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A REVERIE.

BY FATHER RYAN.

These hearts of ours-how strange ! how strange How they yearn to ramble and love to range ! Down through the vales of the years long gone, Up through the future that fast rolls on.

To-days are dull-so they wend their ways Back to their beautiful yesterdays; The present is blank—so they wing their flight To future to-morrows where all seems bright.

Build them a bright and beautiful home-They'll soon grow weary and want to roam; Find them a spot without sorrow or pain, They may stay a day, but they're off again

Those heart, of our sl-how wild! how wild! They're as hard to tame as an Indian child; They're as restless as waves on the sounding sea Like the breeze and the bird are they fickle and free.

Those hearts of ours-how lone! how lone! However, forever, they mours and moan, Let them revel in joy-let them riot in cheer, The revelry over, they're all the more drear.

Those hearts of ours-how warm ! how warm ! Like the sun's bright ray, like the summer's charm How they beam and burn! how they gleam and glow Their flash and flame hide but ashes below.

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treasure ?"

nephew.

he said:

"And now, since she has conde-

"I'll give him a lesson." And she in-

templating the sort of punishment she

intended to mete out to her erring

The thirtieth of December came, and

"I had a telegram this morning .--

Aunt Prue will be here by the seven

o'clock train to morrow. I suppose you

have everything ready?"

Those hearts of ours-how cold ! how cold ! Like December's snow on the waste or wold; And though our Decembers melt soon into May-Some know Decembers that pass not away.

Those hearts of ours-how deep! how deep! You may sound the seas where the corals sleep. Where never a billow hath rumbled or rolled-Depths still the deeper our hearts hide and hold.

Where the wild storm tramp hath ne'er been known The wrecks of the sea lie low and loue; Thus, the heart's surface may sparkle and glow, There are wrecks far down, there are graves below.

Those hearts of ours-but, after all, How shallow and narrow, how tiny and small; Like scantiest streamlet or summer's least rill, They are as easy to empty, as easy to fill.

'One hour of storm, and how the streams pour! One hour of sun and the streams are no more: One grief, how the tears of the heart gush and glide ! One smile, flow they ever so fast, they are dried.

Those hearts of ours-how wise! how wise! They can lift their thoughts till they touch the skies They can sink their shafts like a miner bold, Where wisdom's mines hide their pearls and gold.

Aloft they soar with undazzled gaze, Where the halls of the Day-king burn and blaze; Or they fly with a wing that will never fail, O'er the sky's dark sea where the star-ships sail.

Those hearts of ours-what fools! what fools! How they laugh at Wisdom, her laws and rules; How they waste their powers, and when wasted, grieve For what they have squandered, but cannot retrieve.

Those hearts of ours-how strong ! how strong ! Like a thousand sorrows around them throng; They can bear them all and a thousand more, And they're stronger than they were before.

Those hearts of ours-how weak ! how weak ! But a single word of unkindness speak, Like a poisoned shaft, like a viper's fang, That one slight word leaves a life-long pang

Those hearts of ours-but I've said enough, As I find that my rhyme grows rude and rough; I'll rest me now, but I'll come again With to-morrow's sun to resume my

When we shall see if Walter's criticisms | tually at seven in the evening. Bessy, at last, mustering all the gravity she are just, or whether that odious wolf the baby, everything looked charming | could command, "that after having tahabit has fastened his fangs so strongly by gas light. As to Aunt Prue, Besupon my dear, good husband, that he sy's first longing was to fall on her bosis almost or quite unconscious of his om, and feel herself encircled by such fault." an embrace as she fancied her mother

Such was a part of the letter received would have given her, for Bessy's mothby Miss Prue Webster, and which she er had been in heaven for many years. read by her cheerful open grate. Aunt Prue was very weary, being un-"The poor child," she murmured, used to traveling, and declined supper, taking off her spectacles. "The pretty, taking only a cup of milk and retiring immediately.

proud little thing! Wally must have transgressed, indeed, to bring out a complaint like that, for under all the "How do you like her, Bessy?" asked Walter. playfulness there is a cry that goes to "Very much. I am sure I shall love my heart. I know how it is, for my ber dearly before long." "I think you will. Has she not a

father was so before him. Yes, he must have a lesson, and Bessy has hit lovely face? She is not as beautiful as upon just the thing. How much I shall my mother was, but she has always enjoy his criticism, either way." seemed like a mother to me. We must So she wrote to her neice she had only thing I tremble about is the table never met in person, that she would cook the first dinner, and then refresh--the fare. Of course you will do the

ed her imagination by looking at Bes best you can, but there is a knack about these things, I might almost say a ge-She had well called her a proud, nius, which only the favored few pospr tty little thing. Such sweetness and sess. I was glad she declined the supsuch pride are seldom combined in the per; she is so very particular about her same countenance. Every feature was tea I dread to morrow's dinner more replete with beauty of its kind; the nose than I can tell. It will be New Year, straight and delicate, the lips firm, yet and we ought to have something fine." "Why should you dread it ?" asked tenderly arched; the eyes smiling and Bessy, looking up. lustrous; the face a perfect oval; and to

crown all, the soft, wavy hair thrown "Oh, I am sure you will do your carelessly from the low brow, and best. I believe you always do your braided in a massive coronet. This best," he repeated, in a way that inti-

was the picture of which Walter had mated quite plainly, "but that best is written just two years ago as follows: "It is not half as beautiful as the so poor !" Bessy smiled, but Walter did not see

original; color, motion and grace are her. wanting. But oh, Annty, she is a thou "You think I am very particular sand times too lovely and too good for about my food," he went on. "Wait me. Shall I ever be worthy of such a till you taste some of Aunt Prue's

dishes, and you will understand why. Food well cooked and assimilated has scended to step down from the pedestal" much to do with the spiritual as well of worship, and care for and cook for as the physical being of man. It makes him he must needs find fault with ev- the monster good natured too. Why, ery effert she makes to please his fas- I have tasted a bitter cup of coffee all tidious palite," she said indignantly. day, and likely as not been cross to my clerks on account of it. So you see dulged her sense of amusement by con- how much depends on the cuisine. Now

suppose we make out a bill of fare." The next morning at breakfast Walter made a wry face three times, and

quite as many excuses for everything when Walter returned home at night | that was served. Aunt Prue said nothing, though she enjoyed her meal. But she took mental notes.

Bessy did not look as well by daylight, an expression of fatigue pervaded her whole being. The baby had been "Quite ready," was Bessy's reply. "I restless; Walter's way evidently annoyam very anxious to make her comforta- ed her. She had worked too hard at ble. Would you like to see her room ?" | this well-arranged breakfast.

"Well, yes, I don't care if I do," said Water, who had come home in an ex-Year's calls" said Walter, as he rose

ken the trouble to get up this nice dinner expressly for Walter, he should have foun I fault with everything you" have done."

"What I" cried Walter, explosively, half rising, and looking from one to the other. "My dear, after your cooking, I ex

pected he would," said Aunt Prue, quietly. "The sample you gave of your powers, this morning, was quite beyond my poor efforts."

Then a bright red flush covered the man's face, even to his brow. Were those two women making sport of him? In his own opinion he was one of the most acute men alive. That nobody could deceive him had always been a try to make her visit enjoyable. The favorite maxim of his. "I wanted to make the experiment."

said Aunt Prue, in the most innocent manner imaginable, "and I find, Walter, that you have been quite spoiled by your wife."

"Bessy! Aunt Prue! why don't you tell me? Ob, hang it !" And he turned away, too deeply mortified to express himself fittingly. "Pray don't mind it," said Aunt Prue,

"you know my dear, I am getting a little old fashioned." But Walter had received his lesson

He was too keen not to see that it had been purposely given; and he was man enough to feel profoundly ashamed of himself. Indeed, in time, he confessed as much, and applauded the ingenuity that had so completely taken the ground from under his feet.

Aunt Prue's visit proved so delight ful to all parties that she made arrangements to remain with them for an indefinite time, and henceforth Bessy's cares were lightened, and she became as in former days, the angel and blessing of home. But she always maintained that she owed something of it, at least, to Aunt Prue's New Year's dinner.

When Heller, the magician, arrived in the city on Friday last he directed the hackman to drive him to the Parker House. Reaching the hotel, he stepped brisk.y up to the clerk's desk and was soon surrounded by a host of old friends, including Dr. Tompkins of the Boston Theatre, Arthur Cheney, Henry C Jarrett, Frank Chanfrau, and a dozen others. Amid the hearty greetings came a rough voice, which soon attracted general attention.

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Commonwealth.

Music has different effects upon differby walking over the key-board of an ent men, and those effects depend open piano. The animal has an astonmuch upon the impressions received ished look and seems to ask herself and the habits formed in childhood. | what it means. Is it the sound of the A harmony which would entrance a instrument that surprised her, or the cultivated ear would leave a savage movement of the keys which vield beunmoved. It is not, then, surprising neath her steps? It is uncertain. A promenade of this kind, gave occasion that music acts variously upon the dif-ferent kinds of animals. The sound of to a German composer, well known among musicians, Jean Fuchs, to cominstruments impresses them, and often very keenly. Wind instruments, for pose a Fuge, which still bears the title of "the Fuge of the Cat." This cat of example, have a singularly exciting effect on dogs. To these they seldom become accustomed; the first sound Fuchs', in running over the board, touched notes that formed a musical which strikes them calls forth frightclause, which the composer seized, and which he had the skill to expand into ful howls. Herdsmen and shepherds, in some countries, call their flocks with a complete and very remarkable piece. a long horn, and, notwithstanding the dog hears from it every day the same which appeared very fond of music .-air, it draws from him each time cries Often when he placed himself at the of distress. piano, the animal came, jumped upon

There is, however, an instance of a dog sufficiently fond of harmony to allow his master to give him a certain degree of musical education. This animal belonged to a German composer of a name few tongues can pronounce, but I will venture to write it. It was Schneitzhoeffer. Well! the man of this astonishing name succeeded in teaching the resual *la* to a dog. The ani-mal retained the lesson, and always affact to which I have often been witness. I do not know whether it is genter, at the command of his master. eral; but the experiment can be so would raise correctly the note. easily made that many may give them-

The horse, unlike the dog, takes selves the pleasure of verifying it. My pleasure in music; at the sound of it friend, of whom I have just spoken, he raises his ears; he is animated by a had not only a cat, but also a large martial air; at a slow movement he globe containing a little gold fish. This slackens his pace. In the days when globe was one day accidentally placed regiments of cavalry had their own bands of music, the performers, when upon the march, were seen playupon the piano. My friend, having seated himself to play, observed that the fish had rested motionless from his ing quietly their parts, giving little first chords, and it remained thus to heed to the animals they rode, who the end of the piece, after which it beadvanced in perfect order, and withgan to swim as before, to stop again out making the least mistake.

when the sounds were renewed. It The regiment horse learned to uncannot, however, be proved that the fish was affected by the harmony.--derstand perfectly the different calls of the trumpet. Many have heard the Perhaps the vibration of the instruanecdote of the countryman who had ment may have frightened it and renbought an old horse of a retired soldered it motionless. dier. One morning he entered a town Among the great flesh eaters, the lias a regiment of cavalry was passing on, bear and wolf particularly seem to Suddenly the trumpet sounded, when fear music. In a traveling menagerie the horse instantly started, joined the was a huge lion. The effect of the high troop, placed himself in the ranks, and notes of piano placed near him was to followed in spite of the cries and efexcite great wonder; but scarcely were forts of his owner. The ass and the ox the low notes touched when he rose experience equal pleasure in listening suddenly, eyes darted flames, he strugto melody. The ox advances his head as a sign of satisfaction; the ass raises his ears and shows unmistakable evidences of enjoyment. Mice are also among the quadruped lovers of music. The birds are melomaniacs; artists themselves, it is not strange that they love music. It is easy to teach tunes to some of them. By hearing them played on a bird-organ, they remember and repeat. All birds, however, do not have this taste. Among those that are distressed by music may be reckoned hens. The sound of a violin causes them to fly away with cries of fear. If shut up in a place where music is made, their demonstrations of terror are most comical and curious. Reptiles and insects appreciate the charms of music. If one whistles before a lizard that is running away, it suddenly stops, and, if the air is agreeable, it listens with evident pleasure. When an American Indian has the ability to whistle pleasantly, he can approach the iguana and capture this gigantic lizard, whose flesh is said to be so goud for food. Like all other lizards, the iguana listens to music with such attention that he forgets to care for his own safety and allows himself to be taken. The charmers of serpents, by means of certain melodies, slow and captivating, can control perfectly these terrible creatures. They call them, direct their movements, allow them to surround their limbs with their powerful coils, without the least danger; the serpent is completely subjugated. Who would believe that music could dler breathed. "A pleasant journeyto affect the spider? Nothing, however, you, my lively fellows," said he; "if I is more true. A captain of a regiment ad known how fond you are of music, had displeased the Minister of Louis should have given you the concert XIV., and was imprisoned in the Basbefore the dinner. tile. He obtained permission to take with him his lute, which he played with much skill. After a few days, the prisoner was astonished to see mice come out from their holes and spiders descend from their webs and surround him to listen to him. His surprise was so great the first time that he stopped playing, when his singular audience retired. When he began again, spiders and mice returned. They at last became so numerous, that he was convinced they informed their friends in the neighborhood, and, in order to indulge in his diversion, he was obliged to have a cat in his prison. Still some mice, too music-mad, would not be stopped by that, and became victims of their love for lyric art. This fact is not a solitary one. Leclere, a celebrated violinist of the time of Louis XIV., who was assassinated in the street by a young man, his rival, passed several months in prison, for what reason is unknown. A warrant of arrest was sufficient in those days to send a man to the Bastile, where he was sometimes forgotten for years. Le clere had permission to take with him to prison his violin. One day, as he was playing the sotana in C. minor of Carelli, he observed a spider which had come out of its hiding place and rested motionless at the edge of its web. The sonata finished, it returned to its retreat. Leclere executed several other pieces, but the insect was insensible to these and did not appear until the artist played the sotana, and never failed to come whenever it heard this. Even the sound of the human voice suffices to charm the spider. The story of Pelisson and his spider is well known. Pelisson, in his prison, sung religious bered, but the large majority, perhaps, do never open its lids, so that it must bymns; his voice attracted a spider which he trained to such a degree that | be kept in some place of sure reference.

it came invariably at his call.

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(From the Baldwinsville (N. Y.) Gazette.) "Now, Then, All Together."

In a little settlement, not a thousand dict this opinion. Every one has had occasion to see a kitten amuse itself miles from Baldwinsville, and not more than forty years ago, there was a funeral. The deceased man had been a corpulent man, so corpulent, in fact, that it was no easy matter for the bearers to properly dispose of the coffin at the cemetery. It was finally placed upon the cross pieces over the open grave and the straps arranged, when upon trial it was found that the bearers were unable to raise it sufficiently to allow the sticks on which it rested to be withdrawn. After several honest but ineffectual efforts the perspiring bearers cast an imploring look at the master of ceremonies, who being thus appealed to cried out in stentorian tones to the bystanders: "Here you ! Step up here a half dozen of you!" The An artist friend of mine had a cat requisite number having responded to the summons, and properly disposed at the straps, the director, in tones that filled the cemetery, and then bursting the stool and thence to the shoulder its confines went sweeping up and down the road for the distance of a furof the pianist, which ne did not quit so long as the former made the chords of long or two, gave the following comthe instrument resound beneath his finmand: "Now, thea, All together ! Pick him right up !" It is needless to add The fishes, can they perceive sounds, that the remains were picked "right and does music affect them? Here is up" and safely lowered to their resting a question which I would not dare anplace. swer too positively. I will cite but one

JAPANESE COMPETITION .- The ingenuity and perseverance of Japanese workmen have caused alarm in some of the manufacturing houses of Firmingham where articles for the Japan trade are made. A sufficient quantity of these articles is already made in Japan to cause European firms in that country to discontinue the importation of them. The impossibility of competing with Japanese workmen is explained by a gentleman in Yokohama, writing to the Birmingham Post: "Frugal as badgers, industrious as bees, the Japa undersell every labor market they enter and outdo every civilized artisan at his own trade. Any one who sees a Japanese carpenter at work, with his toes for a vice and his thighs and stomach for a bench, has seen tools well used and goods equal to European turned out. They will, in fact, become formidable rivals of all kinds of Western manufactures. The Japanese are always ready to learn, and to outvie everything that the West does, and this they do with less food, less air, less clothing and less comfort than any

gled to break his chains, lashed him. civilized workman." The writer furself with his tail, and seemed inspired | ther states that he was offered a large with such fury that the women present | order for Burmingham goods at a price

[From the Boston Traveler,]

Heller and a Hackney Coachman.

Effect of Music on Animals. It is generally believed that the cat is insensible to the charms of music. Some facts, however, seem to contra-

[From Peterson's Magazine] AUNT PRUE'S DINNER.

"Sour bread again, dear," said, or rather rowled Walter Allison, a rising young lawyer, as he pushed his plate away.

"Do you think it is sour, Wally? It seems to me only to taste a little of the yeast."

"Yeast? There's always an excuse you know. It wasn't yeast that made the coffee bitter yesterday." "But it hasn't been bitter before for

months." "It should never be. It seems to me

a woman has time enough to attend to all of these trifling matters. I never knew my Aunt Prue to make a mistake. Pray, write to her, and get her receipt for bread. It was the lightest, sweetest-

He looked up in astonishment.-Bessy, his loving little Bessy, had rushed from the room.

"Always Aunt Frue! Always Aunt Prue !" cried Bessy, walking the floor of her chamber, distractedly. "I'm so tired of fault finding, when I am doing my best. I'm almost sorry ____. But no; I will not say that, "For better, for worse." Oh, dear me! I'll write to Aunt Prue, and tell her all about it."

As she sat down to her little writing desk a thought occurred to her that provoked a perplexed and yet amused smile, and her pen was speedily at work. We will only copy a sentence or two: "I know that "Wally" is the apple

of your eye, as, indeed, he is of mine: but he has been so accustomed to your excellent housekeeping, to "be cooked and cured for," as he says, by his dear Aunt Prue, that he is a little, just a little exacting. I know I was a poor housekeeper when we were first married, then he was so very ratient that I could but try my best to improve: and having put heart and will in the work, I think my efforts have been success. Indeed, I do my best to please him, but-

"You cannot tell with what delight I look forward to your long promised visit. We have talked of it for weeks -baby, Walter and I-and our little one has learned some sweet words of welcome for Aunt Prue. They sound so prettily from her cheery lips.

"But to the point. Walter is a good husband. Oh, don't think that I like to speak of a single fault; but I must tell you he disheartens me. When I think I have seasoned some favorite dish entirely to his liking, he is sure to find that I fail in someting. 'Wait till Aunt Prue comes,' 'Just ask Aunt Prue how she does this or that,' or 'I'd give half I'm worth,'-which ain't much, half I'm worth, — which ain't much, poor fellow—'tc taste one of Aunt Prne's nice ding. Now, Aunty, as we expect you be one next week, for the New Year — days, I have been think-ing of asking you if you will cook the New Year's Day dinner, without Wal-ter's know days of course ter's knowledge, of course.

"'Saucy minx !' I fancy you will be tempted to say; and indeed I believe it is a little impertinent; but nevertheless, I hope that you will accede to the request, because you see I am almost desperate.

"There is some humor in the arrangement, too, as I look at it, and I her. know you enjoy fun, so please say 'yes.' The next day Aunt Prue came punc-

ceptionally good humor: and taking lit- from the table. "That will give you, the Lulu upon his shoulder, the child Bessy and Aunt Prue, a good long crowing with delight, he followed his morning together." wife up stairs, thinking that very pro-

bably he might be able to suggest some improvement. It was his way rather to suggest alterations, than to speak holding the heavy baby. well of what was already done.

"Don't you think you've looped the curtains too low ?" he queried. "And | but Walter is always dissatisfied with isn't it rather childish to tie them with her cooking. Indeed, Aunt Prue, it is blue ?"

"I thought blue was your favorite color," said Bessy, who had fancied her arrangement of the one bay window a master-piece.

"Yes; but-you see the hanging basket in the centre being necessarily composed of green plants and vines, mak-

ing the contrast unpleasant." 'True enough," said Bessy, with the least possible tinge of sarcasm in her voice. "I might have looped them

with green. But then, you see, I have draped the toilet with blne; and the carpet, happening to be blue and fawn, perhaps the contrast might have been still more unpleasant. Shall I take the basket down? You know you said

your aunt was fond of plants." "Perhaps, if she is, she may not like them in her bed room. However, let

the thing be," he added, graciously .-"I would loop the curtains a foot higher, though." "And spoil it all," said Bessy, almost

petulently, for she often of late found herself inclined to "shas" under the constant succession of mildly irritating criticisms, in which her husband in dulged.

"No-render the effect a hundred times prettier But no matter. I am a min, and I suppose my opiniou goes for nothing. Still, I would like to see the curtains changed."

Little Lulu, meantime, applauded her mother's handiwork with loud exclamations. "Pitty, pitty," she cried, pursing up her rosy mouth, and clap- give a kitchen apron, my dear, and wish ping her baby hands, as she looked from point to point.

"Wouldn't blue have looked better upon the bed ?" asked Walter, whose wide glances could find no fault with all the other arrangements.

"It seems to me white is more appropriate," Bessy made answer; "but if you prefer blue I will put it on.' "Most decidedly !" said Walter, delighted with this concession. "I knew the room wanted something, and that was it. I am sure you will be better count. pleased yourself. It won't be much trouble. You've all day to morrow, and I particularly want Aunt Prue to be pleased. From what I have said of

you she will have no ordinary expectations as to your taste and ability. So, do me the honor."

It was always me with lordly Walter Allison Bessie looked up in the face of her tall, handsome, stalwart husband the beef. "Aunt Prue, I'm afraid I as he stood there, so kingly in his beauty, the lovely babe still smiling on his shoulder; one chubby arm enciraling his neck, one dimpled, white-fingered hand hidden in his luxurious whiskers.

Superb in his royal privileges as dic tator and commander, how could he fathom the expression of that too pale, yet tender face, whose sweet serenity his thoughtless fault-finding so often clouded? And yet he was grieved that moment because he so seldom praised

been paid.

"It isn't possible that you do all the cooking I" said Aunt Prue, as the two Mr. Heller. women left the dining room, Bessy

"The girl helps me a little," was Bessy's reply, "and is willing to do more,

"I know I paid you, you rascal," exa great pleasure for me--if I could claimed Mr. Heller.

please him; but since baby came it is not always possible. I had a nurse for

a time, but Walter objects to a nurse; and it is hard to get a good one" "How often do you go out ?" asked Aupt Prue.

"How often? Oh. dear me! I have not been ourside the nouse for months hardly," was the answer with a nervous

laugh "How men do yoke and goad their angels !" said Aunt Prue, half to her-

self "What did you say, Aunt Prue?" asked Bessy.

"I was thinking of an expression in one of Walter's love letters," was the

"Oh !" and Bessy's cheeks grew radiart with a girlish blush. "I mean one of his letters to me

when he was in love, in which he makes mention of a certain angel." "Indeed !" and Bessy laughed in her

olden fashion. "We must take him in hand," said Aunt Prue, seriously. "This 'all work

and no play' will never answer. I'm sure, my dear, if you always give him half such nice meals as that of this morning he has no right to complain."

"But you saw-" said Bessy, timidly. "Yes, yes, I saw that he was trying to make the food seem more palatable by underrating it. Now, to-day I'll get up one of my best dinners, and you shall do nothing but look on. Just

me good speed." They had a merry time of it that morning. Baby was happy and jolly under the superintendence of her mother; the oven worked to a charm, and everything was in readiness for the lord of the household, who awaited dinner with more than a little trepidation, quite unconscious that the Aunt, paler than usual from exertion, and the wife overflushed from anticipation, had changed places expressly on his ac-

So they sat down to dinner, each one more or less expectant. Walter ran his eye over the table.

"Bessy, dear, I don't think it's an improvement to stack the knives and forks over the napkins like a parcel of guns," he said. "Tell Mary I like the other way best. Ah, quite too rare, I'm afraid," as he plunged his knife into can't suit you to-day. I remember how thoroughly your roasts were always done, and yet, were juicy. The gravy is browner than usual," he added, dip-ping into the disb. "I don't know about the butter-beans, yours were always delicions." And so on to the end of the chapter. For every dish there

was some hint or glance of disparagement, and it was all Bessy could do, with her almost painful sense of the ludicrous, to keep from laughing outright, as occasionally Aunt Prue's speaking eyes met hers

'I'm sorry, Aunt Prue," said Bessy,

It appears that the hackman hadn't "What is it, my good friend; what

are you yelling to me about?" demanded "I want my fare. I saw you skip

way. Two dollars for you and the la-This answer created a laugh among

the magician's friends.

"Divil a cint."

"You put it in your hat. Hand it to me!" and to the consternation of Jehu, there was a bright, clean two dollar note taken from the lining of his cady and held up to the gaze of the rapidly increasing crowd. Cabby stood trans-

fixed with wonder. "I am afraid of your future, my poor fellow, and advise you to alter your course," interposed Mr. Jarrett.

"Be virtuous and you'll be happy," was the advice of Mr. Cheney.

"This after all our boasted New Engand civilization and moral advancement, added Mr. Chanfrau.

"If this thing should get abroad !" was Dr. Tompkins' alarming exclamation

"Think of your wife and children -Repent ere it be too late," was the proposition of Mr. Heller.

"Look here, gentlemen, this is all good enough, and yez hev me tanks -But may I never see a sixpence again, I wasn't paid, and that bill I never saw before in all me born days. I didn't hev a cint about me," and the hackman slapped his hands on his coat pockets. "You have no other money on your person ?" demanded Mr. Heller.

"No!" said the driver, unbesitatingly. "What's this, and this, and this, and this?" inquired the magician, as he delicately pulled a bank note first from the poor cabman's side coat pocket, then one from his coat cuff, another from the pantaloons pocket, and another from a boot-top. "My friend," continued Mr. Heller, in a voice softened by swelling emotions, while the crowd around moaned with the excess of sorrow over the sad exhibition of human depravity, "you are not yet lost, but you are on the brink of ruin. We all feel for you, don't we, gentlemen?"

And groans came in response. "Look here, me friends," said the hackman, "this here thing's played out. I'm not the worse man in the world -"

When, to his utter astonishment, the magician interrupted him to take from his coat pockets, hat, trousers and boot tops not only greenbacks and plenty of silver coin, but pens, blotting paper, matches, blank cards and the general invoice of stationery usually to be found on a hotel desk.

"Man, who are you, anyhow ?" cried the poor fellow, as he crossed himself and commenced to back out.

"Hawkshaw, the detective !" shouted Jarrett, as he struck an attitude. "My name is Norval," replied Mr. Heller.

"'Tia Clifford's voice, if ever Clifford spoke," added Mr. Cheney.

"I am thy father's spirit," groaned Mr. Chanfrau. And by this time the perturbed driver had reached the street, shouts of laughter falling on his ear, and with another surprise awaiting him.

Mr. Heller had placed a \$5 note in the man's vest pocket.

at the spectacle were overwhelmed with at which he would lose about ten per fright. His roaring was terrible. But | cent.; yet a factory at Osaka took the as soon as the music ceased he became order and made the goods. immediately calm.

As to the wolf, the sound of the hun-NOT THAT WAY .- Seated on the exter's horn is to him singularly disagreetreme end of a narrow bench in the able. One can easily put him to flight Central market, yesterday, was a boy by ringing a bell, or playing the violin, who seemed to have made up his mind and still more easily the double bass. that life was a sham and bappiness a The bear has also this decided antipamyth. He was solemnly and intently thy to stringed instruments. This is a gazing at a collection of four cabbages. fact established long ago, as is proved six beets, a peck of onions and three by the following anecdote of no recent cucumbers, when along came a young date. A Polish fiddler returning from man and asked: a fair where he had performed his part "What ails you ?" at a ball, was passing through a forest. "Struck !" was the solemn answer. Toward midnight, being tired, he sat "Have, eh? How'd you come out?" down under a tree, leid his violoncello "I was working for dad at fifty cents upon the ground and began to eat day," sadly explained the boy on the some provisions which he took from bench. "I was the only hand, and I his bag. The odor of the eatables at-tracted two bears, who, to the great thought if I struck for a dollar a day alarm of the poor fiddler, came and he'd have to shut up shop and be busted or come to my terms." stood before him in an attitude of so-"And did it turn out that way?" licitation far too plain. The fiddler queried the other. began to throw morsels of bread and "Not quite. The old man didn't meat. The two companions enjoyed seem a bit terror-stricken, but he this play, bat unfortunately the food bounced me through a window and in a few minutes had all disappeared, hired another boy to do my work at and the bears, after having absorbed the dinner, were gueste who would, over and above, eat their host. In his terror the unhappy fiddler mechanical

three shillings a day !" "What'd you do?" asked the other. "Well, I s'pose I'll have to go around telling the boys that capital has ground ly took up his instrument and began me into the dust," was the tearful reply. to play. At the first sounds the bears -Detroit Free Press. flew away as fast as possible. The fid------

WHERE A GOVERNOR GETS HIS WIVES. Claiborne F. Jackson, a native of Kentucky, was once Governor of the State of Missouri. He joined the Southern Confederacy, and died during his term at a farm-house opposite the city of Little Rock, among strangers, with no kind hand of affection near to soothe his pain and rob his death bed of half its auguish. The most remarkable fact connected with the history of his life is perhaps the statement that he married five sisters in one of the most respectable, wealthy and distinguished families in the State, that as soon as one wife would die he would go and marry her sister in reasonable time. Of course some of them were widows when he married them. In connection with the marriages there was a standing joke told at the expense of the Governor, which was, that when he went to ask the old gentleman's consent to marry the last one, the venerable father is reported to have said: "Yes, Claib., you can have her. You got them all. For goodness sake don't ask me for the old woman."-Texarkana (Mo.) Democrat.

near Aberdeen, when he met a wellsplinter into either, a stone bruise, or known "natural." "Pray," said the professor, "how long can a man live without brains?" "I dinna ken," said Jeremy scratching his head, "how and are ye yersel'?"

> A Superior City saloon keeper has named his resort "Nowhere," so that when men go home late at night, au l their wives want to know where they have been, they can safely tell the

A boarding-house mistress, like the rest of us, has her weak and strong points, the weak point being her colfee and her strong point the buttet .---URE. , Philadelphia Bulletin.

MR. EDITOR.-How often do we see mention of death by tetanus? A few days ago, a child's death was caused by

having run a thorn in its foot, and little attention was paid to it, when death ensued in a few hours from this horrible death, much akin to hydrophobia, because the average physician looks on, in either case, as impotent and powerless to save, in the one case, as in the other, and the greater shame for him, as if he had ever heard that a hot lye bath would prevent it, because forsooth he had not read it in some medical book, he turns up his nose in disdain as being some old woman's remedy.

(For the Commonwealth.)

Hot Lye Sure Cure for Tetanus.

There are a great many intelligent old ladies who could give to the large proportion of them ideas they would do well to profit by, and which they can't

find in their books. In any injury to hand or foot, and

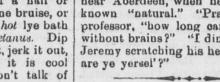
especially the running of a nail or the tearing of the flesh, a hot lye bath will, in all cases, prevent letanus. Dip

and continue this until it is cool enough to keep it in. Don't talk of lye poultices or anything of that kind, but at once use the hot bath, as above. So important is this remedy, that now, when concentrated lye is kept everywhere, a box of it should be always put away and kept sacred for this use, truth. and this only. And I was going to

suggest that this should be cut out and laid away in the Bible, to be remem-

the part into it scalding hot, jerk it out,

A professor was one day walking



OLD COMMONWEALTH

HARRISONBURG, VA. C. H. VANDERFORD, EDITOR.

THURSDAY MORNING, OOT. 25, 1877.

STATE CONSERVATIVE TICKET. FOR GOVERNOR: F. W. M. HOLLIDAY, of Winchester. FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR: JAMES A. WALKER, of Pulaski Co. FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: JAMES G. FIELD, of Culpeper.

We learn that there is some discord now among the members of the "Parlor Committee."

The Bolter's movement, which was heralded as the storm to crush out the Conservative ticket, has quietly subsided.

Will the "Parlor Committee" explain why the mass meeting to nominate a candidate in opposition to Gen. Walker did not meet in Charlottesville?

We venture the assertion that there were not more than six or eight in the caucus that nominated Col. Richardson for Lieutenant-Governor. If we are wrong let the "Parlor Committee. J. H. Wartmann, E squire, Secretary," correct us.

Virginia.

not without protest.

Official figures of the vote for Governor in Ohio, in all but three counties, the "Vice-Presidents of the Parlor give Bishop, democrat, 38,125 msjority | Committee" of the "leading men," &c over West, republican. In the three counties not heard from the republican toriety as that to be gained by the asmajorities aggregated 4,243 at the pres- sociation in which it appears-at least idential election.

Where is Richardson, the nominee of "Wartmann & Co's. Parlor Committee?" Since his ignominious defeat here and at Woodstock by Gen. Walker, we have no account of his movements. He has left the stump, or his speeches are so insignificant that the press of the State do not notice them.

Much has been said by the forced re-adjusters about England arbitrarily reducing the interest upon her bonds, when the fact is that England offered to pay her bondholders the cash for her bonds or give new bonds at a lower rate of interest. The bondholders accepted the latter, and there was no forced readjustment about it.

H. H. Riddleberger, formerly one of "the leading men of all the Valley counties," and who came to this county," to raise discord in the party, in a speech at

"CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE OF RE-AD- | and the "funding bill" of March 20th, + JUSTERS IN ROCKINGHAM -- President, M. | 1871, did create such a fund; and you M. Sibert; Vice Presidents, Dr T. N. will observe in the fifth section thereof Sellers, Robert Gibbons, G. T. Hop- | it provides that in the year 1880, and kins, C. R. Rush, Maj. T. K. Miller. annually thereafter a tax of two cents It is from the Wytheville Enterprise: to the hundred dollars shall be levied Capt. Jos. H. Kite, Cyrus Rhodes, Dr. Wm. T. Jennings, W. W. West, P. W. like other taxes on all the property in Pugh, George W. Shaver, Dr. Juo. Q. the State and paid into the treasury to Winfield, Sam'l C. Williams, Herod the credit of that fund and be invested Homan, Jno. H. Thomas, Jno. B Bare, in State bonds until the whole debt is Jacob Funkbouser, Dr. J B. Webb, extinguished. Michael Whitmer, Hiram Coffman, T. I have made an estimate o. what the A. Jackson, Dr. Geo. W. Kemper, Jno fund would be January 1st, 1882, sup-F. Crawn, H B. Harnsberger, Maj. L. posing the interest to be paid regular-C. Whitescarver, G. W. Rosenberger, ly thereon and investments made by purchase of State bonds, say at an av-Capt. Juo. H. Ralston, James C. Helterage of sixty cents in the dollar, and zel; Secretaries, Jno. H. Wartmann & find that on that day, less than five H. T. Wartmann.'

yesrs, it will be \$8.200.000, which does From the Rockingham Register of not include \$2.071 110.28 referred to last week we take the above. This above; in all \$10,271,110 28. Then in committee, we have no doubt, was gotaddition to the regular interest received ten up here, and we believe that at least on these bonds, the annual tax of two one-half of those named have no sym cents on the \$100 of property issued above, which will be at least \$70,000 pathy with the movement to bolt the each year, will be added every year, so regular nominations and thus sow seeds that before many years the amount of discord in the Conservative ranks. We will "extinguish the whole debt." I are informed that Col. T. A. Jackson repeat, if the sinking fund is let alone, and Jno. F Crawn, Esq ,did not authorand the liquor tax is let alone, the ize the use of their names, and never | whole thing will go off smoothly and there will be no more trouble; and the attended any of the meetings of the tax on property may, in a few years, committee. Capt. J. H. Kite, in his be reduced, and all will go well with letter below, speaks for himself, which the old State.

is what every other gentleman should Question 2 The amount and status of the Literary Fund now and in 1876? do who has been falsely placed before Answer. The amount in 1860 was \$1. the people as an opponent of the Con-497,169.05 The amount now, treating servative party and a sympathizer with the old stock held by it as funded un bolters. Here is Cupt. Kite's letter: der act of March, 1871, (funding bill) CONRAD'S STORE, VA., Oct. 22, 1877

In bonds (second series or peelers) \$1,407,145.25 Editor Commonwealth, Harrisonburg, And in consols DEAR SIR:-I observe that my name Upon these bonds fall interest is appears in the published list as one of paid to the commissioner of the fund semi-annually, except upon the consols, I am not a seeker of popular favor, nor \$22,100, which were purchased by

them. do I intend to be forced into such no-Question 3d. A full statement of the public debt to the end of the present fiscal year, September 30th, 1877? [I mean the debt proper; which is in-Before the meeting, called by the

tended to express the amount funded leading men of the Valley," I was apunder the funding bill, and funded up proached by a couple of the original der the act of March, 1872, and that novers to displace Gen. Walker. I then declined to take any part in the not funded at all.] novement, and as one of those parties. Answer: On this day, which you know is the beginning of the new fiscal at least, yet holds a very prominent po-

vear, the debt is in principal \$29,350,sition in the Committee, I do not know 826 38 This does not include the on what authority my name is used as sinking fund nor the literary fund above favoring the disruption of the party. stated. I intend to vote the original ticket ! All the public debt bears sx per Do me the favor to publish this, so cent interest per annum except the that "John H. Wartmann, E-sq., Sec.," &c., of the "P. C." may feel authorized sterling bonds and some others, amount-

ing to about \$3.000,000, which bear five n striking my name from his list of per cent. interest per annum. Vice-Presidents, as I am not desirons Of the principal of the State debt, of such prominence, notoriety or honor \$20,273 015.38 is in coupon bonds with y attempt 10, &c., Respectfully, &c., J. H. Kitte. tax receivable coupons, and certificates convertible into such bonds, and \$9.-175,110 58 is in funded (under act of March 2nd, 1872.) and unfunded bonds. The Washington Capital, edited by the coupons of which are not receivable Don Piatt, who is noted for his vulgarfor taxes. Such bonds are classed as ity and billingsgate, in the issue of "Second Series" or "Peeler" debt. Sunday last has an untruthful and

contemptible account of a conversation between Judge Harris, member of Total arrears of interest to that time, \$4,344,951 17 I hope this statement will serve your

JUDGE STAPLES.-Persons who have seen Judge Staples's named used with so much freedom by the repudiators will be pleased to read the following. "As the impression may have been made by the publication of detached portions of Judge Waller R. Star les's opinion in the Dispatch newspaper of this place that that gentleman favors repudiation or forced re-adjustment, we deem it due to him and his friends to

state, from direct and authoritative information, that such is not the case, as any one will see by reading the concluding part of his opinion which will be found in 22d Grattan's Reports.

MARRIED.

On October 11th, at the Methodist Parsonage in this place, by Rev. W G Eggleston, Andrew I. Carrier and Miss Eliza E. Flick-all of Rockingham. On October 1810, at the Revere House, by Rev G. Egg eston, John Merica and Miss Victoria V. sier-all of Rockingham.

At the residence of the bride's father. in Richmond, Oct. 3rd, 18/7. by Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Benjamin Milnes, Esg., son of Hon Wm. Milnes. Jr., of Page connty. Va., and Alice Mather, eldest daughter of Jno. C. Shafer.

At Moscow, Oct. 21st. John H. Floyd, of Rocking-nam, and Miss Frances Lokey, of Augusta county. Near Bridgewater, October 7th, 1877, by Rev. Solo-non Garber, Robt. Skinner and Rebecca Miller. On Oct. 18th, 1877, by Rev. Martin Miller, Benj. A Sandy and Julia A. Philips. On Oct. 16th, 1877. by Rev. Thos. M. Boyd, Robt. B. Shope and Mollie Becks.

DIED.

DIEED. On Wednesday morning, October 10th, 1877, at his residence, in the vicinity of Cross Keys. Reckingham county, Va., Henry C Hedrick, commonly known as "Doe" Hedrick, in the 30th year of his are. He di d suddenly, being stricken by death about 2 o'clock A. M. an' dying in the arms of his faithfuil and affection-ate wife. Although he was called away suddenly, yet it is believed he has gone to his rest. He had been a professor of religion and a member of the church of the United Brethren in Christ for more than a year, and exhibited in his short christian career evidence that he was trying to do right and to please God. He helpless wife and three little children to buffet with the storms of life without his assistance; but He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will care tor the helples widow and her children, and they will be profected from the evil to come. Whilst we mourn the loss of our friend who was kind and genial and null of the milk of human kindness, we will regioe in the confident assurance that he has found his better inheritance in the kingdom to come. H. O. L. At the residence of her son. Maj John Marshall McCue, near Mt. Solon, on the 19th inst. Mrs. Marga-ret Christian McCue, relict of Jas A McCue, Esq., aged 87 years.

aged 87 years.

aged 87 years. Near Cross Keys, Oct. 10th, 1877. Mrs. Sallie J. Sau-fley, aged 28 years, 10 mon hs and 12 days. Mrs. Sauflay was a menber of the Lutheran Church and by her excellent christian character had won the confidence and esteem of all who knew her. In her death the church has lost a use ful and efficient mem-ber, her husband a kind and affectionate wife and her little calld a fond and devoted mother: but the great loss of the church, husband and little child is her eter-nal gain. B.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

VIRGINIA STATE ELECTION, NOV. 6TH, 1877. FOR THE STATE SENATE.

We are authorized to announce Gen. John E. Reller a candidate for the Senate from the 36th dis trict-Rockingham county. sept13-te We are authorized to announce Capt. Jehn Paul a candidate for the State Senate of Virginia from this. the 36th, Senatorial District, at the ensuing election, November 6th.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

We are authorized to announce Dr. S. P. H. Miller, of 8 in the next House of Delegates. aug30-te*

We are authorized to announce Dr. S. H. Mof-fett as a candidate for the House of Dalegates. * Capt. Wm. M. Sibert authorizes us to an-neunce him a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates. sept13-te

We are authorized to announce Dr. J. B. Amiss a candidate for the House of Delegates. aug₂3

83 We are authorized to announce Joseph K. Smith a candidate for the House of Dolegates, at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877, as one of the representatives of the county of Rocking-ham aug9-te ham.



DRESS GOODS Black Alpacca, Cashmeres, Shawls, Blankets, Case meres, Felt Skirts, Corsets, Kid Gloves, and All the Novelties in Ladies' Neck Ties,

Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Ruffs, Zephys, Germantown Yarus, &c., &c. A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

Ladies' and Children's Shoes, MEN'S AND BOYS' BOOTS, TRUNKS, &C.,

all of which will be sold at the lowest cash prices.



MISCELLANEOUS.

A SUPERB STOCK OF

Fancy Goods and Notions:

Ties. Ribbons, Silk Handkerchiefs, Hammed-stitched Handkerchiefs, Gent's Hemmed Handkerchiefs, kunch-ings and Collarcits, Hercules and Diamond Braids, Bretone and Galon Trimmings, very desirable for dreas trimmings, Ladies and Gents' Linen Collars and Cuffe, Table Linens, bleached, half bleached and brown, Tur-key Ref Table Linens and Napkins warranted fast col-ors, Napkins, Towels, Crashes, Cotton and Linen Dis-pers.

DOMESTICS-A full Stock.

New designs in our line. Black and Gold Caticoes, very nobby. Dark Percailles and Cutones, Wash Pop-lins, (inghams, Bleached and Brown Sheeting all widths, Pillow-cuse Buttons. We are still selling the

PEARL SHIRT

at ONE DOLLA , made from Wamsutta Muslin, and 3-ply fronts, the best goods ever sold at that price. We invite the attention of cash buyers to our large stock, and are confident that a visit to our store will satisfy all that we are headquarters for Dry Goods of all kinds.

DENTIST, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office Main street, near the Episcopal Church. [oct25

NOTICE

To the Tax-Payers of Rockingham County. NOTICE is hereby given that the State and Coun-ty Taxes for the year 1877 are now due, and that I will attend, either in person or deputy, at the follow-ing times and piaces in the several Districts, to re-ceive the State Tax. s and County Levies for the pres-

nt year, viz:-Ashby District:

on Monday, 1910 of November, 1977, in front of the south door of the Court House of Rock-ingham county, to rent out for the term of two years, the tract of land upon which Geo. Wash. Grin now resides, situated about two miles from McGaleysville. ## TERMS CASH. Possession given immediately. Renting will take place at 1 o'clock, p. m. J. S. COTT. Deputy oct25-4 for D. H. Rolston, S. R. C. DR. FRANK L. HARRIS,

Staunton on Monday admitted that he had endeavored to get up a convention to displace Walker, but has since changed his mind and ceased to oppose him.

Senator John W. Johnston, General Fitz Lee and others have been making speeches at various points in Pennsylvania, upon the soil, climate, minerals, &c., &c., of Virginia, in order to induce immigration to this State. If our other leading men would devote some of their time to the same object instead of spending it in political speeches, Virginia would soon become populous and prosperous and the debt question would settle itself.

Hon. John Letcher-"Honest John" lature in Rockbridge county. Last week he published an article to his countymen, in which he showed that the State, without any increase of tax ation, could pay her interest on the debt and have a balance of over \$155,-000. He bases his opinion on what the Moffett bell punch will bring in, the saving in Legislative and criminal expenses.

Col. Richardson is the nominee of a handful of discontents in Harrisonburg. Gen. Jas. A. Walker is the nominee of the largest and ablest convention that has assembled in Virginia for many years. Richardson's supporters are the six or eight whose wisdom (?) the convention did not adopt. Walker's supporters numbered almost the entire Conservative Convention of thirteen hundred representatives and now numbers almost the entire voting strength of the State.

A dispatch from Harrisonburg to the Richmond Whig last week says, after Gen. Walker completely routed the bolters and their candidate for Lieutenant-Governor :---

"If other parts of Virginia do as well as Rockingham will for the re-adjustment candidate in the pending canvass, Col. Richardson will be the next Lieu-'enant-Governor by a triumphant majority."

The author of the above, if he knows anything about Rockingham at all, knows that the above is not correct .----If all the counties do as well as Rock ingham, Col. Richardson will lack about 100,000 votes of being elected.

Richmond is entitled to five representatives in the House of Delegates, and the nominations are made by primary elections. The nominations were made on Tuesday and there was a bellpunch and anti-bell-punch ticket in the field. The Moffett ticket was repre-Fonted by J. R. Anderson, B. C. Grav, And we have as of July 1st, 1877 \$8,071,110,28 W. W. Henry, S. H. Pulliam and G. The Constitution requires the Gen- na, and that their rations are very K. Crutchfield, all of whom were elected. I eral Assembly to create a sinking fund, | short.

Congress from this district, and anoth er Virginian, who, we suppose, desired the Judge to sign a recommendation to some office. Piatt, also, in the article, makes a fling at this section of Virginia, about which he either knows

as they attempt to force upon me.

nothing or wilfully misrepresents.

Letter from the Second Auditor.

Gen. Asa Rogers on the State Debt-Its Amount and the Provisions Made and to be Made for its Extinguishment.

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE.) RICHMOND, October 1st, 1877. Hon. C. T. Smith :

My Dear Sir,-Yours of - received. and I take great pleasure in answering your interrogatories, as you are always after something for the public good and

honor of the State. Question 1. What is the amount of be sinking fund now, and what was it in 1860-its condition and prospects? Answer. This old sinking fund of 1860 laid in a dormant condition until the passage of the "funding act" of March, 1871, by which it was revived in a somewhat different form, and un

der which it has had an active opera tion. The commissioners of this fund proceeded from time to time to invest receipts of interest thereofr in State bonds under different acts of Assembly; and under the acts of March. 31st, 1875, which reorganized thoroughly and very much enhanced this fund, they funded the stock held by the commissioners of the old fund so that the amount now held by them is An increase of\$3,782,714.70

All of this fund now is in registered "peelers" or "second series" funded bonds, except \$30,114.27, which is in consols (tax receivable coupon) or fractional certificates, which may be thus converted.

The arrears of interest due to the fund up to and including July 1st, 1877, is \$931,996.26, which if paid to the commissioners now would enable them to purchase State bonds, which, say at 45 cents in the dollar (they now sell at 42 cents in the dollar,) would

smount to \$2 071.110 28, which would make an aggregate of funded bonds be longing to the fund of \$7,192,382 18. Besides, the fund holds West Virginia certicates amounting to \$2,024.479.49.

Il the fund is not disturbed in its operation and full interest, including past due interest, is paid to it in future, it will amount to a sum which in less than twenty years will absorb the whole public debt. I take leave to add that I have made an estimate of the opera tion of the sinking fund upon which a leading editorial in the Richmond Disparch of recent date was founded-to-

wit: \$5,125,271.90 500,000.00 275,000.00 50,000.00 874,728.10

purposes and be satisfactory. With best wishes for your success in all things, I am, very truly, your friend, ASA ROGERS. -----

The Poll-tax and the Voting Franchise. Opinion of Attorney-General Field.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ATT RNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. RICHM ND, Oct. 10, 1877. N B. Meade Esq:

Dear Sir,-Your letter is received, and I will answer the interrogatories in the order in which thy are propounded:

1. What tax is to be paid before the woter can vote? Answer: "The capitation tax required by law for the preceding year" -that is,

the year preceding the election. - Consequently the votor must pay before voting at the November election the capitation tax of 1876. 2. To whom is the tax paid?

Answer: To the treasurer of the county before the delinquent lists are returned, to-wit: before or on the first day of February of each year. If not paid to the treasurer before the delinquent lists are required, then the payment must be made into the State treasury, or to the clerk of the county or corporation court, or to a collector appointed by the Auditor under the provision of section 21, chapter 37, code

of 1873, page 378 3. What is to be the evidence of the payment? Answer: The primary evidence will

he the receipt of the treasurer of the county or corporation, or of the State Treasurer, or of the clerk of the county or corporation court, or of the collector appointed by the Auditor as above indicated.

If the receipt cannot be produced, then any evidence that will satisfy the minds of honest and intelligent commissioners of elections of the payment of the tax. I would suggest that if the clerk the

day before the election, would furnish to the commissioners at each votingplace a list of those who have not paid the tax, it would be sufficient evidence and save much trouble. If the voter

claims to have paid after this list was made out, it would be no hardship to require such voter to produce a receipt from the collecting officer. Now allow me to add (for the ques-

tion has been asked by several correspondents) that the county court has the right, for bodily infirmity, to exempt male persons from the payment of the capitation tax. When this exemption has been made the voter votes without | reference to the tax, and that all is necessary for him to do is to produce before the commissioners of election a

copy of the order of exemption. I am very truly yours, &c., JAMES G. FIELD,

Attorney General. ----The Russians have surrounded Kars

and demanded its sorrender. A strong force is pushing on to Erzeroum. Reinforcements are being hurried to Mukhtar Pasha from Constantinople. Au attack on Plevna Friday was repulsed. The fighting is still going on. Deserters report 130,000 men in Plev

John F. We are Lewis a candidate for the House of Delegates вер27 Henry E. Sipe. Esq., authorizes us to announce him a candidate for a scat in the next House of Delegates. sept13-te We are authorized to announce Col. Reuben N. We are authorized to announce Cor. In rrison a candidate for the House of the ensuing election. [sept6-te*

We are authorized to announce John D. Pen-nybacker a candidate for the House of Delegates. Sept6 te

COMMERCIAL. HARRISONBURG WHOLES LE PRICE CURRENT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY GEO. A MYERS & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS AND PRODUCE DEALERS. HARB ISONBURG, VA., October 25, 1877.

REMARKS :--- Flour dull and lower with a down ward tendency. Wheat lower, but will bring quotations. Butter in demand. Eggs also higher, and wanted. Bacon in demand and higher.

We quote to-day --APPLES-Green (as to quality) \$ 0 24@ 0 35 BACON, Virginia Hog Round. "Hams, Sides, Butter, Hans, sugar-cur'd Baltimore, Hans, sugar-cur'd Sides & shoulders, BUTTER-No. 1, Choice, Good to Fair BEP-SWAX per lb. BEP-SWAX per lb. BEP-SWAX per lb.

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BLACKBERRIES-Dried,. 1 20 6 3 45 60 75 1 00@ 5@ 2@ 35@ 55@ 6⁵@ 10@ 2 50@ BUCKWHEAT FLOTR...... CORN-White B bush..... " Yellow, " ... CORNMEAL, B bush CHICKEN :- Live,.... CHERRIES - Drid-Pitted,.... CEMENT-Round Top,..... COFFEE-Common Rio, Fair to Prime,

1834 @ 20@ 22@ 13@ 1 10@ Laguira, COTTON YARNS. B bunch, EGG3, per dezen,.....

0 50@ 0 50 50@ 55 7¼@ 10 1 75@ 1 85 RYE.... RICE—in barrels ? 1b,..... SALT—Liverpool, ? sack,... SUGAR—Yellow, (wholesale). 8%@ 11@ TALLOW

HARRISONBURG MARKET. CORRECTED BY JOHN S. LEWIS. THURSDAY MORNING, October 25, 1877

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Wool, (unwashed)..... Do (washed)..... 0 28 Plaster,..... Chickens. (per doz.,).....

ANDREW LEWIS, HAS a large as ortment of Rogers' PLATED WARE such as, Castors, Butter Dishes. Tea and Table Spoons, Knives and Forks, Cups, Napkin Rings, Butter Knives, &c

A LADDIN COAL ('L. Casto Oll. Neatsfoot, Par-afino, Fish, Lubi stiggal Lard Olls, and Lin-seed Oll, boiled and ra -va'y ' cap. L. OT F.

STOVES -A large assortment of Heating and Cook-ing Stoves just received, which we offer at reduced prices. Call and see us before purchasing. septis TREIPER & GASSMAN.



Prin Ipal Episcopal Church of Virginia.

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MORE INDICTMENTS-THE PLOT THICK-ENS .--

Hereafter all Sunday libations Shall be interdicted de jure. On Saturday now get your rations For you cannot get in the back door. -"Old Saw

The melancholy days have come, The saddest of the year, And with them comes a jury. To deprive us of our been

The fellow who took the names out of the last venire chapeau struck a Jonadab bonanza, and struck it rich, for, with one or two honorable exceptions, in the county-Mrs. M. E. S, and Mrs.

EOLEVEN, 16, 24, 33, 47, KENO! INDICT-MENT BY THE GRAND JURY .- During the term of the Grand Jury just closed an indictment was found against one Col. Mouktar Pasha Stewart, for conducting a numerical manipulation within the town precincts by which the "root of all evil" was from dusky eve to early

dawn, kept in active circulation among as many devotees of the game of chance as happened to intuitively assemble at the shrine of Mammon.

It has been generally understood that this innocent industry was in full blast for some time, and it was also very well known that when the circumlocutory machinery of the Grand Jury was put in motion the projector and father of the laudable enterprise had already taken a long, last, lingering look of the green on which he gamboled, and left for "new fields and pastures green,' "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest" Adieu. Colonel! We shall never look on thy like again. We have heard such sounds of music in thy plaintive "eoleven" that Treiber. we never can forget. Our grief was

poignant when we heard you quote, "I hear a voice I cannot hear,

Which says I must not stay; I see a hand I cannot ses. Which beckons me away "

We are all felloes in the wheel of fortune, Colonel, and if it was not for the hub-bub you would never have tired of raking in your per cent. Farewell, Colonel! Come win when the corn is green. You will have a mus ficent recepts on by our municipality. "Watch me, Josh."

RESPITE OF SILM MORRIS AND LOUISA Lawson.-Governor Kemper has granted a respite to Silas Morris and Louisa Lawson. The former was to have been hung last Tuesday and the latter op next Tuesday. The Governor has respited them until the 21st of December -Friday--thus changing the order of things here. Tuesday is our day for executions and it is to be regretted that the Governor had not named some Tuesday for the execution. There is too much superstition attaching to Friday now, and to rid our people of it. Judge O'Ferrall very properly selected another day than Friday. Governor Kemper granted the re

spite in order that further investigations into the killing of David G. Lawson might be made.

THANKS .- We were the recipients on Friday morning last of a most beautiful bouquet, composed of rare flowers, especially at this season of the year. It was the offering of two married ladies they were men who have long since H. J. B - "admirers of the OLD COMMON-WEALTH." We tender our thanks for the testimony of appreciation of the COMMONWEALTH and hope to continue to merit the esteem of the fair donors. -

HARRISONBURG GRADED SCHOOL .- The following is a list of those pupils who have attained a high degree of excellency during the past week :

Department No. 1 Teacher, Miss Herndon. Medalist-Eisie Commins. Recitation-Charlotte Butler, Elsie Cummins. Deportment-Charlotte Butler, E'sie Cummins, Bettie Conrad, Jennie Davis, Blanche Effinger, Minnie Helphenstine, John Logan, Nettie Price, Minnie Shue, Kittie Evans, Jen nie Fultz, Lillie Weiner. Department No. 2. Teacher Mr

M. Lindon. Medalist-Anna Ward. Recitation-Anna Ward. Deportment -Georgie Davis Annie Heller, Nan nie Martz, Willie McA lister, Ada Marshall, Maggie Wiener, Annie Swanson. Mary Kelley, Anna Ward. Department No. 3. Teacher, Mr L Borden. Medalist-Bradley Christie Recitation-Henry Bassford, Preston Gray, George Christie, Charlie Butler Wm. Chase, Kirby Bassford, Henry

Newman, Jas. Points, Jao. Swanson, Otis Wartmann, Sallie Flick. Deportment-Luther Funkhouser, Clarence Van Pelt, Henry Pinkus, Olis Wartmann, Bradley Christie, Charlie Irvin Frank Nicholas, Settle Ward, Willie

Department No. 4. Tencher, Miss L. Van Pelt. Medalist-Abel Pearson. Recitation-Lee Miller, Abel Pearson, Carter Sprinkel, Harry Grove, Robert Dwyer, Wilton Eichelberger. Deportment-Jennie Morrison, Pinkney Guyer, Arthur Kennedy, Wilton Eichelberger, Albert Bamber, Lee Miller, Flora Bowman, Fiamon. D-partment No. 5. Teacher, Mrs.

Warren. Medalist -- Tiffin Gordon. Recitation-Tiffin Gordon, Laura Snyder, Tabbie McAllister. Deportment -Elsie McCarty, John Logan, Sue Ella Ritenour. TILLIE G. HERNDON, Principal.

WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL RAILROAD .-The West Virginia Central railway, with a proposed capital of ten million dollars, was incorporated at Wheeling on Friday. The route is from Ceredo, Upshur county, West, Va., through the counties of Cabell and Putnam, crossing the Great Kanawha river at the city of Charleston, Kanawha county, thence along the Gauley river to a point near its source, passing through the counties of Kanawha, Fayette, Nicholas, Webster and Pocabontas, to Harrisonburg, Va., and thence through the counties of Madison, Culpepper, Fauquier and Stafford, to Aquia Creek, on the Potomac river, a distance of 300 miles. The stock subscribed is owned by Philadelphia capitalists.

CIRCUIT COURT -Up to yesterday but little had been done in the Circuit Court, except to indict some of our citizens who either had not the fear of the law before their eves or were ignorant of its requirements. Two indictments were entered

BREVITIES.

Circuit Court began on Saturday. Heavy frosts the last few mornings. The Grand Jury made nine indictments. Silas Morris and Louisa Lawson have been respited. Partridges must not be shot until the first of November. The State Fair, at Richmond, opens on

Tuesday next. The forests with their varied tinted leaves are beautiful.

The "Parlor Committee" is not as large as reported by the Register. People who have new overcoats think

these mornings very cool. The pupils enrolled at the Harrisonburg

Graded School number 182. How about that, of the Grand Jury on the candidates for ________________________

L. H. Ott has had his drug store painted. t presents a handsome appearance. The Harrisonburg Guards did not have

dress parade on Saturday, owing to the rain. There will be a meeting of the Valley Pike Stockholders in Harrisonburg to day-Thurs day.

To find out who is the prettiest girl and the ugliest man, read the letter from Cub Run

Efforts are making to get up a concert for the benefit of the Woodbine Improvement Society.

Our country subscribers are politically pestered. Their buttonholes have long since pulled out.

Nothing has a more honest exterior or a nore rascally inside than the load of wood of the period.

Still fooling about that wood. Will seed ng never be finished ? We want a couple of loads hadly.

the heads of families have cussed their stoves

Barnum's circus and menagerie is represented as immense, by those who attended at Staunton last week.

this county disfranchised on account of not having paid their poll tax.

Capt. G. G. Grattan has been appointed Commonwealth's Attorney in the place of

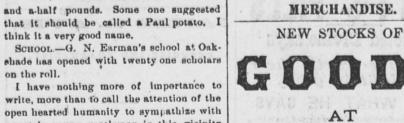
Judge Harris had a tilt with Ben Butler in the House. Although Ben had his hat full

of bricks, he did not hit the Judge The "Modocs" of New Market beat the Harrisonburg scrub club at base ball here on Saturday last by a score of 42 to 34.

In the case of Barley, et als, vs. Barley, et als the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the court below and ordered a new trial

In Augusta the pay the debt nominees have announced that they favor the reduction of the salaries of legislators from \$540 to \$270. The Valley Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church will meet in Emmanuel church here on next Wednesday, and will continue several days.

The "Parlor Committee." who live in our midst, To have a candidate they did jusist. So they "called" a man-one Richardson, But we can't see what good it's done.



a certain young gentleman in this vicinity who was discarded by one of Eve's fai young dames, on whom he had centered all of his affections. VALE.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS - The following Special Premiums, are offered by Wil liam N. Armstrong, Esq , of New York: 1. For the best Essay on the true THE undersigned thankful for the liberal patronage hestowed upon him by the people of the several communities where he is doing business, viz: Linville, Dry River, and Greenmount, desires to state for the information of his friends, customers and the commu-uity generally, that he is now in receipt of method of farming one hundred acres of land, in Tidewater Virginia, on the plan of diversified production \$25.

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2. For the best Essay on the true method of farming one hundred acres of land, in Piedmont Virginia, on the plan of diversified production, \$25.

3. For the best Essay on the true method of farming one hundred acres of land, in the Valley, or Southwestern Virginia, on the plan of diversified production, \$25.

It is desired, in few words, to show the capabilities of a one-hundred-acre farm, in each of the several localities mentioned.

The conditions, in respect of these premiums, are as follows:

1. The competing essays will be de ivered to the editor of the Southern Planter and Farmer, on or before the Ces we can and do pay. Our stocks will be kept up fully to the requir of the trade at all the points, and no pains spared to make our business worthy of attenti support from the people of the respective cor tics. Respectfully. first day of January, 1878, and by him be delivered to the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultural Society.

2. The said Committee will determine the relative merits of the essays, in such manner as they may deem just, and to the author of the best essay, respectively, they will award the pre-

mium. 3. The successful essays will be given, in the first instance, to the South ern Planter and Farmer for publication

APPOINTMENTS FOR PUBLIC SPENKING -The Conservative Canvassers for Rocking ham County, and others, will address th people at the following places and times, by order of Conservative Executive Committee: Bridgewater, Friday night. October 26. Mt Crawford Saturday night, October 27. Cross Keys, Monday night, October 29. Edom, Tuesday night, October 30. McGahoysville, Wednesday night, October 31. Conrad's Store, Thursday 2 p. m., Novem

ber 1 Port Republic, Friday night, November 2. Dayton, Saturday night, November 3. Tenth Legion, Monday night, Nov. 5.

Come one, come all ! The issues are most important, and we must understand them.

M. LINDON. R. J. MASON, JAMES HAY, County Conservative Canvassers. Oct. 17th. 1877.

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gone for several weeks, but they have made

all necessary arrangements to supply home trade. Any one wishing medicine can get it

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Very respectfully, JOHN S EFFINGER.

P. S .- All sufferers are invited to call.

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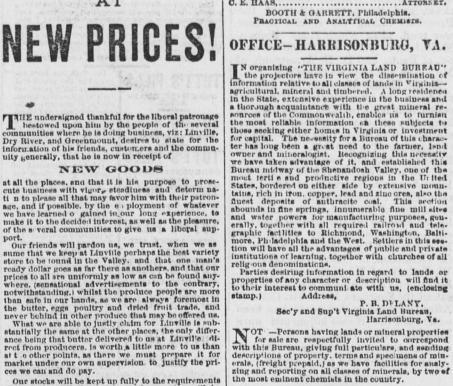
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SMALL FARM-35 acres good limestone land, with-in 100 yards of Linville Station. 6 miles from Harriconburg; frame dwelling, 5 rooms; convenient to bargain, Apply to VIRGINIA LAND BUREAU.

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A HOUSE AND LOT situated in Sangersville, Au-A HOUSE AND LOT situated in Sangersville, Au-gusta county, Virginia. The lot contains one acre of land and is enclosed by good fence. The house is in complete order, and contains five rooms, a kitch-an and cellar. There is on the lot a large new stable. On the lot there is also another house close to this main dwelling, which contains four rooms. Thereis a well of excellent water in the yard. This property will be sold for \$1.000, on good terms.

FOR SALE-that fine three story Brick House on ast corner of West Market an Harrisonburg. This building fronts 33 feet on West Market street and 75 feet on German street, has two in size street and is leet on German street. Ins two ine store rooms and wareroom on first floor; the two upper floors contain eleven rooms, suitable for offices, for family, &c. There is a yard attached to the pre-perty and a fine cistern. The property is officred at law figures on reasonable terms by the Virginia Land Bureau

Bureau. FOR SALE—THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE VALLEY.—We have for sale the vaulable property known as the CAVE OF FOUNTAINS, situ-ates 4 miles East of V. R. R., at Cave Station. This property is offered at very low figures and on easy terms. The farm contains 100 acres of choice land, (River bottom land) Five large mansion, with all necessary out-buildings to a well conducted farm. The Cave of Fountains is one of the greatest wonders of the present age—abounding in stalactite formations of beautiful, magnificent and grand scenery, not sur-massed by any other Cave in the United States. This cave, being newly opened, laves the formations freem and beautiful. This Cave property could be made to yield a revenue. If properly managed. of over \$10,000 per anuum. Call at the office of the Virginia Land Bureau for further information and terms of pur-chase. FOR SALE-THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE VALLEY.-We have for sale the valiable

A FARM OF 260 ACRES of choice smooth Limestone A Faith OF 200 ACRES of choice smooth limestone Land, with a fine two story, 60 teet front, stone dwei-ling house. large barn with stone foundation, stone spring house. blacksmith shop, running water through the farm, fresh spring water at the house, two large orchards of choice fruit. A portion of the farm is in choice timber. he yard and grounds surrounding the dwelling are beautified with fine shade trees and evergreens. This is one of the finest farms in An-By the county. Situated five miles Northwest of VR at Fort D-fince Station. Will be sold very ch and on easy terms if a call is made soon. and on easy term s if a call is made soon. A FARM OF 130 ACRES of limestone land, 2 miles North of Harrisonburg on the Kratzer Spring road, has on it a wooden house, containing five rooms and a kitchen, an orchard of choice fruit, well of freah water at the house, never failing ponds of water in the fields. 15 acres of this place is in choice timber. This is a cheap farm, and will be sold on easy terms by ap-plying at once to the Virginia Land Bureau. FO. S.I. — Several valueble vacent building late Stoves FO SAL -Several valuable vacant building lots situated in Harrisonburg, some of them well suited for business stands. Apply at the Virginia Land liureau. A desirable HOUSE and LOT in Dayton, Va. Price, \$750 Several Town Properties in Harrisonburg. Desira-ble and cheap homes. ble and cheap homes. 19½ ACRES OF LAND—portion of it in the corpora-tion of Harrisonburg. A rare bargain. The well-known Tanyard property in McGaheys-illie, is now offered at a very reasonable figure. DESIRABLE TOWN PROPERTY in Harrisonburg DESIGNABLE TOWN PROPERTY in Harrisonburg, store room en first floor, dwelling above. Eligibly located for business purposes. TEN ACRES improved; comfortable dwelling; mos «cellent neighborhood; title unquestionable. Price, \$750.00 cash, if purchased soon. 56 Acres, 1½ miles from Pleasant-Valley Depot. Good improvements, Excellent orchard of 175 trees. Never-failing Spring. Price \$1,600. 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. low for one-third cash and residue in three years. 115 Acres of good land with improvements, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Bailroad depot. Some meadow land; well watcred; 30 acres of choice timber; fencing good. This is a cheap property. Can be purchased for the low sum of \$2160. 110 ACRES OF LAND, good buildings, 18 miles from Harrisonburg. Price, \$50 per acre. This prop-erty is located in a good neighborhood and is a spien-did home.

Religious revivals will be in order after up for the winter.

There are over seven hundred voters in

Capt. John Paul, resigned.

ceased to change their breath, and now exclaim with the Teetotler: "O, that a man should put an enemy in his mouth to ateal away his brains." They have soured on the "glorious knights of Apollo," and can no longer see any convivial bliss in "tippling the rosy," except all alone in some vast wilderness or deserted cellar.

We have been told by old topers and Grand Jurymen that there is a delici ousness about an inaccessible Sunday toddy which attaches in no degree to the most tempting week day decoction, and which deliciousness will cause a man to make a longer circuit to cover a shorter distance than any other source of evolving attraction. An ordinary Grand Juryman will dispense with more accessories to a palatable drink on a Sunday morning, and relish it better without seasoning, than on any other occasion in life. There is a quieting influence that pervades a bar-room on Sunday most pleasing to a pious, placid and urbane drinker and more efficacious, in preserving the peace than a platoon of police on a week day.

But no more shall we commune with old Bacchus on Sunday. The Grand Jury has sent forth the edict, and more than that, two of our prominent dispensers are to answer at the bar for what good they have done. This blow will fall heavily on our tax burthened friends. The bell punch was bad enough, but this is the obelisk which superinduces the most aggravating cerebro spino meningitis.

NARROW ESCAPE .- On Monday of last week, the 15th inst., Mrs. Emanuel Sipe, residing at Linville, this county, who had been on a visit to Spartapplis. to her son-in-law, J. B. D. Rhodes, in company with her brother, C. G. Jennings, Esq., made a miraculous escape from death, by the horse running away with the buggy in which they were riding. One of the traces became unfastened, and Mr. Jennings got out to fasten it, when the horse started and ran away. As he was going up hill when near the top, being perhaps tired, he slackened his speed, when Mrs. Sipe jumped out, with a child in her arms, sustaining but slight injury, when the horse again started, dashed down the hill and smasl ed up things generally. If Mrs. Sipe had not jumped out no doubt she would have been killed. It was miraculous that the horse should have stopped long enough for her to get cut of the buggy, and has something of the look of a Providential interposition.

GOOD APPOINTMENT .- On Thursday Europe, and brought with him the of last week Judge O'Ferrall appointed Capt. George G. Grattan Commonwealth's Attorney, in the place of Capt. John Paul, resigned. This appoint- all competition. Now is the time to ment is a good one, and we believe | call, whilst you can get first choice. gives general satisfaction.

SEND US YOUR NAME .- From Oshkosch, Wisconsin, one day last week we received a pair of handsome and nicely made pulse-warmers We do not know who was so kind as to send them, as we are not aware of having any sweethearts or acquaintances there. It is possible, however, that some of our numerous sweethearts has taken Horace Greeley's advice and gone West, and in leisure moments has made and forwarded us the pulse warmers.

----At this particular juncture the following remarks will supply a public want. The first verse is from the Boston Post, and the second is the Herald's comment upon it:

Who yas dot mon yat valks der schreed. Und pows mit efry von he meed, Und shakes mit sefen oud of eight? Vy ! pless you, dot's der candidate

Yah! who's dot mon kits in ter shair, Und givs you sooch z funny shtare. Und for your hours he makes you vait ? Dot feller vos vons a candidate.

Nor INDICTED -An effort was made by the grand jury at the present term of the Circuit Court to indict Sam. Hall as an accomplice in the murder of David G Lawson. A number of witnesses were examined, but the jury failed to bring in a true bill. The jury consisted of seventeen, requiring twelve | among the judges of the Court of Apvotes to indict. After hearing the evidence adduced the vote stood eleven to six for an indictment.

CONCERT.-A meeting was held in the should be chosen to discharge them. basement of the Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening of the musical fraternity of Harrisonburg to arrange for a concert to be given shortly for the benefit of the Woodbine Improvement Society. Prof. H. T. Wartmann conduct ed the meeting and will be musical director of the concert. Further partic ulars will be given in subsequent issues of the COMMONWEALTH.

HIGHLAND RECORDER.-This is the name of a newspaper just started in the adjoining county of Highland. The proprietors are P E Witts and Geo. M. Jordan, and on Saturday last made their bow to the public in a wel-written salutatory. The Recorder should receive the cordial support of the people of Highland, and all should take an interest in its welfare and success.

----LATEST FROM EUROPE - B Ney, at the Red Front, has just arrived home from

mest splendid stock of goods in bis line it has been his pleasure to offer to his customers. In prices he defies oct4-1m

against the Virginia Hotel, three against the Magnolia Saloon, one egainst William Stewart, one against W. H. Clatterbuck, one against Harvey Detrick, and one against Beauregard

Furry. REVOKED .--- The appointment for pub lic speaking by the Conservative County Canvassers, at Bridgewater, on Friday evening next, 26th inst., has been revoked because of the religious meetings in progress at that place. The other appointments will be filled as advertised, except at Keezletown, on Nov. 5th, which has been also revoked

THE VALLEY CONVOCATION. - The Valley Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, (D. V.,) will meet in Emmanuel Church, in this place, on Wednesday afternoon, October 31st.

The Next General Assembly,

The next session of the State Legisislature will be one of the most important which have been held for many years. In addition to its ordinary du ties it will be required-1. To settle upon some proper basis -the questions connected with the

public debt. 2. To re-apportion among the counties and districts the representation which each is to have in the General Assembly for the succeeding ten years. 3. To elect judges of the Circuit Court in nearly all the circuits, and to fill any vacancies which may occur peals and County Courts. These are duties of a grave and re-

sponsible character, and the people should look to it that the best men of their respective counties and districts They should be men of in elligence, industry, and integrity-intelligence to understand what they are about-industry to devote themselves earnestly to their daty-and integrity which will place their action above suspicion of muroper influences.

It too often happens that people vote for incompetent men, and when reproached with it reply, "Oh, they are good fellows, and we wished to gratify them! They can do no harm !" This mode of viewing the exercise of

the elective franchise is not only a blunder, it approaches very nearly a crime!

The Richmond Dispatch pronources the utterances of Col. R A Richardson here on Court Day, with reference to that paper, "baseless falsehoods." -----

There are 330 students at the University of Virginia, with a certainty of considerable increase.

By a coal mine explosion near Glasgow over two hundred miners, it is believed, were killed.

An inch or more of snow fell in the northern part of New Hampshire Sauday morning.

The Richmond, Va., jail has a Japaness cook.

A A Wise, in a flaming advertisement. announces to the public that he has a large and choice stock of holiday goods, confections, cigars, &c., &c.,

We had a little Richy once, He was our joy and pride, He made a speech in Harrisonburg, And then he went and died.

Gone to meet the "Parlor Committee, J. H. Wartmann, E squire, Secretary." Dr. S. S. Harris, formerly with his brother, Dr. F. L. Harris, has accepted a place in an office in Memphis, Tennessee, and left yesterday for his new # 1d of practice. If he consesses talents like his brother, fand we learn he does,] he will son make for himself an enviable reputation'as a skilful dentist.

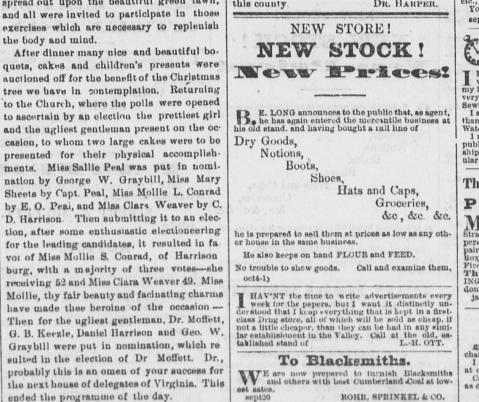
LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM CUB RUN. iness, we will from this date sell off our MR. EDITOR :- Allow me to present to stock of goods at cost and many much below. You can get great bargains in Lace Shawls, Cloaks, Gloves, Ribbon-, Laces, Corsets Par you a few items from this section, which probably will be of some interest to your asols, Hamburg Handkerchiefs, Hose, Crane fond readers. Veils, Netts, Furs, &c., &c. As all are in want

PIC-NIC .- On Saturday last the Sabbath School at Cross Roads closed with a grand jubilee. About 9 o'clock a large number of people from the surrounding neighborhood convened at the Church, where the pro gramme of the day was opened by an ele gant and appropriate prayer from the Rev. Samuel Watkins, followed by charming vocal music chanted by the Cross Roads choir. Mr. George O. Conrad was then introduced to the audience, who gave us the benefit of one of his happy speeches, which never fail to please the children and to edify the adults. Rev. Mr. Collins was then intro duced, who gave us a brief history of his early Sabbath School training, and painted references to the benefits accruing from such institutions. After the high-toned eloquence

of the gentlemen ceased to echo and re-echo against the lofty ceiling, the the silence was again broken by the sweet melodies from the musical band led by Prof. H. T. Wartmann, Dinner was next on the pro gramme, and we repaired to a large orchard belonging to Mr. Eli Keran, where a large amount of the nicest of provisions was spread out upon the beautiful green lawn, and all were invited to participate in those exercises which are necessary to replenish the body and mind.

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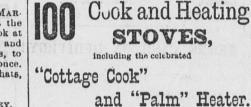
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