louisiana Returning Board, who is now branded with infamy, or the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States and men in high places who have upheld him in his iniquitous and guilty conduct, defended his gross wrongs and outrages, and shielded him and his infamous doings from investigation; who have praised where they should have censured and justified where they should have condemned?

The House Committee on appropriations has provided for only \$25,000 for the President's salary in the Legislative Appropriation bill, and accompanied the item with a clause repealing the section of the Revised Statutes making the salary \$50,000. It is believed the reduction will be agreed to.

It is mentioned as a striking illustration of the hard times among politicians as well as other folks that among the special police lately sworn in at the capitol were two ex-Governors, one exjudge, one ex-Congressman, and several prominent State politicians, who permanent location for the State capi have been hanging about Washington | tal. The bill proposes to take the vote

The British Quarterly Review for January, reprinted by THE LEONARD SCOTT PUB-LISHING Co., 41 Barclay street, New York is just out. We have not space to do more than indicate the contents.

I. "Julian's Letters." After remarking that, though the historical value of these letters has been recognized and appreciated, their biographical value has been generally overlooked, the reviewer gives an account of their number and substance, and of those to whom they were addressed; and concludes by illustrating from them the character of the man as distinct from the Emperor.

II. "The Poetry of the Old Testament." The contributions of Lowth, Herder, and Ewald to the scientific criticism of Hebrew poetry are briefly summed up; and then folows a long dissertation on its peculiar qualities, especially dwelling on its subjectivity its want of plastic power, its passion and sympathy, its rhythm, and the various forms f composition in which it finds expression III. "Alexander Vinet." Gives a brief sketch of his life, an account of his life

IV. "Priesthood in the Light of the Nev Testament." Taking for his text the recent work of Dr. Mellor on this subject, the writion to the problem of the growth of a priestly system, with its hierarchy and ritual, out of the primitive Christian Church.

V. "Herbert Spencer's Sociology." This article is devoted to "the plane of thought in which Mr. Spencer moves, the field or stage assumed in his science, and the ultimate dynamic to which it refers us." It closes with some remarks on the nature and sphere of Social Statistics.

VI. "Guizot's History of France." This work is in five volumes, the first four of which were entirely the production of M. Guizot, and the fifth compiled by his daughter from his notes and directions. The reviewer gives high praise to the author for "the calm judicial spirit" and "loftiness of moral tone" with which the story has been

VII. "The Servian War." A sketch of the troubles in Servia which began in 1862, dwelling particularly on the causes and re sults of the present war. VIII. Comprise a long list of notices of all

kinds of contempoary literature. The periodicals reprinted by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: The London Quarter ly, Edingburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's magazine. Price, \$4 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

## Rules of the Electoral Tribunal.

The Electoral Commission has adopted the following rules for their guid-

Rule 1. The commission shall appoint a secretary, two assistant secretaries, a marshal and two deputy marshals, a stenographer, and such messengers as shall be needful, to hold during the pleasure of the commission. Rule 2. On any subject submitted to the commission a hearing shall be had, and counsel shall be allowed to con-

duct the case on each side. Rule 3. Counsel not exceeding two in number on each side will be heard by the commission on the merits of any case presented to it, not longer than two hours being allowed to each be counted for Hayes, began the work | side, unless a longer time and additional counsel shall be specially authorized by the commission. In the hearing of interlocutory questions but one counsel shall be heard on each side, and be not longer than fifteen minutes, unless a Hayes majority of from thirty-five to the commission allow further time and additional counsel, and printed argu-

ments will be received. Rule 4. The objectors to any certificate or vote may select two of their number to support their objections in oral arguments and to advocate the validity of any certificate or vote, the validity of which they maintain, and in like manner the objectors to any other certificate may select two of their number for a like purpose, but under this rule not more than four persons shall speak, and neither side shall occupy more than two hours.

Rule 5. Applications for process to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of written or documentary testimony may be made by counsel on either side, and all process shall be served and executed by the marshal of the commission or his deputies.

Depositions hereafter taken for use before the commission shall be sufficiently authenticated if taken before any commissioner of the Circuit Court of the United States, or any clerk or deputy clerk of any court of the United States.

Rule 6, Admission to the public sittings of the commission shall be regulated in such manner as the president of the commission shall direct.

Rule 7. The commission will sit, unless otherwise ordered, in the room of the Supreme Court of the United States, and with open doors, (except when in consultation) unless otherwise directed.

THE INELIGIBLE ELECTORS.—The subcommittee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections showed great anxiety the other day to get their report made public in advance of the meeting of the electoral commission. The Senate committee confined its investigations entirely to the examination into the alleged ineligibility of democratic electors in New Jersey, Missouri and Virginia. The committee were very anxious to get something as an offset for the Oregon case, but they failed entirely. In the meantime the cases of ineligible republican electors are coming to light almost daily. The Wisconsin pension surgeon, who was before the House committee Saturday, is one of the last. The Michigan republican elector who, it is claimed, is an alien, is on his way to Washington, and it is said that one of the Minnesota electors and two of the Illinois electors are also unnaturalized aliens. But none of these cases of ineligibility, democratic or republican, can come before the electoral commission, with the single exception of the Oregon, for in that case only are there two sets of

The West Virginia House of Delegutes has ordered to its engrossment the bill providing for the selection of a

returns.

The Hand of Fate.

Some months ago a genteel looking Frenchman, about 35 years of age, giving the name of Isaac Riche, came to Augusta county, Va., and purchased some land in a retired cove in the Blue Ridge mountains, not far from Waynesboro, and on it built a neat cottage. He was a man of many accomplishments, and spoke several languages, but was very reserved and made few acquaintances. Among those few was the Rev. Jacob Hildebrand, to whose care he had his letters directed. They were all foreign letters, and chiefly from France. He was gentlemanly in his manner, and gained the good-will of the few persons he knew.

On Tuesday evening last a stranger

got off the train and asked for the

Bruce House, in Waynesboro, and

then asked where the Rev. Mr. Hildebrand lived. Being told that it was five miles out of town he got a horse, sketch of his life, an account of his life and the same evening rode out there. Work, and the service he rendered to Divine He stated to Mr. H. that he was a farmer looking for a farm, and talked about who lived on the farms around. Riche being mentioned, he said he knew him and manifested a wish for ter of this article endeavors to find a solu- Mr. H. to ride there that evening, but that gentleman declined, saying he would go the next morning. The stranger, who afterwards proved to be a New York detective named Newcomb, returned to Waynesboro. That night he secured the services of Billy Shepherd, the barber, and next morning drove with him in a spring wagon to Mr. H.'s, who accompanied him to Riche's, who was found at home and alone. The stranger presented Riche a letter which he recognized as from his brother, whereupon the detective drew a revolver and pronounced him his prisoner, much to the astonishment of Mr. Hildebrand and the colored dri-

> Riche was thunderstruck and sunk to the ground, offering no resistance. His captor placed him in the wagon and drove to Waynesboro, where he ironed him, and putting him in a freight car, started East with him before the Waynesboro authorities knew anything of it. During the drive to the town the prisoner spoke but once after leaving his cottage, and that was as to the right road. He spent his time making memoranda in a note

The accused was formerly a school

teacher in France, from whence he

fled to escape a prosecution for rape committed on one of his pupils. The detective said he had traveled all over the United States in hunting him. He was finally discovered by letters put in the French postoffice by his brother, who was watched. The last and fatal one when it arrived at the New York postoffice was given to Newcomb by the U.S. Marshal, and he finding it directed to the care of "Rev. J. Hildebrand, Waynesboro, Augusta county, Va.," brought it to its destination, and it was this that he handed Riche. also had the photograph of the ac cused, received from the French police. The detective said he expected a large reward. The penalty of Riche's crime is the guillotine. - Staunton Vindicator. A case coming within the extradition treaty existing between the republic of France and the United States came up yesterday before Commissioner White. Isaac Rech, a Frenchman was arrested by Deputy Marshal Newcomb on affidavits presented by the French Consul General at this port, charging Rech with the commission of a very serious offence under the French laws. The papers in the case show that the accused was a teacher in a government institution for learning in the village of Erlencourt, in France, which was attended by the children of the villagers; that Rech, during the years 1875-6, had committed outrages on several of the youthful pupils, and that the specific charge against him, and on which the papers for his arrest here and extradition are based, was for violation of the person of Anna Alman, a girl between twelve and thirteen years old. It is also stated that the knowledge of a similar outrage coming to the ears of the mother of one of his victims she died from the shock. Rech immediately fled to this country, making his way to the State of Virginia, where he purchased 164 acres of wild land at Waynesboro, on a credit of \$200. Here he remained isolated, and probably secure from the reach of justice, had he continued to reside in the forest shanty he had erected for himself; but in an evil hour he came to Newark, N. J., and resumed his old occupation of schoolmaster. Here the sleepless eye of justice got a squint of him, and he decamped, seeking again his Virginia home. But the eye of justice unerringly pursued, and his countryman Dubert was on his track, traced him to his lair, arrested him and brought him here. Rech is about thirty six years of age, reticent as to the charge or any of the circum stances implicating him, but half admits that he will return to France without putting the French authorities to any trouble in proving a case under our laws justifying his extradition. Pending further examination

low-street jail .- New York Herald. How Northerners are "Bull-Dozed" IN VIRGINIA.-Last week Mr. Dickson, who recently purchased a farm in Nansemond county, Va., returned from the North with his family to go and take possession of his farm; he found the carts and wagons of his neighbors at Suffolk ready to carry all his furniture and goods out to the farm free of charge. When he arrived at the farm he found they had also been there ahead of him. Some of the neighbors had hauled a good supply of wood up from the woods, and others had built comfortable fires in the rooms and had the bouse comfortable and warm for Mr. Dickson and his family. Nor was this all, a good lady of the neighborhood prepared a large basket of provisions, and presented them to the family, saying that she knew how difficult it was to find cooking utensils at such a time, so she thought she would prepare something for them.

into the case Rech lies in a cell at Lud-

Panama advices state that the town of Cali, State of Cauca, was sacked recently, and men, women and children to the number of 300 or more murdered, and a vast amount of property, esdestroyed.

Special dispatch to the Baltimore Gazette A STARTLING STORY.

Wells on his Knees to Governor Nicholls HE PROMISES TO TELL ALL IF GRANTED PRO TECTION, BUT REPENTS WHEN HE GETS WORD FROM WASHINGTON.

New Orleans, February 4 .- On the

12th of January Mr. Wells sent for Mr. E. J. Barrett, a member of the Odd-Fellows-hall House, from Rapides, and an almost life-long friend of Mr. Wells, and told him that after having long and thoroughly discussed the matter with himself he had firmly determined to make a statement to Governor Nicholls for the benefit of the people of Louisiana. He expressed much solicitude and earnest anxiety to act upon his resolve, and suggested to Mr. Barrett that the best way to reach Governor Nicholls for the purpose desired would be through Mr. P. J. Kennedy. He, therefore, begged Mr. Barrett to ask Mr. Kennedy to call on him (Wells) for the purpose of furthering the project in view. Mr. Barrett accordingly visited Mr. Kennedy at once, laid the matter before him, and then on the evening of that same day, January 12, Messrs. Kennedy and Barrett in company called at Mr. Wells' house, and, finding him at home, were at once accorded an interview. At this interview Mr. Wells reiterated to Mr. Kennedy what he had stated to Mr. Barrett, to wit: That he wanted to make a full statement to Governor Nicholls detailing the part he had taken in matters affecting the gravest interests of the people of Louisiana, but that before making the confession he would exact a pledge that he would not be prosecuted; that no harm would befall him; that he would be protected in person and property, and that his confession would be accepted as such reparation for whatever he might confess to have done that he would retain his standing among his fellow-men, and that, in short, he might be as a citizen as if nothing touching the matter under consideration had been placed up-

Mr. Kennedy says that Mr. Wells uttered these remarks, and gave expression to his wishes with feelings of the deepest concern, as if his mind were irrevocably fixed upon relieving itself of its confession. Mr. Kennedy informed Mr. Wells that he would call on Governor Nicholls without delay, bear to him the message entrusted for his ears, and speedily acquaint Mr. Wells with the result. On the next day, therefore, (Saturday, 13th,) Mr. Kennedy saw Gov. Nicholls, laid the matter before him, and was empowered to see Wells and arrange an interview for Sunday, 14th ultimo, at ten o'clock in the morning, at Mr. Kennedy's rooms, in Cassidy's hotel. Thereupon Mr. Kennedy returned to Mr. Wells, who, upon learning that Gov. Nicholls consented to an interview, promptly agreed to meet him at the time and place mentioned. On Sunday morning, 14th, therefore, at the appointed hour, Governor Nicholls met Mr. Kennedy at the latter's apartments. Directly after Governor Nicholls arrived Mr. Barrett called, bearing a communication for Mr. Kennedy, which upon being opened was found to read as fol-

New Orleans, La., January 14, 1877. -Hon. J. P. Kennedy, Cassidy's Hotel-Dear Sir: I am quite unwell-too much so to fill our engagement to-day. Will inform you to-morrow relative to a fulfillment. Truly yours, J. MADISON WELLS.

An hour afterward, Gov. Nicholls, being still in the apartment, a messenger appeared with a second written communication, as below:

January 14, 1877.—Hon. J. P. Kennedv, Cassidv's Hotel-Dear Sir: An hour after our friend Barrett left my room I was placed in possession of matters requiring my absence for a few days. Will return in a few days, when we will meet again.

Truly yours, J. MADISON WELLS On the evening of that day Mr. Wells hurriedly left for Washington in response to an urgent summons, which was, undoubtedly, what he referred to in saying, "possession of matters requiring my absence." It seems very reasonable to suppose that if that summons had not come when it did and thus interfered with the plan afoot, Mr. Wells would have then made a clean breast of the entire returning-board business; for to Mr. Kennedy it was clear, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that such was Mr. Well's purpose, honestly meant, and only checked by the interposition of the sudden movement to Washington.

The proceedings in the United States Senate on Saturday were entirely devoid of interst. In the House the legislative appropriation bill was further considered and finally passed. It fixes the pay of the President of the United States at \$25,000 per annum and that of Senators and Representatives at \$5,000 per annum. A message was read from the President on the finacial question. It recommends that no earlier date shall be fixed than that now provided for by law for the resumption of specie payments, but that Congress shall pass a bill authorizing the issuance of four per cent. bonds to run forty years before maturity, to be exchanged for legal-tender notes, the whole amount of said bonds not to exceed \$150,000,000.

It is understood that one of the discoveries of the House South Carolina committee is that there has really been no legal election in that State since reconstruction. The new constitution has a mandatory provision for the registration of voters. The carpet-bag and colored Legislatures have never passed any registration law, as directed by the constitution. This may make another point for the electoral commission to unravel.

Gov. Hampton, of South Carolina, on Wednesday sent to Aiken a pardon for Benjamin Cato, white, confined in jail under a conviction for malicious mischief, and be was released immediately by the sheriff.

A Portland, Oregon, dispatch says Secretary of State Chadwick was inaugurated Governor Thursday, vice Our Philadelphia Letter.

FEBRUARY 5, 1877. FRIEND COMMONWEALTH:-Your ever welcome paper comes to us highly improved by its new dress, and is none the less welcome because it has had the modesty to say nothing about its

new snit. As I write the ice gives indications of breaking up in our rivers. I carefully surveyed them yesterday, and no damage will be done when the break up comes. Above Kensington the Delaware is an almost unbroken sheet of ice almost to Trenton. The persons who have been crossing between Burlington and Bristol on the ice, now take to the boats. Upon Saturday the ice gave way at Port Kenney and gave the people of Nerristown some uneasiness. The Schuylkill above the falls

Your editorial in your last issue in relation to the prospects of the country was well timed, and encouraging. All who have hearts to pity "prisoners and captives" will feel saddened at the death of Mr. Perkins, superintendent of our county prison, which took place yesterday morning. For forty-six years he held this unpleasant place, and did his duties with gentleness and firmness. In a few months another and a greater man-the venerable J. R. Chandler, of the U. S. Gazette .who has devoted his mind, and his body, and purse to the aid of the unfortunate prisoners, will follow Mr. Perkins

Upon Saturday Sam'l Ewing was killed by James Pye, who demolished Mr. Ewing in McGee's tavern, at Wharton, and 18th street. It would be justice to turn all these fighters into an open lot and let them kill each oth-Why should quiet people be compelled to pay court expenses during the trials of these villians?

It is a good sign of the times that policemen are resisting the infliction of \$20 "assessment" for party purposes. Some policemen are resisting the payment of this sum in the court.

Is it not strange that people should be found bad enough to impose upon the feelings of kird people during a winter like the last? And yet one G. D. Cooke, and some women, have been getting money, medicines, and sewing machines from kind hearted people under the pretext that they were the "E. Norris street Relief Association," for the aid of the poor! They victimized the writer to the value of 75 cts., and I will pay the even dollar if I can see their heads outside of a court

The tintinabulation of the bells!" The rector, vestrymen and wardens of St. Mark's Church have been cited to appear before Judges Hare and Mitchell, Room C., Court of Common Pleas, to show cause why they will not be compelled to discontinue the ringing of a new chime of bells in St. Mark's Church, at 17th and Locust streets. The real cause of this hostility to the chimes, is that St. Mark's is a High (Ritualistic) Church, and we are not far enough advanced in christianity to appreciate services which seem like impious blasphemy!

You will feel happy when I inform you that the act for the removal of the State government from Harrisburg to this city has been postponed. We have lawless, bad men enough in this city now without being punished with a visit from the assembly which meets at Harrisburg annually! Oh, give us a rest, will you?

What is the matter with Reading R. R. stock? From 54 to 14, is a heavy fall! With a completed road to mountains of coal, only 100 miles away, and "down grade" all the way, at that, it seems impossible that this depression should last. With a less honest man than Mr. Gowan at its head, the stock would have kept at par-and the tumble would have been greater.

In the markets I have no change to report. Flour, Whisky, Hay, Straw, Petroleum, etc., are about the same. Yours, truly

G. R. WELDING.

THE TROOPS LEAVING SOUTH CAROLINA. Of the thirty-seven companies of United States troops quartered at South Carolina in October last and distributed throughout the State, only twelve remain, and ten of these belong to the Eighteenth Infantry, which has for years past composed the garrison at Columbia. The other two companies remaining belong to the Second Infantry, and they will probably be soon ordered off. The troops have been sent to Fort Warren, Plattsburg barracks and other northern forts.

COMMERCIAL. HARRISONBURG MARKET. THURSDAY MORNING, Jan 31, 1877. CATTLE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31, 1877.

Beef Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows:
Best Beeves. \$5 25 a 6 25
Generally rated first quality 4 25 a 5 25
Medium or good fair quality 3 50 a 4 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows. \$00 a 3 50
General average of the market. 4 25
Extreme range of Prices. 3 00 a 6 25
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Extreme range of Prices. 4 00 a 4 75

The market this week has been quite slow. Few
transactions were recorded until some concessions was
made generally throughout the yards, and then sales
were sluggish, and so continued to the close
of the market. The decline established, as
compared with last week's figures, being %a½o, the
most concessions being on the middle and common
grades of Cattle. The latter were less numerous than
last week, while the better grades were more plentiful.
Quotations 3a\$6 25 per 100 lbs, a few sales being effected at the former figure, and considerable numbers at
and near the latter price. Cows 35a\$45 per head and
dull. Total receipts for the week 1938 head. Total
sales for the past week 1812 head.

Sheep—The quality of the offering this week has
been particularly fine, better than any time before
during the present winter. The market early in the
week was fairly active, and so continued till it was
found there was no Eastern demand, when the sales
became less active, and prices ruled, quality considered, at last week's prices. We quote at 4½60½o, and
extra heavy at 7½o per lb. Receipts this week very BALTIMORE, Jan. 31, 1877.

head.

Hogs—The market has been only moderately active this week. The quality continues to be very inferior. Few sales are made at our top prices, while more Hogs could be placed at those figures if they were on the market. We quote light bacon at \$838\cdots on the best butcher Hogs at \$1\cup 4848\cdots or weelling at the lat ter price, most sales being at and near \$1\cup c per 1b net. Receipts this week 4573 head.

LUXURIOUS BANKRUPTS .- One of Boston's solid merchants writes to the Commercial Bulletin of that city that at a recent fashionable party he saw five different business men who had been through bankruptcy within the past fourteen months, and settled with their creditors at from fifteen to thirty cents on the dollar. The wives of all these men were dressed in the extreme height of fashion, glittering with jewelry and diamonds. This would seem to indicate that the machinery of going through bankruptcy has become, at least in that particular quarter, pretty thoroughly lubricated.

Over 250,000 pounds of powder for Russia have arrived at New York over the Erie Railway the past week. Eight more car loads are expected.

Ninety nine emigrants of various nationalities and including ten married couples and three unmarried women sailed from New York Saturday for Australia.

The great charity ball in New York on Thursday evening netted \$14,000.

MARRIED.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1877, at the residence of Samuel Garber, near Moore's Store, Va., by Rev. Jacob Wine, Mr. Samuel Early, of Rockingham county, and Miss Annie V. Garber, of Shenandoah county, Va. Near Sangersville. Va., Jan. 28th, by Rev. Joseph A. Miller, Mr Daniel Biby, of Rockingham county, and Miss Rachel M., daughter of Frederick Shaver, dec'd. On January 28th, 1877, by Rev. Frederick Cline, Jas. E. Salyards and Mary E. Holsinger. On Jan 25th, 1877, by Rev. Solomon Garber, Sam-uel Hinegardner and Annie Elizabeth Keagy.
On Jan. 28th, 1877, by Rev. L. Fox, Claiborne H.
Lamb and Matilda A. Lamb. At the M. E. Church parsonage in this town, on February 3rd, 1877, by Rev. S. S. Roszel, Samuel Brown and Mary Elizabeth Scott.

Near Melrose, on Sunday evening, Jan. 28, Mrs. Catharine Henton, wife of Andrew S. Henton, aged about 54 years. On the 1st day of February, Mrs. Wm. H. Terrill, of the Warm Springs, died at the residence of her in-law, at Hinton, W. Va., aged 66 years.

At the residence of her father, near Roadside Rockingham county, Va., Lenora Virginia Cover, daughter of N. R. and Mildred F. Cover, aged 6 months and 11

days.

Dear parents, shed not a tear over Lenora's early grave, but think of her now happy in Paradise, surrounded by angels and associated with the redeemed of the Lord, where you may meet her to part no more.

"I've left the world where woe and sin Swell onward as a river, And gained a world where I shall rest In peace and joy forever."

F. A. STROTHER.
Parsonage, McGaheysville, Jan. 26th, 1877.

Parsonage, McGaheysville, Jan. 26th, 1877.

In this place, at about 4 s. m. on Monday morning, Feb. 5th, 1877. Mrs. Fannie R. Wise, wife of Adolph Wise, Esq., in the 30th year of her age.

Last week we chronicled the death of Mr. Wise's mother, and above we record that of his wife. The entire community unites in sympathy with this beneaved family. The deceased was of a loving disposition, a kind and true wife and mother, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew her for her modest yet exalted worth. She leaves behind her a devoted husband and five young children, together with numerous relatives and friends, to mourn her death—at an age when the attractions of this life are greatest. Her remains were yesterday d-posited in the new Herberw burial ground near this place, with the service of that religious faith, administered by Rabbi Hockheismer, of Faltimore city.

EALEN REBECCA TRIBBY, wife of Mr. Wm. Tribby, died at the residence of her father, Henry Kelley, Esq., in this place, on Wednesday night, January 31, 1877, acad 39 years

in this place, on Wednesday night, January 31, 1877, aged 32 years.

After only a couple of years of happy married life the bridal wreath but as of yesterday is laid aside for the vestments of the grave. She, around whom centered the tenderest ties- of loving husband, father and relatives—has answered the summons of God the Father, to whom all her years from childhood were devoted. In youth she gave her heart to God, and connected herself with the Presbyterian church, of which she was a devoted and consistent member, and her end was a triumph over death. In answer to her paster when asked but a short time before dissolution if she was fully prepared for death, she promptly replied. "I am." Is a few moments after, addressing those about her, she said: "Do you not see the light over there?" when aimost immediately the released spirit departed to God who gave it. In this there is sweet consolation for the mourning friends left behind. Her disembodied spirit rests in the Father's house—"a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Follow her as she followed Christ. Heavens" Follow her as she followed Christ.

New Advertisements.

Commissioner's Notice. JOSEPH MILLER'S ADMINISTRATRIX

JOHN LANDES, &C., In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Ca. Extract from Decree of January Term, 1877:—"This cause is reterred to one of the Commissioners of this Court to settle the account of Wm. B. Compton, Commissioner in the cause, and to ascertain and report the amount due on the land from the purchaser at the sale made in said cause, and what amount was realized at the sale made of said land made by John Paul, Assignee in Bankruptcy of G. T. Myers, and any other matters deemed pertinent or required by any party interested, with a view to a final decree in this cause." interested, with a view to a final decree in this cause."

NOTICE is hereby given to all the parties interested in this cause, that I have fixed upon Saturday, the 3d day of March, 1877, at my office in Harrison-bung, Yan, as the time and place of executing the provisions of the foregoing decree, when and where you will attend and protect your respective interests.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Rockingham, this 6th day of February, 1877.

feb8-4w PENDLETON BRYAN, C. C Wm. B. Compton, p. q.

Commissioner's Notice.

B. F. KEMPER, &C., In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co. In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.
Extract from Decree of Jan. 23rd, 1877:—"It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that one of the Commissioners of this Court take an account of the liens on the property mentioned in the Bill, with their priorities, and the rental value thereof, and any other matter deemed pertinent or specially required by any party interested. Four weeks notice of the time and place of taking said account given by publication in one of the Harrisonburg newspapers shall be deemed equivalent to personal service of notice on the parties interested."

interested."

Notice is hereby given to all the parties to this suit and all others interested. That I have fixed on Monday, the 5th day of March. at my office in Harrison-burg, as the time and place of taking the accounts required by this decree, at which said time and place you will appear and do what is necessary to protect your respective interests in the premises.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery, this 6th day of February, 1877.

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W. B. Compton. p. g. feb8-4w W. B. Compton, p. q.

VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE.

SIX houses and lots, centrally located in the town of Harrisonburg, are offered for sale on easy terms until April first. If not sold by that time they will be

They are all desirable properties, one being one of the finest residences in the town. The lot on which it stands contains an acre of ground, upon which there is an abundance of choice fruit trees, including apples, peaches, pears, and various kinds of grape vines. Apply to E. J. SULLIVAN, At the Post Office, Harrisonburg, Va. feb8-2millo

SPECIAL NOTICE. THE subscriber wishes to make known to the pub-lic generally that he is now giving lessons in the

ART OF DANCING. ART OF DANCING,
at Mr. Joseph Mauzy's near Montevideo. His class
is large, with a prospect of its increasing. Persons
wishing to place themselves or children under his
charge for instruction can do so with the greatest confidence. The term consists of sixteen lessons, of the
latest styles. He will also be pleased to have any of
his old pupils visit him occassionally. Days and hours
of tuition on Saturdays from 9 to 11 o'clock . m., and
from 1 to 3 o'clock p, m. rom 1 to 3 o'clock p. m. feb8-tf C. C. ALMOND, P. D.

A GOOD STAND FOR SELLING GOODS. OFFER my Store House, Ware Roem, and Room above ware-room and Cellar, in McGaheysville,

FOR RENT. TERMS reasonable. Apply to J. J. LITTELL, McGaheysville, Va., or myself care Johnson, Sutton & Co., Baltimore. W. F. LEWIN.

A Penny Saved is a Penny Made. T ADIES, save the combings of your hair and take

J. W. STROTHER ye it made into Braids Curls and Switche moderate. Ladies' Hair days all Saloon on Water Street, adjoining Masonic

LARGE RED POCKET FOOK, contain about Ninety Dollars and rivate papers. ander will receive a liberal rewerd and the gratuants of the owner by leaving fat the Billiard Safer Richards & Washube's Bay

### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

PLEASANT VALLEY-IMPROVEMENTS .-At this point there is a station on the Valley Railroad, and considerable activity in the improvement of the surroundings is being manifested by some of the farmers whose lands lie near by. Several new buildings have been erected recently, and others will follow as soon as spring opens. Mr. Frederick Rodes has sold five building lots recently on such liberal terms as to induce persons of small means to invest. He has still a considerable area of land which he proposes to lay off in lots and sell in like manner. Others, following the liberal and enterprising course pursued by Mr. R., are offering their lands adjoining at very moderate figures, and we may confidently look forward to the building up at this point of a handsome and prosperous village.

THE ARCTOMYS MONAX.-The Arctomys Monax, called by the unlearned the ground hog, has been generally discussed the past few days. It is a matter of controversy whether he saw his shadow or not on the 2nd, the larger number believing that he did not, and consequently that winter is over. It will puzzle those having faith in the Arctomys Monax as a weather prophet, to get over the tacts that in Baltimore, Richmond and other places the day was bright and clear; that the prophet was frightened back to his winter quarters by the sight of his shadow, and therefore winter will last six weeks more. It will scarcely be spring here and winter all around us.

VALLEY FEMALE SEMINARY.-We are gratified to learn that this new Institute for young ladies, at Willow Spout, on the Valley Turnpike, is in a very await the action of the grand jury. prosperous condition. The success it met with during the first term was highly encouraging to the principals and patrons of the school. The second term has commenced under still more favorable auspices-a number of new pupils having been added to the school; and all with one voice speak in the highest praise of the efficiency of the teachers, and of the gentle and home-like influences with which they are surrounded.

A SINGULAR FREAK.—We learn from our friend, Mr. C. J. Zirkle, who resides on Smith Creek, about four miles South of New Market, that one of his cows frequently failed to give any milk at the regular hours for milking. Accidently it was ascertained that a number of pigs appropriated the milk to their own use whenever the cow lav down. The cow had become very fond of them, and would caress and lick them and would bawl whenever they were away from her .- New Market Val-

EMMANUEL CHURCH.—The financial affairs of this church are in a better condition now than ever before. During the past year, by the efforts of the pastor and the ladies of the congregation, the debt has been reduced \$620, of which amount the Ladies Society paid \$318.21. There were also some repairs made to the building during the year, costing \$166.70, \$6.70 being paid by the Ladies Society. The whole amount paid on the debt and for repairs was \$786.70.

PNEUMONIA of a very severe type has been prevalent not only here but throughout the country generally for several weeks past. The damp, moist weather has had a great deal to do with this, and people should not con- jury. clude that because the rigor of winter has somewhat abated, one can doff clothing because it may be a little warm or inconvenient.

Consolidation of Schools.—In order to receive the Peabody Fund of \$800 promised to the schools of Harrisonburg. two of the schools are to be consolidated to make up the requisite attendance. B. F. Mackall, principal of the male graded school, has resigned, and his department will be merged into Mr. Funk's.

Supper, &c .- The ladies of Woodbine Cemetery Improvement Society, for the purpose of raising funds to carry out their plans for the improvement of Woodbine Cemetery, propose having a supper at the Revere House on Thursday and Friday evenings, February 22nd and 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS OF CIRCUIT COURT. -- J. P. Effinger vs. J. A. B. Hill, verdict for defendant for \$50, being excess of defendant's offsets against plaintiff's

J. P. Effinger vs. W. O. Hill, judgment for plaintiff.

Thornton Thomas' administrator vs. B. & O. R. R. Co., judgment by consent for \$65 damages for killing two cattle.

J. P. Effinger vs. I. C. Hill, verdict and judgment for plaintiff. J. P. Effinger vs. J. A. B. Hill, sec-

ond case, judgment for plaintiff. Ephraim Wenger, Appellent, vs. Ann Price, Appellee, supersedeas to a judgment of the County Court. Judgment of County Court set aside and new trial awarded the Appellant in Circuit Court.

Saturday-Office Judgment Docket Pleas filed in twenty-one called.

Salina Strickler vs. Reuben Koontz, and same vs. Madison Thomas. These suits were brought to recover pay for services as nurse in cases of small-pox. Jury verdict and judgment for plaintiff in each case. \$40 in first case and \$63 in the second case.

J. P. Effinger vs. I. C. Hill, second case. Judgment for plaintiff.

Several other cases of minor importance were disposed of.

Daniel Hurley, jr., committed to jail by his Honor Mayor Hyde on a charge of burglary, was brought before his Honor Judge Mark Bird on a writ of habeas corpus, in order to make application for bail. On hearing the evidence the prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of \$250 for his appearance at the next term of the County Court.

FAST WORK .- On Thursday afternoon last, Feb. 1st, Mr. T. J. Keran, whose shop is on North Main Street, in this place, got the iron for a heavy twohorse wagon from the hardware store of Treiber & Gassman. On Monday evening last at 5 o'clock he completed the work, had the wagon set up and one coat of paint upon it. This is what we call quick work, and is somewhat remarkable when we state that he did the entire work alone. Mr. Keran is a No. 1 workman at his trade, and this specimen of his skill, though completed in such a brief period of time, shows superior workmanship. He turns out good wagons at short notice.

SENT ON TO THE GRAND JURY .- Daniel Hurley, ir. better known as Bud Hurley. was arrested by Officer Kelley on Saturday on the charge of stealing a shawl from the premises of August Heller, in South Main Street. He was taken before Mayor Hyde, who, after hearing the testimony, committed him to jail to

Hurley was before Judge Bird on a writ of habeas corpus on Monday for tice of Prof. C. C. Almond's dancing school this life and cord are and uncertainty of application for bail. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$250.

Col. Robert Johnston, of Harrisonburg, is suggested in the Rockingham Register as a candidate for Governor. Col. Johnston was a member of the Confederate Congress during the war from the Clarksburg district, and stands very high as a lawyer and man of ability. - Richmond Whig.

> Correspondence of the Commonwealth. Bold Attempt at Rape.

BRIDGEWATER, VA., Feb. 6th, 1877. A negro calling himself Ras Coffman, asserting that he formerly belonged to Maj. Geo. Chrisman, made a bold and daring attempt to commit a rape on the person of a lady (Mrs. John Hatfield) who resides on the suburbs of Bridgewater. This deed was doubly daring from the fact of its being committed in broad day light, and near other residences.

The circumstances, as we gathered them from Mrs. H., are as follows: The black fiend came to her yard gate about nine or ten o'clock on Monday morning and enquired of her whether or not she knew any one that wanted to hire a man. Mrs. H. replied that she did not. He then asked her if she did not wish to hire a man; she replied that she did not need any help. He then enquired if her husband was at home; she told him he was not, but was down town. He then asked her if he might light his pipe; she told him she had no objections. He then entered the house, and while she was attending to her domestic affairs, he caught hold of her, threw her on the floor, choked and otherwise injured her, but did not succeed in his damnable designs-the screams of Mrs. H. bringing assistance, who frightened the monster. He attempted to escape, but this was impossible, as the citizens, being notified, turned out in mass and succeeded in overtaking him near Mr. James Davies, about two miles from town. He was taken before Joseph Byrd, Esq., who committed him to jail to await the action of the grand

The negro's guilt is conclusive. We interviewed him and obtained the following: Negro .- "Please do all you can for me, and do not let them kill me."

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Reporter.—"Why did you go in Mrs. H's house? Why didn't you behave yourself?"

Negro—"I just went into the house to light my pipe, and just put my hand on her, and she get skeered and fell over, and I felt sorry for her and jest tried to help her up. I'm innocent. I did not mean to do wrong. I'm a good christian man; always try to do right; have a good character; Mr. Chrisman right; have a good character; Mr. Chrisman knows me, he can give me a good charac-

Reporter .- "But why did you put your hand on Mrs. H?"

Negro.—''O, God, don't let 'em kill me;

I'm innocent." The negro was very much alarmed and prayed fervently, large drops of perspiration rolling down his ebony face. When first arrested the gentlemen told him to stop, and remarked to him that some kind of depredation had been committed and he must

The negro (without the character of the deed being made known to him) remarked that if he had raped anybody he would not be walking along there.
This was a very trying case on the forbearance of our people, but be it said to their credit, they are content to let the law

take its course.

BREVITIES.

These are the merry days and nights in the Maple Sugar Camps. Col. Armstrong has introduced a bill in the Legislature to incorporate a new Rawley

Springs Company. Representative Wm. M. Sibert was in town on Tuesday. He left the same evening for

All indications point to revived and active business here this coming Spring. We

hope it may be true. The street mud is being piled up to be hauled off by those who appreciate a good fertilizer and a cheap one.

A bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Healing Springs Company has been introduced nto the House of Delegates. Hon. John T. Harris made a very foreible

speech on the 26th ult. on the electoral bill n the House of Representatives. Next Wednesday will be Valentine Day. On the first page will be found a pretty lit-

tle story appropriate to the occasion

Dr. Frank L. Harris will be absent from his office from the 19th to the 16th of February, attending calls in an adjoining county. E. J. Sullivan advertises six houses and lots for sale. They are all centrally located. If not sold by April 1st they will be for rent. The Royal Land Company has contracted

The Woodbine Cemetery Improvement Society will hold a supper at the Revere House on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd

for the building of a large depot at Orange

Court House, to be completed by the 25th

The Council has passed an ordinance requiring political parties to obtain its permission before erecting flag poles hereafter. A house and lot in Mt. Sidney, property of

J. A. Critzer, has been sold to Mrs. Martha Johnson, for \$450, and a lot to J. W. Johnson for \$100. Ras Coffman, a colored fiend, attempted an outrage on the person of Mrs. John Hatfield,

of Bridgewater, on Monday morning. See Bridgewater locals. Abraham Swartz, aged upwards of seventy two years, died at the residence of his me, or any other individual, to arrest

this county, last week. The Shenandoah Herald intimates that the Legislature has not passed a single act of general interest. Well, how can it since

the Herald editor has retired from it? A lot of paper bags were burned in the store of P. W. Strayer, on East Market St., on Monday night. There were two large holes burned in the counter, also. The fire

The new store-room to be occupied by Wm Ott & Sons is receiving its finishing strokes. Mr. Staling is doing the painting, S. J. Jones | He recognized it as in Wells's handhaving completed the carpenter work in a writing, and said he recognized Wells creditable manner.

The Good Templar Lodges of this county have appointed delegates to assemble in joint meeting in this place on the 16th of February, to take the necessary steps to form a county Lodge.

The Royal Land Company's Railroad has been completed to Orange Court-House and trains are running through. The excursion over the road by citizens of Harrisonburg and Fredericksburg will take place about the 1st of March. In another column will be found the no-

at Mr. J. N. Mauzy's, near Montevideo. The Prof. fully maintains the merit of being "master of his profession," and children put S. R. Sterling, treasurer of Rockingham county, advertises the turnpike from Harri-

county, advertises the turnpike from Harrisonburg to Stanardsville for sale on the 17th of February, for taxes for 1875 assessed against Henry Forrer. We suggest to Mr. Sterling that if a new bottom was put in the road at several places it would bring a betained at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places it would be a several place at several places at severa ter price.

# The Royal Land Company.

Judge Critcher has written a letter to the Tappahannock Index, in which he says of the proposed route for this new railroad:

"It must reach deep water. This will be found at Quantico or Mathias Point, unless the people of the Northern Neck display a degree of liberality which shall induce them to extend the road to Wicomico, in Northumberland county. This extension will be attended with many advantages. The harbor of Wicomico is equal to that of Norfolk, and as free from ice. It has twenty-three feet of water to the ocean. It is spacious enough to float the navies of the world. It lies near Crisfield in railroad connection with Philadelphia. It is immediately on the line from Baltimore to Norfolk. It is near the capes of Virginia. This extension in addition to the coal and iron, on which it will mainly rely, will touch the oyster region. It will reach the fish-guano factories of the Bay. It will pass through a country well supplied with lumber, corn, wheat, fruit, sumac, stock, poultry, vegetables, &c. It would carry the daily mail and introduce the telegraph. It would avoid one hundred miles of river navigation,

as well as the ice blockade in winter. Such a road would need but two engines of ten tons weight, and thirty pound rails, and could be constructed and operated for a very small sum. The grading through such a country for a narrow guage would be very inconsiderable, especially as much grading could at first be dispensed with

where lumber is so abundant. This is the most favorable opportunity to introduce the telegraph and railroad in the Northern Neck. The company is willing to move. I shall endeavor to ascertain the least assistance they will require to extend the road and telegraph through the Neck and bring the subject again to the pub-

lic attention. It is certain, if we wish to improve our section, if we wish to invite capital and population amongst us we must introduce the improvements of the age. People of intelligence and wealth accustomed to such improvements will never remove with their families into a country of the last century.

Your obedient servant. JOHN CRITCHER.

It is stated that the conference bepeace is supposed to be certain.

The Louisiana Disclosures,

MADDOX PRODUCES THE MYSTERIOUS LETTERS.

The committee on the powers of the House of Hepresentatives at Washington, on Saturday, recalled H. Maddox. who produced the two letters referred to in his previous testimony, the open letter addressed to himself by ex-Gov. Wells and the sealed letter to Senator West. Mr. Field read the first as fol-

New Orleans, November 20, 1876 .-To Mr. J. H. Maddox, New Orleanstion with both political parties, and a friend of the President and a government officer, would it not be considered a part of your — to go at once to Washington, with as little delay as possible, and place before the President the condition and the pending dangers of the situation? Should you conclude upon prompt action in the premises allow me to commend you to Senator West, who is my friend, and with whom you will freely communicate.

Yours, very truly. J. MADISON WELLS. Senator West came into the room, and opened the letter addressed to

New Orleans, La., November 21, 1876. -My dear Senator: I reget much not seeing you when here. I wanted to say much to you which it would be, at least, imprudent to put upon paper. I trust, however, to meet you in Washington as soon as the canvass is over, which is upon us, our duties as returning officers have augmented the magnitude of the destiny of the two great parties, may I not say the nation. I fully comprehend the situation as well as my duty to the greatest living general, U. S. Grant, and not with my consent shall this oppressed people be governed by his paroled prisoners, aided by their white-livered cowards of the North. Let me, my esteemed sir, warn you of the danger. Millions have been sent here, and will be used in the interest of Tilden. Unless there is some counter movement, it will be impossible for son-in law, Mr. Fairburn, at Timberville, in its productive results. The gentleman presenting this letter is fully aware of the moves, and, if you allow, will communicate freely to our friends, and act promptly, or results will be disastrous. A hint to the wise. Strictly private and confidential.

Yours, very truly, J. Madison Wells. To the Hon. J. R. West, Washington,

D. C. Senator West said that he had never seen the letter before now. It had been in the hands of somebody else. all through the letter.

MEMORIAL.

To the Fourth Quarterly Conference of John Wesley Station, Staunton District Washington Conference of the M. E. Church, held in John Wesley Chapel, at Harrisonburg, Va.

MR. PRESIDENT :- Whereas, God has seen fit in His all wise Providence to cause one seat in our Conference to be vacant by the affliction of our beloved pastor, who has been with us nearly three years, we hereby throne of grace that if the Master calls him hence, he will be perfectly resigned to go, leaving his family in the hands of the same in his charge for instruction will receive strict and proper attention.

The same features in the same features in the same in his charge for instruction will receive hand of affliction. We know how dear to us are our earthly friends, and we therefore express our heartfelt smypathy for his family, which is just in the morning of the preroad at several places it would bring a bet- ing face." Oh, that they may put their trust in God, remembering that he will take care in God, remembering that he will take care of his people. He has promised to comfort the distressed and provide for all who put their trust in Him. The Psalmist David has remarked "that he had been young and had grown old, yet he had never seen the right eous forsaken." We earnestly pray that the members of his congregation will do all they can for his should he be called away. We believe that he has tried to perform his duties here as a pastor, and if he has erred we pray that God will forgive him. Our duty to his family, we believe, is to do all we can to his family, we believe, is to do all we can to alleviate their distress in this discourage

> The foregoing remarks we trust will be received as a tribute of grateful respect and affection to our beloved pastor, for whom we earnestly pray God to take care of, and ac cordingly commend him to His Omnipotent

Prayerfully in Christ, THE OFFICIAL BOARD. HARRISON GREEN, Secrectary, Rev. W. W. FOREMAN, P. E. January 27th, 1877.

The Important Question.

Of all loathsome diseases Catarrh stands pre-eminent. It renders its victim as dis-gusting to himself as to others. And the most humilitating of all is the consciousness that his presence is offensive to those around him. If any disease deserves the name of universal, it is this. Dietetic errors and the follies which Fashion imposes upon us tend to foster and disseminate it. To the pitiful cry of its victims, is there any cure for Catarrh? there is but one answer consistent with Christian reason. God has never sent one evil into the world for which he has not sent the remedy. For the greatest of all spiritual and moral evils, the Great Physician has prescribed a potent and never fail ing remedy. He has given explicit rules for the treatment and preservation of the spirit-wal and moral man, but He is silent in all matters relating to the physical man. It would be an unwarrantable detraction from His beneficent character to suppose that He has afflicted the greater portion of humanity with an incurable disease. The day of plagues is past. The God of Christianity is a God of Love, of Mercy, His message is "good will to all men." The earth and all contained therein was intended by the great Designer to supply man's wants; and surely he has ne greater wants than remedies for his infirmities. Science is rapidly proving that the earth is fitted to supply man's uttermost need. New medicinal plants are constantly being discovered and new properties developed from those already known. For Catarrh, the most potent remedy yet discovered in D. Scavic Catarrh, the Most potent remedy yet discovered in D. Scavic Catarrh, and the scavic catarrhy covered is Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Its efficacy has been tested in many thousand efficacy has been tested in many thousand cases with uniform success. Cases that had been repeatedly pronounced incurable read-ily yielded to it. In confirmed, or obstinate cases, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery should be taken in connection with the use

en away by druggists. ---A mass meeting of unemployed workingmen in New York Saturday night adopted a memorial to the State tween the Turkish Ambassador and Legislature asking an appropriation of the Servian agent at Vienna has con- \$2,000,000 for the purpose of giving cluded with a satisfactory result, and employment to some of the 55,000 unemployed men in that city.

of the Catarrh Remedy. Full particulars in Pierce's Memorandum Book. They are giv-

Ladies' Supper.

The ladies of Woodbine Improvement ociety, will have a supper at the Revere House on Thursday and Friday nights. Feb. 22d and 23d. Doors open at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited.

MRS. A. E. HENEBERGER Pres. MRS. L. H. OTT Sec'y.

THE AMERICAN FARMER.—The February number of this time-honored but vigorous farm journal has reached us, full as usual of matter suited to the season and to the needs of our farmers, all of whom would Dear Sir: Understanding the political find that a year's subscription to this practicondition of matters here from associa- cal periodical would be money well spent. Not only the staple crops, artificial and vegetable-growing, improved stock, dairying, poultry, &c., all have due attention, and a number of useful engravings are given, not to fill up space, but to illustrate the sense of the articles. To clubs of five or more the price is only \$1 each a year. Single rate \$1.50. The publishers are Sam'l Sands & Son, Baltimore.

ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO.,

Dealers in Foreign and American

MAIN STREET.

A few Doors North of the Post-Office,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

FULL STOCK!

"BOTTOM" PRICES

GARDEN SEEDS.—I have just received my stock which is fresh and genuine and GARDEN SEEDS. TRUE TO NAME. Those who need Seeds will find it to their GARDEN SEEDS. GARDEN SEEDS. GARDEN SEEDS. GARDEN SEEDS. Drug Store.

MACHINE OILS. | I have a superior article of Lu-ACHINE OILS. | bricating Oil for Mills, Reapers and all kinds of Machinery, which combines all the quali-ties of a fine Oil, and I am sell-ing it VERY LOW. Try it, and you will buy no other. For sale at JAMES L. AVIS' Drug Store.

I am preparing a Horse and Cattle Powders, which has been used for several years by the Farmers of Rockingham, who pronounce them the best made. I confidently recommond them as the ly recommond them as the BEST in the market. Try JAMES L. AVIS' DRUG STORE.

RUGS AND MEDICINES.—My stock is full, of the PUREST AND BEST that the Eastern markets afford. My facilities for preparing and dispensing them are unequalled by any establishment in the Valley. Persons needing anything in my line will find me ready to serve them with accuracy, neatness and dispatch.

JAMES L. AVIS, feb1

Druggist.

THE BOTTOM KICKED OUT OF PRICES AT Lewis' Grocery and Produce House

WHETHER we have a President or not, John S.
Lewis will continue to sell Groceries and Pro-

BANK ROW AHEAD!

Christmas is almost here, and you can get CHRIST-MAS SUPPLIES at LEWIS'. on Bank Row. REMEMBER, Lewis' Prices are down to

PRODUCE of all kinds WANTED, and high-est market prices paid, REMEMBER\_

Bank Row! Bank Row! Respectfully, JNO. S. LEWIS.

RARE OPPORTUNITY. Soda Fountain and Apparatus For Sale.

HAVE an elegant portable Soda Fountain, with a six spigot Syrup Stand—all complete and in good order—which I will sell ! OW. Marble top; silver-plated tubes; first-class make; easily run; no trouble to charge. Would suit a country store or confectionery, or for fairs, pic-nics, etc. A rare bargain is here offered, the owner finding his other business requiring all his time. Will be sold ware low if supplied for record lered, the owner finding his other business requiring all his time. Will be sold very low if applied for soon Call on B. NEY, febl-1 RED FRONT CLOTHING STORE, Main St.

CAUTION To Sewing-Machine Purchasers.

Sewing Machines represented as being SINGER SEWING-MACHINES, unless they have our gilt trade mark on the arm of the Machine. All genuine Singer Machines have this trade mark. Paties selling or using counterfeit Singer Machines will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Our authorized Agents for Rockinghom county are as follows, viz: J. H. VANPELT, Harrisonburg; H. H. TAYLOR, McGabeysville; W. H. FOLEY, Mount Crawford; GEORGE MOORE, Broadway.

THE SINGER SEWING-MACHINE CO., NEW YORK.

NOTICE, FARMERS AND MILLERS! ISAAC PAUL S buying Wheat, Flour, Corn, Cloverseed, Butter, Eggs, and all other

or CASH at his old stand, on German Street. Call before you sell. FREE HITCHING place at his door. jan. 4-tf. KEEP'S PARTLY MADE SHIRT!

COUNTRY PRODUCE

EMEMBER we are the only persons in Rocking, ham authorized to sell KEEP'S PARTLY MALE DRESS SHIRT, and that it is the best unfinished shirt in the market.

D. M. SWITZER & SON.

NOTICE.

L AMP GOODS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, Dye Stuffs, Window Glass, Putty, Turpentine, and everything necessary for painting, at the Drug Store of L. H. OTT.

WANTED. A GOOD STEADY ISOY, be sween the age 15 and 16 years, to learn the Drug Business. None need apply unless well recommended.

L. H. OTT.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE undersigned begs to state for the information of his customers and the surrounding community generally, that he has again, having just returned from below.

Replenished his Stock,

with a new and fresh supply of

Dry Goods:

Groceries, Nails, Shoes, Hats, Tinware,

Notions,

Drugs, Tobaccos, &c., &c.

and everything needed to make his stock the

Best general stock in the County,

all of which will be sold AS LOW AS THE LOWEST. Cash buyers will find with us every inducement to buy here, whilst those having

GOOD BUTTER

Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Eggs, Beans,

Potatoes, Lard, Bacon, Dressed Hogs, Cloverseed, or any other

desirable article of

TRADE TO DISPOSE OF.

can do better with us than elsewhere, whether they desire to sell for CASH OR GOODS.

We pay Cash when Goods are not wanted,

for anything that will sell readily.

We return thanks for the liberal support heretefore extended to us, and pledge ourselves to do all that can be afforded to merit a continuance of the same.

POULTRY AT BIG PRICES;
Beans & Potatoes at big prices;
Eggs and good Butter " "

and all other articles of trade at full prices. We also respectfully ask all parties that have not balanced their accounts in the last three months to come forward (according to our well advertised terms) and pay their respective balances due us. All parties disregarding this emphatic notice may expect their accounts to go into other hands. We cannot do business to any purpose without a prompt compliance with the terms

purpose without a prompt compliance with the terms upon which we buy and sell,

GEORGE FILBERT'S

-EXCELSIOR-

BAKERY and CONFECTIONEY

POST-OFFICE BUILDING, MAIN STREET,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THIS establishment has been put into operation at a very considerable expense, and is now fitted up in first-class style, and filled with a large and superior stock. It is unnecessary to enter into a detail of everything to be had in this house; suffice it to say that all goods in the way of

Confectioneries, Toys and Notions

will be found here, together with Tobacco, Segars, American and Foreign Fruits, etc.

Segars Special attention given to orders for Cakes, Bread, Ornamental and Plain Confectioneries, etc., for parties weddings, balls, pic-nics, fairs, &c.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

The Oyster season is now in full blast and my Saloon is nightly thronged with Ladies and Gentlemen who desire the freshest and best. Gysters in every style at a moment's notice, always fresh and of best quality. 25 Families supplied in quantities to suit. Suppers arranged and prepared for Societies, Churches and Parties.

HOT TEA, COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

at all hours. Also Relishes, warm or cold Meats and Fowl, and Sandwiches.

My arrangeme ts enable me to keep just such an

establishment as will accommodate the wants of the people of both town and county, and all are invited to

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TO THE DEMANDS OF THE TIMES!

FELLOWS & YANCEY.

GENERAL DEALERS IN GROCERIES.

AND CHOICE FAMILY SUPPLIES.

BEG leave to apprise the public that they keep on hand and are regularly receiving fresh supplies of all goods wanted by HOUNEKEEPERS, to which the especial attention of all is invited. We will sell as low as any other first-class house in the Valley, and guarantee first quality in goods.

The stock embraces more goods than we care to enumerste here. Suffice it to say that every article in the GROCERY, GLASS AND QUEENSWARE line will be found in store, and prompt attention given to customers.

PRODUCE, Such as FRESH BUTTER AND ETC.. bought for CASH OR TRADE.

Give us a call before selling,

OPPOSITE SPOTSWOOD HOTEL

ONLY REMEDY for HARD TIMES.

Change Your Surroundings.

A LL wanting FRUIT FARMS, especially adapted to the growth of the VINE, where it is an established success and pays LARGE PROFIT. The land is also adapted to the growth of Peaches, Pears, Apples and small fruits; also, Grain, Graes and Vegeta-

Many hundreds of excellent VINEYARDS, OR-

NEW PRODUCE STORE!

IN HARRISONBURG.

CLOVERSEED! CLOVERSEED!

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Harrisonburg. Va., Jan. 11, 1877.

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Linville, Va., Jan. 25, 1876.

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# PUBLIC SALE VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

DY direction of Honorable Commissioner of Inter-nal Revenue, issued to B. B. Betts, Collector 6th District of Virgin'a, I will proceed to offer at pub-lic sale, at the front door of the Court-House, is lian-On Morday, 19th day of February, 1877, the following described Real Estate, which was pur-chased for the United States Government at sale for delinquent taxes due by John Bowman, Jr., and Bowman & Smith, on the 24th day of October, 1871:

SALES.

A LOT OF LAND. containing FIFTY ACRES, more or less, signed about three miles North of Timberville, Rockingham coun-

THE DISTILLERY LOT. containing one acre, more or less, on which is situated the Distillery Building,

A THREE-STORY FRAME HOUSE, with a basement, 23 by 48 feet, and appurtenances, including a Steam Boiler and Engine.

TERMS CASH. A quit classed will be made to the purchaser on compliance with the terms of sale.

B. E. FREEMAN.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

On Friday, 26th day of January, 1877.

deceased.

TERMS:—Costs of suit and sale in hand, the remainder in three equal annual installments, with interest frem the day of sale, the purchaser to give bonds therefor with approved security and the title to be retained as ultimate accurity.

Commissioner.

By virtue of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, at the January Term, 1876, in the cause of Rebecca Fisher vs. Margaret Toomy, &c., I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, in front of the south door of the Court-House, in THE TRACT OF LAND in the bill and proceedings mentioned, containing about

situated on the Rockingham Turnpike, about sever miles east of Harrisonburg, upon which Jos. Hider

Commissioners's Notice.

John C. Walker, Executor of George Epard, dec'd., E. Vs.

John C. Walker, Executor of George Epard, dec'd., E. Q. Sanford, administrator of Andrew Epard, dec'd., Mancy Taylor, —, administrator of Wm. Epard, dec'd., —, administrator of Wm. Epard, dec'd., Joseph Samuels and Matidaed his wife, Wm. Merica and Mary his wife, Wesley Epard, Isaac Gooden and Elizabeth his wife, James Meadows and Sarah his wife, Andrew J. Epard, John W. Epard, W. G. Epard, Armints Epard, Layton E. Epard, John Naselroth, John H. Epard, John Ham and Sarah E. his wife, Thomas S. Norris and Mary L. his wife, Isaac Stanley and Lydey his wife, George F. Epard, and W. W. Wyant and Matida his wife.

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co. "On motion of the plaintiffs this cause is referred."

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co, "On motion of the plaintiffs this cause is referred to one of the Master Commissioners of this Court, to take an account of the transactions of the personal representative of George Epard, dee'd; an account of the liabilities, if any, resting on the estate of said George Epard, dee'd, and also an account of the assets of said estate, either in the hands of the personal representative or of other persons, which may be subjected to the payment of the liabilities of said estate, or that may haddle for distribution. The said Master Commissioner will report in a dition any other matters deemed material by him or that may be required to be so stated by any of the parties, and make report to the next term of this Court,"—Extract from Decree.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Harrisonburg, Va., January 31et, 1877.

To all the parties to the foregoing cause and all other persons interested,

Take Notice, That I have fixed upon Saturday.

To all the parties to the foregoing cause and all other persons interested,

Take Notice, That I have fixed upon Saturday, the 24th day of February, 1877, at my office in Harrisonburg, as the time and place for taking the accounts required by the foregoing decree of the Circuit Court of Bockingham county, at the January term. 1877, in the above named cause of Z. Taylor's Administrator vs. George E. pard's Administrator, &c., at which said time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of said Court the day and year aforsaid.

A. M. NEWMAN.

H. & P. Commissioner.

VIRGINIA, TO-WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 10th day of January, A. D., 1877:
Sarah Shumaker, in her own right, and as Administratrix of Peter J. Shumaker, dec'd,......Compl't.

William A. Kiser, and Faunie his wife, Bettie H. Shu-maker, Sallie C. Shumaker, John A. Shumaker and David E. Shumaker, the last three infant children of Peter J. Shumaker, dec'd,.........Defendants.

To all whom it may Concern:

TAKE NOTICE. That the undersigned, geardian of Arthur A. T. Houghton, infant child of Mary Francis Gilmore, will apply to the Circuit Court of Rockingham couny, on Friday, the 23d of February, 1877, for an order directing the payment smil delivery to me of all personal property and money in the State of Virginia, belonging to my said ward, and authorizing me to sue for, recover and receive all such property or money, and permitting me to remove the same to Butler county, in the State of Kansas; in which county and State I was duly appointed and have qualified as guardian of said infant.

J. C. HENRIE.

Guardian of A. A. T. Houghton, Infant John E. Roller, Council.

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I'LL PROVE IT!

ADVERTIZE to the public that I sell ALL KINDS of Sewing Machines, and at prices ranging from \$15 to \$30 less than most other agents. For instance I sell the
New Family Singer Machine at ......\$40 to \$45 

and all others in propor doe.

And all others in propor doe.

Now, I am told by persons coming from the country that the Canvassing Agents represent that I am not selling NEW MACHINES at these prices, but the condition of hand Machines fixed up. "Acc; and some go even so far as to say that I have no right to each some sayles, and that if people buy them, they run a risk of loaing their machines—that the agents have a right and authority to "pick-up" loy Machines and haul them away.

To parties who ktow me personally a refutation of such statements would be unnecessary, but for the sake of justice and for the protection of those who do not know me, I utterly deny all these misrepresentations, and ask those who doubt my statements to come and see for themselves, and they will then know who tells the truth, and who is willing to save the public thousands of dollars in the purchase of fischines. I'll prove my statements to your satisfaction.

Respectfully,

Jan 25-tf GEO. CONRAD.

Early York Cabbage Seed;

"Ox-Heart do do
"One or Winningstadt do do
"J-rsey Wakefield do do
"Tilden Tomato Seed.
At the old reliable store of
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PRIGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, TRUSSES, Supporters, Surgical Instrumatics, and Patent Mcdicines of all kinds, at L. H. OFT'S Jarg Store.

BAY RUM, PERFUMERY, Combs. Hair Bru-hes,
Nail Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Penfumed Scaps.
Pomades, and Fancy Articles. The old reliable standfebl L. H OTT.

PURSUANT to a decree in the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, rendered in the cause of John N. Cline, &c., vs. Peter Good's adm'r, I will sell at the front door of the Court-House in Harrisonburg, at public anction, A Tract of about 27½ Acres of Land, situated about seven miles northeast of Harrisonburg and about one-quarter mile from the Rockingham Turupike, belonging to the estate of the l.te Poter Good,

POSTPONEMENT:—The above sale has been post-poned until FRIDAY, February 9th, 1877. feb 1-ts JOHN E. ROLLER, Com'r.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

On Saturday, the 24th of February, 1877,

THREE ACRES.

miles east of Harrisolders, and the balance in two now resides.

TERMS:—One-third cash, and the balance in two equal payments, falling due at six and twelve months months from day of sale, with interest from date.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M. febl-tds

CHAS. A. YANCEY, Comm'r.

Many hundreds of excellent VINEYARDS, OR-CHARDS and FARMS, can now be seen.

THE LOCATION is only 34 miles south of Philadel-phia, by Railroad, in a muld, delightful climate, and at the very doors of the New York and Philadelphia Markets. Another Railroad runs direct to New York. THE PLACE is already large, successful and pros-perous. Churches, Schools, and other privileges are already established. Also, manufactories of Shoes, Clothing, Glass, Straw Goods, and other things, at which different members of a family can procure em-ployment. To all whom it may Concern: It has been a HEALTH RESORT for some years past for people suffering from pulmonary affections. Asthma, Catarrh, Ague, and debility; many thousands have entirely recovered.

A new Brick Hotel has just been completed, 100 feet front, with back buildings, four stories high, including French roof, and all-modern improvements for the accommodation of visitors.

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Price of FARM LAND \$25.00 per acre payable by installments, within the period of four years. In chis climate, planted out to vines, 20 acres of land will sount fully as much as 100 acres further north.

Persons unacquainted with Fruit Growing, can become familiar with it in a short time on account of surroundings. come familiar with it in a short time on account of surroundings.

FIVE ACRE, ONE ACRE, and TOWN LOTS, in the towns of Landisville and Vineland, also for sale.

While visiting the Centennial Exhibition, Vineland can be visited at small expense.

A paper containing full information will be sent upon application to CHARLES IX. LANDIS, Vineland, N. J. free of cost.

The following is an extract from a description of Vineland, published in the New York Tribune, by the well known Agriculturist, Folon Robinson:

All the farmers were of the "well to do" sort, and some of them, who have turned their attention to fruits and market gardening, have grown rich. The soil is loam, verying from sandy to clayey and surface gently undutating, intersected with small streams and occasional wet meadow, in which deposits of peat or muck are stored, sufficient to fertilize the whole upland surface, after it has been exhausted of its natural fertility.

It is certainly one of the most extensive tracts, in

land surface, after it has been exhansted of its natural fertility.

It is certainly one of the most extensive tracts, in an almost level position, and suitable condition for pleasant farming, that we know of this side of the Western prairies. We found some of the oldest farms apparently just as prointably productive as when first cleared of forest fifty or a hundred years ago.

The geologist would soon discover the cause of this continued fertility. The whole country is a marine deposit, and all through the soil we found evidences of calcareous substances, generally in the form of indurated calcareous marl, showing many distinct forms of ancient shells, of the tertiary formation; and this marly substance is scattered all through the soil, in a very comminuted form, and in the exact condition most easily assimilated by such plants as the farmer desires to cultivate. JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS.

have recently opened a FAMILY PRODUCE and GROCERY STORE in the Store-Room fecently occupied by Wm. S. Kennedy, on Bank Row, N. West of ourt-House, where I am prepared to furnish families with everything in the way of eating.

Cash paid for all kinds of Country Produce.

I will pay CASH for Potatoes, Cabbage, Pork, Bacon, Tard, Flour, Buckwheat, Corn, Dried Fruit of all kinds, Soap, Butter, Eggs, &c., &c.

A. C. ROHR. L. H. OTT. A LCOHOL, Alum, Saltpetre, Sulphin, Grean Tartar, Soda, Spice's, Flavoring Extracts of all kinds, Gelatine, Baking Powders, Mamoca, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Sea Moss Farine, &c.
Call where you will be sure to get them at the lowest prices. I can't be undersold. Respectfully.

1. B. OTT.

A LADDIN COAL OIL, Caster Oil, Neatstoot, Par-seed Oil, belied and raw-very cheap.

L. H. CTT.

WANTED-1,000 BUSHELS CLOVERSEED; WHEAT, Delivered in Staunton, or on the cars of the Valley Railroad. P. B. SUBLETT.

HE Rising Sun Stove Polish at L. H. Off's Drug Store.

HAURISONBURG, VA.,.....FEP 8. 1877. Success of Hampton's Government.

A Columbia (S. C.) dispatch states that Gen. Hampton's government is now nearly complete. The appointees throughout the State are in the main exercising the functions of their respective offices and he is daily receiving the best assurances of loyalty from the masses of the people. Already under the call for ten per cent, of last year's tax levy, Hampton's treasurer has receiv ed \$35,000, nearly half of the whole amount, from nine counties only. The charitable institutions and penitentiary have been provided for, the judges have been paid their salaries, and the entire machinery of government is in thorough working order. Chamberlain officials are unable to collect taxes, and if the company of United States troops now in the State House was withdrawn the farce of a dual government would be ended. The agents of the Hampton government report that the colored people are paying promptly and in large number. Gen. Hampton says he has sought no loan at the North and needs none.

At the opening of the January term of the Circuit Court for York county, S. C., the other day, Judge Mackey in-formed the grand jury that the Hamp-ton government was the one which, under the decision of the Supreme Court, would be recognized as the legitimate State government in that circuit, and that any warrant or commission signed by Gov. Hampton must be respected and obeyed. The court also instructed the jury that the pretended tax levy of the Chamberlain Legislature is not legal, as the Supreme Court has decided that the House which levied it is not a constitutional body, and that should the county treasurer, acting under the authority of Chamberlain, even advertise the property of a tax payer for sale to satisfy an execution for the collection of this tax he would individually lay himself liable for dam-

"The sentence of the court is," said Judge Porter, a popular Irish magistrate, to a notorious drunkard, "that you be confined in jail for the longest period the law will allow; and I hope you will spend the time in cursing whisky." "Be jabers, I will, and Porter, too." was the answer.

THE OLD RELIABLE

Farms and Bineral J. D. PRICE, Mills and Town LAND AGENT!

Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va.

OFFICE: SIDERT BUILDING, Room, No. 1, second floor.

I have many Farms and Town Properties on hand for sale, which do not appear in this column. Parties wishing to purchase would do well to call and see me before making their purchase, as I am certain they will save money.

A desirable HOUSE and LOT in Dayton, Va. Price, \$750.00. Several Town Properties in Harrisonburg. Desirable and cheap h 1912 ACRES OF LAND—portion of it in the corpora-tion of Harrisonburg. A rare bargain. The well-known Tanyard property in McGaheys-zille, is now offered at a very reasonable figure. A rare bargain is offered.

DESIRABLE TOWN PROPERTY in Harrisonburg; store room on Arst floor, dwelling above. Eligibly located for business purposes.

TEN ACRES improved; comfortable dwelling; mos excellent neighborhood; little unquestionable. Price, \$750.00 cash, if purchased soon.

86 Acres, 1)4 miles from Pleasant Valley Depot. Good improvements, Excellent orchard of 175 trees. Never-failing Spring. Price \$1,660. Easy terms. 315 Acres well improved Land in Warren county. Will be exchanged for Missouri lands, or sold very low for one-third cash and residue in three years.

113 Acres of good land with improvements, 2½ miles from Railread depot. Some meadow land; well watered; 30 acres of choice timber; fencing good. This is a cheap property. Can be purchased for the low sum of \$2100. low sum of \$2100.

110 ACRES OF LAND, good buildings, 18 miles from Harrisonburg. Pres, \$50 per acre. This property is located in a good neighborhood and is a splendid home.

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FOR SALE.—ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LIMESTONE LAND within four miles of Harrisonburg;
well watered; improvements good.

FOR SALE—A valuable small FARM within one
mile of Harrisonburg. It is one of the most lovely
homes in the Valley, will be sold cheap and on good
ferms to the purchaser.

A Small Farm, containing thirty acres, near
Rawley Springs Pike; good, smooth land, good improvements, excellent fruit; a very desirable little
home. Essy payments. Price \$2,000.

FOR SALE—ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY ACRES
of good land; located within four miles of Harrisonburg; good farm house, barn and other necessary outbuildings; large orchard; well watered. Will be sold
very low.

A MILL PROPERTY in Rockingham county. Mill

A MILL PROPERTY in Rockingham county. Mill and Machinery (iron gearing) all new. Saw-mill, four-teen acres of land, good dwelling house, and all necessary out-buildings. Splendid site for tannery. Will be sold cheap.

Ten Acres, more or less, with good improvements; situate within suburbs of Harrisonburg. One of the cheapest and most desirable little homes now in market. Call and see what a small sum of money is required to purchase this delightful home.

FOR SALE-20 acres of Woodland, located on the road leading from Harrisonburg to Cross-Reys. This is a chesp piece of property, and would make a nice small home. The timber on the land is worth what is asked for the land; Will be sold chesp and on good terms.

98 Aeres of A No. 1 Limestone Land, only 2½ miles from Harrisonburg. Excellent improvements; running water on the place. Will be sold at the very low price of \$4,000, the owner-desiring to embark in other business. This property can be purchased on easy terms.

FORTY ACRES highly improved, excellent water power, comfertable improvements. Will be sold exceedingly fow. This property has one of the best sites for a Werehaut Mill of any we know of in Rockingham county. The land is pronounced the very best in the Valley of Virginia. A rare bargain is to be had. FOR SALE—A nice little Farm of 75 Acres, six miles from county seat, on the waters of Muddy Creek; smooth land; good new dwelling-house; Barn, Corn-crib and Wagon shed, and other ont-buildings; f.neing in good repair; seven acres of Orchard of cho-ce fruit; running water on the farm. Price \$4000, in five payments. Good Title.

FOR SALE—A Farm of 76 Acres of choice Land; well watered by Pleasant Run; near the Pleasant Valley Bepot, V. R; R., five miles South of Harrisanburg; good dwelling-house; bank barn; about 56 acres cleared land, ane of good quality; about 30 acres in choice oak and hickory timber. This is a very good farm and cheep. Call at once and purchase a bargain. 13435 ACRES of good land located in the counties of Loudouu and Fairfax, Va.; has two good houses and two good Barns, so situated as would make two farms. The land is watered by Bull Run; has over two hundred acres of river bottom. Good timber land, and located within three miles of the O. & Alox, Railroad. Terms made easy, and a bargain will be given if application is made soon. Address

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