

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 1878

VALEDICTORY.

With this issue closes our connection with the Old Commonwealth, having sold out to Messrs. J. K. Smith and P. B. Delany. The former is personally known to the most of our readers, having been connected with the Commonwealth for eight or ten years past, and the pen of the latter has illuminated its pages almost weekly for the past eighteen months.

Our sojourn of five years in this place has been one of pleasure—but little bitter being mixed with the sweet. Like all independent journalists, we have had to oppose politically some of our best friends and supporters, yet to-day we harbor no ill feeling, nor do we believe we have an enemy in this section.

During our editorship of the Commonwealth we have labored earnestly and continuously for the improvement of our town and county, and believe we have been instrumental in bringing about some of the many changes which have taken place since May, 1873.

There is a new court house which has replaced the old shabby one; new and large store houses have been erected where once stood old wooden structures; elegant residences have been built in every portion of the town; streets have been opened, and others improved by being graded and macadamized.

Articular confessions of a secular nature have become epidemic of late. The late Boss Tread confessed, Conkling confessed, Mrs. Tilton re-confessed, and now McLin and Dennis, who manipulated the Florida returns for Hayes, have confessed that they cheated the Democrats out of the electoral votes of the State.

The Republicans in Congress have for some time past been preparing a stupendous campaign lie to the effect that should the Democrats get control of the Government \$300,000,000 of "Rebel" claims will be paid out of the Treasury.

A writer in the Harrisonburg Old Commonwealth is facetious. His paragraph in reference to the coupon system is a sort of *supra etia* to hide his own interest in the bell punch in Pennsylvania.—Washington Sunday Gazette.

Custom has ordained that some announcement of purpose and principles of action should precede the assuming of the duties and responsibilities of the chair editorial. My long connection with the Old Commonwealth, so far at least as this community is concerned, renders a formal introduction of myself almost superfluous.

It is not so much to introduce myself then to the patrons of the Commonwealth that these lines are written, as to state that I have disposed of P. B. Delany, Esq., (who has for some time past been a contributor to these columns,) an equal interest with myself in the Old Commonwealth newspaper establishment, with whom I will conduct it hereafter.

The furnace on the property of the Eureka Iron and Manufacturing Company, Augusta county, went into blast yesterday. During the month of May it is expected that 300 tons of iron will be made.

MECHANICAL INDUSTRY, AND THE BUILDING UP OF CLOSER AND QUICKER COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR OWN PEOPLE.

We will not start out sounding a trumpet in advance, promising great things but performing little. We prefer to be credited only for what we do. We promise to do our best to produce a paper worthy of your support, fearlessly condemning the wrong and upholding the right.

We have no desire, even if it was within our province, to discuss the merits of the questions involved in the refusal of Judge O'Ferrall to grant licenses to a number of applicants last week. But we feel confident that public opinion will sustain the Judge in his expressed and manifest determination to enforce the Moffett liquor law in this county.

At Woodstock, on Monday, in the case of C. L. Noel, who was killed at the Narrow Passage disaster on the B. & O. R. R., the jury rendered a verdict of \$4,925 damages.

The Republicans now concede Hayes to be an old lying Whig.

100,000 shad from the fish hatchery at Avoca, N. C., were put into the Appomattox River last week. We are glad to see that fish hatching is also becoming avocation in Virginia.

Moffett and Ellison in the Porcupine's ticket for 1880. Boston Post. Now here is a ticket bound to please. The Doc, his 'punches' then might quarrel, while Ellison could take his ease, and "chill" folks with his photograph.

The latest European advices by cable state that war between England and Russia is almost certain. English arsenals and dock yards are actively engaged in fitting the Army and Navy for active service.

General Sir Alfred Hastings Horsford has been selected commander of the second army corps. A considerable proportion of the first army corps is likely to be dispatched to India in the course of the coming year, including a portion of the guards.

THE COURT OF APPEALS DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION OF COUPON TAX.

The question as to the right to tax coupons was argued before the Court of Appeals at Richmond on the 25th, in the case of Hartman vs. City Treasurer Greenhow, the latter having refused to take coupons at their face value for taxes, as tendered by the former.

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MARKET REPORTS.

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MARKET REPORTS. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. ELEGANT JEWELRY, WATCHES, & C.

MARKET REPORTS. VEGETINE. FOR KIDNEY COMPLAINT AND NERVOUS DEBILITY.

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SHACKLETT & BRUFFY. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY. BY virtue of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county on the 27th day of February, 1878, in the consolidated chancery cases of Wm. Billinger vs. M. Plank, &c., and Hickman & Fisher vs. M. Plank, &c., we, the undersigned Commissioners, will proceed to sell in front of the premises.

SHACKLETT & BRUFFY. POSTPONEMENT. The above sale has been postponed until THURSDAY the 7th day of MAY, 1878, at 2 o'clock.

SHACKLETT & BRUFFY. FOUNTAIN HORSE AND CATTLE POWERS. Will cure every kind of Discharge from the Uterus, or Leucorrhoea. FOUNTAIN POWERS will cure and prevent HOOT CRIZZERS, Discharge from the Uterus, and all kinds of MILK GRAIN, &c. &c.

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