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NEW SPRING GOODS —AT— WONDERFULLY LOW PRICES!

This is Intended for You, and you should give it your earnest attention. Read it carefully. I am opening new and reasonable goods daily, which come direct from first hands. I make it to the interest of my customers to buy of me. Buying in large quantities, I get large discounts thereon which my customers get back on each article they buy. My stock consists of all Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions applicable to the wants of the people generally, and are both stylish and substantial. Showing goods is a pleasure, because I keep what I know you want to buy; as I have them and am not ashamed of them, and I want to be kept busy attending to your wants in my line of trade. All are earnestly invited to call and see me when in need of supplies. You should do this as I am offering decided bargains in all articles of my whole stock. The time has arrived when goods must be sold at prices to suit the buyer's purse. This I shall do, and you will find me ready and willing to compete with the prices and goods of any house in my line. I shall at the same time maintain my present reputation for selling at short prices.

In short, holding the inside track in my line of Goods, I propose to continue to hold it by giving satisfaction in every respect.

Ladies' Linen Suits kept on hand as a Specialty.

HEAD-QUARTERS For Mrs. Demorest's Fashions and Patterns. Patterns for every kind of fashionable garment, for ladies or children.

Call and get Mrs. Demorest's "WHAT TO WEAR," containing full information in every department of Ladies' and Children's dress—Spring and Summer Fashions of 1878—Price 15 cents. Also Mrs. Demorest's Illustrated Port Folio of Fashions, Spring and Summer styles—Price 15 cents. Or call and get Mrs. Demorest's "Spring and Summer Catalogue of Reliable Patterns and Fashions for 1878"—free of charge.

CALL AND SEE THE STYLES AND PRICES OF SPRING GOODS AT H. E. WOOLF'S,

South side of Public Square, Harrisonburg, Va.

ALBERT A. WISE

HAS REPLENISHED HIS STOCK OF

Confections, Candies, Crackers, Cheese, Fruits, &c., &c.

His stock of **TOBACCO** **SEGARS** is of the finest quality at low prices

CALL AT THE OLD STAND.

April 4.

JOSEPH NEY

Has Just Received and is now Offering, at Reduced Prices,

Children's Carriages, Croquet Sets, Base, Foot and Gum Balls,

Confections, Candies, Foreign Fruits, Musical Instruments, Toys, Tobacco and Cigars,

ONE DOOR ABOVE TREIBER & GASSMAN'S.

NEW WHOLESALE DRY GOODS

And General Auction House.

UNDER SPOTSWOOD HOTEL, HARRISONBURG, VA.

BOWMAN & BILLHIMER,

Respectfully announce to the citizens of Rockingham and the Merchants of the Valley of Virginia, that they have opened a

Wholesale Dry Goods & Auction House!

and offer to merchants and others rare opportunities for purchasing

Saleable Merchandise,

at great sacrifices. Merchants can replenish their stocks and other buyers can here find the rarest bargains in all kinds to be met in the State.

Auction every Evening. Sales from counter during the day. We offer Ladies' Hose at 8 to 12 cents; Linen Handkerchiefs, 5 to 25c; Jewelry, 5 to 25 cents per set, Fancy Toilet Soaps 2 to 5 cents.

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

REGULAR AUCTION HOUSE, Under Spotswood Hotel. Drop in.

S. M. BOWMAN, AUCTIONEER, HARRISONBURG, APRIL 18, 1878.

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NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AMERICAN CLOTHING HALL!

WITH A LARGE AND EXTENSIVE STOCK OF

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Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, &c.

Economy is Wealth! Save Your Money!

OUR FIVE DOLLAR SUITS!

Boots and Shoes in Endless Variety!

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CASSIMERE SUITS from \$5 00 to \$30 00.
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ALL Goods shrunk and warranted to fit. Soliciting a call from a generous public, we remain, clothingly,

Leo J. Wise,
HARRISONBURG, VA.

SALES. PUBLIC SALE OF MILL PROPERTY.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, entered on the 2nd day of February, 1878, in the chancery case of John Weller's Ex'r, &c., against W. W. Carpenter, executor, and a decree thereon against Peter Long, Samuel Bailey, Mary J. Bailey and A. R. Wilson, appointing the undersigned a Special Commissioner in said case to make sale of the mill and thirteen acres of land, more or less, situate on the 21st day of January, 1878, and all other premises thereon, or so much of the same as will be sufficient to satisfy and pay the sum of two thousand and eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents, with interest thereon from the 21st day of January, 1878, and all other sums as directed in the decree, I will proceed on the premises.

On Saturday, the 6th day of April, 1878, to sell at public venue the mill property and thirteen acres of land, &c., known as the

"Carpenter Mills."

situated at Smith Creek, about one mile and half southeast of Lacy Springs, Rockingham county, Va. The mill consists of a first class millstone of four mill and saw-mill attached, and about thirteen acres of land, with good dwelling, school, and other out-buildings. This property is situated in a good wheat growing section and a good neighborhood, convenient to the railroad, and is a desirable place for a farmer or a person wishing to purchase mill property will do well to attend the sale on Saturday, the 6th day of April, 1878.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third cash in hand on day of sale, the balance in two equal installments, one on day of sale, with interest from day of sale, purchase giving bonds with approved personal security, and a lien retained on the property until paid.

Sale to begin at 11 o'clock.

W. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner.

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is postponed until SATURDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1878, and to take place on the premises.

W. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner.

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale has been again postponed until Saturday, May 11th, 1878.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, entered on the 2nd day of February, 1878, in the chancery case of A. K. Lasko, Trustee for J. C. Lasko, vs. L. W. Woodson's Administratrix, &c., I, John B. Patterson, Commissioner, do hereby give notice that on Saturday, the 11th day of May, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., in front of the building, offer for sale at public auction the large new three story

BRICK PROPERTY, with metal roof, on Main street, Harrisonburg, Va., as the property of the late J. C. Lasko, deceased, running through from Main street to an alley. This property is located in the best business part of town, being on Main street and between the two hotels. It has a large store room on the first floor and a fine bowling alley in the third story.

TERMS OF SALE:—Enough cash to satisfy debt of trust of J. C. Lasko, (see \$200, with interest from 1872) and costs of suit and sale, the balance in two equal annual payments with interest from date; purchaser giving bonds with security for deferred payments, and a lien retained on the property until paid.

W. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF TOWN LOTS.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the County Court of Rockingham county, at the March term, 1872, in the chancery case of J. W. Kirk vs. J. W. Kirk, &c., I, John B. Patterson, Commissioner, do hereby give notice that on Saturday, the 11th day of May, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., in front of the Court-house door in Harrisonburg,

LOTS No. 88, 89, 90, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 & 115, of the "Zirkle Addition" to the town of Harrisonburg, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said decree. No. 110 has a small house on it.

TERMS:—One-fourth cash; balance in three equal payments, falling due at six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, purchaser giving bonds with security for deferred payments, and a lien retained on the property until paid.

CHAS. A. YANCEY, Commissioner.

SALE OF THE RUSHVILLE MILLS.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the County Court of Rockingham county, at the July term, 1873, in the chancery case of J. W. Kirk vs. J. W. Kirk, &c., I, John B. Patterson, Commissioner, do hereby give notice that on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1878, at 2 p. m., in front of the Court-house in Harrisonburg, Va., offer for sale at public auction an undivided one-half interest in the

RUSHVILLE MILL PROPERTY. This property contains about 200 ACRES of land, being the mill and other improvements. It is situated between Shady Creek and Dry River, and is said to be one of the best mill sites in the State.

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LOTS No. 108 & 109, in "Zirkle's Addition" to the town of Harrisonburg, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said decree.

TERMS:—One-fourth cash; balance in three equal payments, falling due at six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, purchaser giving bonds with security for deferred payments, and a lien retained on the property until paid.

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PRIVATE SALE OF A VERY PRODUCTIVE FARM.

WE desire to sell privately our farm situated on the east side of the Shenandoah River, about three miles east of Motesburg, containing

225 ACRES.

The farm is in a high state of cultivation, has on it a fine tenant house, large barn, and a young and thrifty orchard. It is a very desirable farm—crops well and is well watered.

We will sell this farm at a fair price and upon easy terms. The purchaser will be required to give bonds below the farm, will take pleasure in showing the same to any desiring to purchase. C. A. Yancey, at his office in Harrisonburg, will furnish persons desiring to purchase with all the information necessary as to terms.

W. B. & C. A. YANCEY.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the County Court of Rockingham county, at the September, 1870, in the chancery case of Lowmeyer vs. C. S. Shugart, I, John B. Patterson, Commissioner, do hereby give notice that on Saturday, the 11th day of May, 1878, in front of the Court-house in Harrisonburg, proc

LOTS No. 8 and 9, in "Zirkle's Addition" to the town of Harrisonburg, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said decree. No. 8 has a small house on it, and the other is a lot of land.

TERMS:—One-third cash; balance in two equal installments, one on day of sale, with interest from day of sale, purchase giving bonds with approved personal security, and a lien retained on the property until paid.

W. B. PATTERSON, Commissioner.

Edgar A. Poe's First Love.

A ROMANCE OF HIS BOYHOOD DAYS IN RICHMOND.

Between the years 1822-25 Edgar Poe was a scholar in a well-known Richmond academy. The adopted son and reputed heir of a wealthy Scotchman, the lad—during this period being between thirteen and sixteen years of age, and already well grounded in general education from several years' tuition in England—was enabled to make no mean figure among his fellow students. His memory is still cherished by some of them for his classical attainments, for his athletic feats, and for a certain magnetic, rather than sympathetic, influence which he exercised among them. Foremost among them, however, was the more completely under the spell of his nobler qualities was a little maiden but a year or two older than himself. Elmina Royce's parents lived opposite to the Allan's in Richmond, and in the usual course of events she made the acquaintance of their adopted son. Edgar, she says, "was a beautiful boy; he was not very talkative, and his general manner was sad, but when he did talk his conversation was very pleasant. He was devoted to the first Mrs. Allan, and she to him. Of his own parents he never spoke. I have seen his brother Henry, who was in the navy. He had very few associates, but he was very intimate with Ebenezer Berling, a widow's son of about the same age as himself. Berling was an interesting, intelligent young man, somewhat inclined to dissipation. They used to visit our house together very frequently." Berling, it may be mentioned, was to have accompanied Poe when he started for Europe to offer his services to the Greek insurgents, but died before the departure of the poet, who had to journey to Europe alone.

"Edgar," continues the lady, "was warm and zealous in any cause he was interested in, being enthusiastic and impulsive. He had strong prejudices, and hated everything coarse and unrefined. I can still remember him saying to me, when an acquaintance made an unlady-like remark, 'I am surprised you should associate with any one who could make such a remark!'"

He was very generous. He drew beautifully, and drew a pencil likeness of me in a few minutes. * * * It distresses me greatly when I see anything scurrilous written about him—

Do not believe a tenth part of what is said. It is chiefly produced by jealousy and envy. I have the greatest respect for his memory. * * *

Our acquaintance was kept up until he left to go to the University, and during the time he was at the University he wrote to me frequently. But my father intercepted the letters because we were too young—for no other reason. I was between fifteen and sixteen when he had written to me from the University until after I was married, when I was seventeen, to Mr. Shelton.

Many years passed by; Mr. Shelton died and left his widow wealthy. Of Poe she lost sight for years. At last, in the summer of 1849, he returned to the scenes of his childhood, and again in Richmond, called upon his boyhood's love. Mrs. Shelton thus describes the meeting:

"I was ready to go to church, when a servant entered and told me that a gentleman in the parlor wished to see me. I went down, and was amazed at seeing him (i. e., Poe), but knew him instantly. He came up to me in the most enthusiastic manner, and said, 'Oh! Elmina, is it you? I told him I was going to church—that I never let anything interfere with that, and that he must call again. * * * When he did call again he renewed his addresses. I laughed; he looked away serious, and said he was earnest, and he was thinking about it for a long time. When I found out that he was very serious I became serious also, and told him that if he would not take his positive denial he must give me time to consider. He answered, 'A love that hesitated was not a love for him.' But he stayed a long time, and was very pleasant and cheerful. He came to visit me frequently. * * * I went with him to the 'Exchange Concert Room' and heard him read. * * *

When he was going away he begged me to marry him, and promised he would be everything I could desire. * * * I told him that when he left, that he was going to New York to wind up some business matters, and that he would return to Richmond as soon as he had accomplished it, although he said at the same time, that he had a presentiment he should never see me any more. * * *

I was not engaged to him, but there was a partial understanding. * * * He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was one of the most fascinating and refined men I ever knew. I never saw him under the influence of wine. I admired him more than any man I ever knew. * * *

Nothing can be added to this history of the poet's first and his only love, which the gracious kindness of the lady concerned permits us to use. A week after parting from Mrs. Shelton Edgar Poe was found unconscious and dying in the streets of Baltimore.

Mlle. Joanne Donste is a little pianist is only seven years old, who has lately performed before Queen Victoria. When at Buckingham Palace, the little lady wore a white artificial camelia. "Who gave you that?" asked the Queen. "Oh! that's my talisman, your Majesty; Mlle. Albani gave it to me for good luck." Her Majesty went over to a corbeille, took out a red camelia, and gave it to the child, saying, "Wear that beside it, my dear, and may both bring you a two-fold share of good luck!"

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[By A. K. McClure, Philadelphia Times.] Pen Pictures of Senators.

The notable features of the Senate, to one who has been familiar with the body ten years ago, is the many new faces to the extreme right of the chair. There are Gordon and Ransom and Maxey and Morgan and Hill and Lamar and Butler and Withers, all ex-Confederate chiefs, now legislating for the government they rebelled against, and they rival their opponents on the opposite side of the chamber in conservative national review. The magnetic men of the body evidently are Blaine on the Republican side and Gordon on the Democratic side. Both are of the nervous temperament, genial in intercourse, keen at repartee and always ready for the fray. Blaine, Gordon and Lamar are sitting in a group, the great Republican leader leaning over the desk of the Georgian warrior on one side and Lamar bending to both from the other side, chatting in a manner so friendly and jovial that the devotee of the bloody shirt would chill in his hero-worship of Blaine, could he see how fraternal the blue and the gray can be in the amenities of the Senate. Conkling enters from the rear of the chair and his finely chiseled features, graceful bearing and unobscured sense of superiority could not fail to arrest the attention of the visitor. His golden hair has lost its lustre as the frosts have been busy at their work, and he lacks the ruddy freshness he brought into the Senate, but he is unimpaired in vigor and imperious as only a Conkling can be since the days of Clay. He beckons the youthful looking Allison, of Iowa, to a private talk, and the two take a good old-fashioned lesson against the door-jam while Conkling tells his story and pairs the nails of his exquisitely modeled fingers. Dick Oglesby, the rollicking campaigner of Illinois, and one of the bravest of warriors from the prairie-lands, sits quietly in his seat. His head has whitened like the unseasoned snow, but his face is yet fresh and unclouded by age or care. Ferry steps in from the eastern door like a dancing master, strokes his long glossy beard as he struts along the aisle, pauses to give ample time for the play of the admiration of the galleries, and then takes his chair with self-satisfaction written all over him, by no means strong face. Patterson comes in with hurried, defiant step, his head thrown back over too perpendicular line, and drops into his seat unnoticed. His wealth of golden hair is deeply silvered now, and his features are sharp and pale as if they knew little of health or content. Off to the right is the round, dusky face of Bruce, of Miss., the youngest Senator, I believe, and the only representative of the colored race in the body. He is a light mulatto, stout, self-possessed, intelligent and graceful in all his movements. Lamar, his colleague, looks along his side the rest-les Gordon, but he is able to cope with any in debate. Barnside came in without his skull cap, displaying his shining bald crown and now snow-white Barnside whiskers. He has grown uncomfortably stout and waddles about the Senate duck-fashion, although his staidness of form and faultlessness of attire remain with him. Cameron is absent—off to New York to prepare for his coming marriage with the beautiful and cultivated Miss Sherman, of Ohio, but Wallace is in his place and looks from the gallery like the connoisseur of the members.

His quiet, dignified reserve well becomes the Senate, and he is now one of the leading party oracles in directing the Democratic side in all emergencies. Tharman is esteemed able, but he is sluggish and only once in a while is great. He moves about lazily and swings his red silk handkerchief awkwardly as a well-to-do country farmer.

The Senate is quite thin, most of the Republicans being absent and Sargent, of California, has the floor on some naval bill that is undergoing amendment and the only participants in the work are the Senator and the Vice President who declare Sargent's vote to be the vote of the Senate. Wheeler presides with little grace and wears an uncomfortable look but it may be that Washington life does not agree with him. He lacks the ability of Colfax and Wilson as a presiding actor.

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[From the New York Tribune.] Virginia.

We give in another column this morning a brief abstract of the claims of this State as a place for settlement, for the use of such individuals and colonies as intend to make a change of base, this Spring, and are looking for new homes in this country. We have tried to make the statement of her advantages and disadvantages as impartial as possible. Native Virginians will, no doubt, think that we have understated the former, especially with regard to the farming region of the of Piedmont belt, but they should remember that a son of the Old Dominion whose affection to his State is a part of his religion, is likely to look at her from a very different point of view from that of the poor Northerner, going down to scratch hard for his living in the Valley or Tidewater. It is for the latter we write, and it is just to look at her through his eyes. If we had written for capitalists, the advantages offered by this State would have been presented more forcibly. Her nearness to the markets, her ample means of transportation, her abundant power in water and fuel for manufacturing purposes, and the cheapness of labor, compared her to the man who has means to invest. It only needs money, too, to develop her vast mineral resources, and bring up her exhausted land. The capitalist would find no prejudice inimical to his success. The Virginians are eager to put their shoulders to the work. The bloody fields of Manassas and the Wilderness

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE COMMON WEALTH.

As will be seen by announcement elsewhere, a change has been made in the ownership and management of the OLD COMMONWEALTH. By reason of this change it is necessary that those indebted for subscription, advertising or job printing should come forward AT ONCE and close their accounts by cash or note. It is most earnestly hoped that this notice will be attended to promptly.

REVENUE RAID ON MOONSHINERS.

Pursuant to instructions from the Revenue Department at Washington, Collector Botts, of this district last week organized a movement for the breaking up of illicit distilling of whisky along the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge mountain.

Determined to make the raid a successful one, Mr. Botts selected Lt. John Donovan, his first assistant, and one of the most efficient officers in the service; to take command of the posse comprising the following gentlemen, well known for their qualifications in this line of duty. Deputy Collector James H. Boomer, Store-keepers Capt. A. von Kleiser, Thos. S. Campbell, Jas. R. O'Neil, and Deputy Marshal Kerans of Augusta. The party, equipped ostensibly for a fishing excursion, left here on horseback Wednesday morning, May 1st, and proceeded through Brown's Gap to a point in Albemarle, where they were joined by Deputy Collector A. M. Lawson and Deputy Marshal Jos. Smith of Madison county. The organization now being complete the party struck out along the mountain slopes through the counties of Albemarle and Greene, finding nothing to occupy their attention until entering Madison, where in Ragged Mountain it was known the moonshiners carried on their illicit traffic on an extensive scale and with full reliance on the forbidding approaches to their mountain hiding places for safety.

When Robinson River was reached on Friday morning the party divided, so as to cover both sides of Ragged Mountain—von Kleiser, Campbell and Smith took the east side, while Lt. Donovan, with his assistants, continued on the south side. The house of Wm. Yowells, a noted moonshiner, was first reached, but the family gave the alarm so that when his distillery was found there was nobody there. The work of distilling was in full blast. The party destroyed stills, tubs, mash and everything about the place. The distillery of Weakly Brothers was next pounced upon, two of the brothers fled on approach of the officers, being fired upon without effect. Silas Weakly was captured.

A distillery lately operated by a man named Woodward was next found and destroyed. By this time J. M. Nicholson, W. T. Berry, Oscar McCallister, Silas Berry and a man named Dodson were captured and made prisoners. Steward Yowells and Utz were also hunted down and added to the number of prisoners making six in all. Neither's mill was searched for illicit spirits, but none were found. After spending Friday night at Geo. Rivercomb's, the party again divided on Saturday morning. Lawson and Smith went ahead and discovered the distillery of Stewart Yowells, which had recently been operated. It was put under lock and key. Silas Weekly and Stewart Yowells were left in the charge of Campbell and Kerans, but Yowells escaped during the night. On Sunday morning the parties again joined forces and took up their line of march for New Market, which point was reached at 10 p. m. Sunday, and Harrisonburg at noon on Monday.

The summing up of this most successful raid shows the following results: one distillery in operation destroyed; one in operation secured for further orders; two lately operated destroyed.

No spirits were found at any of the distilleries, but this is explained by the fact that all spirits were sold as fast as made. Of the six prisoners brought here, Oscar McCallister and Wm. F. Berry have been discharged for want of evidence. They are detained as assessors, in addition to about 25 others who have been summoned. The success of this expedition reflects great credit on Lieut. Donovan and all concerned.

NEW VOTING PRECINCT.—Under an order of the County Court at the April term, a voting precinct has been established at Pleasant Valley Station in Ashby District, with Wm. F. Sherman as Registrar, and Wm. T. Carpenter, Wm. R. Bowman and Abram Early as judges of election. The Registrar gives notice that the books will be open for the registration of voters from the 4th to the 14th inst.

CLEAN UP.—DISEASE AND DEATH IN THE ATMOSPHERE.—Proper sanitary regulations have been fearfully neglected by the Town authorities so far this year, and we but give expression to the general demand that there shall be a general cleaning up and purification of streets, alleys, back-yards, sinks, sewers, etc. This is a matter of supreme importance to the health and well-being of the entire community, and the consequences of a further neglect of this matter may be such as to startle the present stolidity of those whose business it is to attend to this important duty. Will it be done? or shall we go on as at present until the summer heat shall evolve those gasses generated from filth, which breed disease and bring death into almost every household? This is no trifling matter and we shall not be slow to fix the responsibility where it belongs, if those in authority fail in the performance of their duty in this regard. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and the questions of expense or inconvenience should not be taken into the account. A general cleaning up is demanded and at once, or ere very long death will reap a harvest here which will fill with mourning many at present happy and peaceful households in this town. Be warned in time. We urgently ask speedy action.

RUNAWAY AND FORTUNATE ESCAPE.—On Tuesday afternoon as Mr. Henry Berry, of McGaheysville, was driving his team attached to a light wagon out of Staples & Kent's livery yard the horses became frightened, and ran away. They struck the plank walk in front of Avis Drug store, capsizing the wagon, pitching Mr. Berry out and demolishing a mounting stile in front of Herman Wise's. Mr. Berry's escape from injury was almost miraculous. Absence of body alone saved the lives of numerous dusky youths that usually enjoy a siesta on these steps catching flies in the cool shade. The horses cleared themselves of the wagon in front of Dr. Harris', and being free of all incumbrance, proceeded in the direction of Staunton, and for aught we know may be going yet, unless interrupted by the vigilance of Johnny O'Connell at the toll gate. A horse was never known to play run away on old Shillit near Rawley, and should one ever succeed the toll would be charged to the next deliberate moving animal that came along.

SHOOTING THE QUEER.—Yesterday a sandy complexioned man about 35 years, sporting light mustache and chin beard, succeeded in passing four counterfeit five dollar bills on the first national bank of Hanover, Pennsylvania. Kavanagh, McMahon's, and Pollock's restaurants, and Joe Ney, confectioner, were victimized. Reference to the Bank note detector would have saved our citizens their money and probably led to the arrest of the counterfeiter, as all bills of that date (Feb. 20, 1864) and denomination are declared counterfeit.

The work is well executed especially on the face, the bill has a dark greasy appearance. As a matter of course, the honest son of toil who disseminates these slight tokens, mementos of a busy life, has vomited. He may come back and redeem them, perhaps, but it is somewhat doubtful.

PERSONALS.—The following named gentlemen are in town: Gen. Jas. H. Williams, Holmes Boyd, Holmes Conrad, L. M. Huck, E. P. Dandridge, Winchester; John T. Bray, Standardsville; Col. J. Y. Menifee, Rappahannock; Judge David Faltz, Staunton; R. S. Parks, Esq., of Page; Maj. S. M. Yost, of the "Valley Virginian," and Maj. Marshall McCue, formerly of Augusta, but now of Nelson county. The Major has a small model of his recently patented submerged ford, which seems to meet with much favor as a useful invention.

Mr. Tonney, proprietor of the National Hotel, Washington, accompanied by Dr. Walsh and Mr. Keyser of that city, visited Rawley Springs on Monday, with a view to negotiating for a lease or purchase of that valuable property.

James S. Vine, Esq., and Mr. Oelrichs, of Cincinnati, are in town for the purpose of examining mineral lands in this section.

TWO CASES OF LOCK JAW.—Albert Mitchell, 13 years old, son of Ephraim Mitchell, Esq., living about a mile West of Edom, died of lock jaw on Sunday morning. He had out his foot with an adze about three weeks previous, but no serious results were feared until Friday last, when he was seized with this terrible disease and remained in convulsions almost continuously until death relieved him.

A little daughter of Jacob Kagey, living on the Houston farm near Taylor Springs, now lies in a critical condition from the same disease, caused by running a splinter in her leg some days since. Dr. Neff was called for consultation in both cases.

SALE OF BUILDINGS.—On Saturday last the Trustees of the M. E. Church South sold the buildings on the premises, known as the Fouchenberger bakery property, on West Market street, lately purchased by them for the purpose of erecting a new church for that denomination. The sale of the buildings aggregated about \$100, and they are to be removed within thirty days.

Hon. John F. Lewis, recently appointed, qualified as United States Marshal for this (the Western) District before Hon. Judge Alex. Rives on Tuesday last. He succeeds Col. A. S. Gray, whose resignation took effect May 5th. Ex-Senator Lewis will make an efficient officer, being an active and intelligent business man, and one whose personal integrity is beyond question. His deputies, whoever they may be, will have to "plumb the line," for he is not the sort of man to accept excuses or palliate official misconduct of any kind. The administration of the duties of his office will be strictly in accordance with the laws of the U. S. and his personal energy in the discharge of other public trusts will no doubt be conspicuous in the exercise of this. Whether the appointment was made in the interest of "civil service reform," or to accord with the programme of appointing "old line Whigs" to office, we do not know, but in this instance we congratulate the Executive upon the eminent qualifications of the recipient of the marshalship of this District.

RE-CAPTURED.—Algernon Hollen, who on Wednesday morning of last week took French leave of the classic confines of Sheriff Ralston's retreat where he had been sojourning for a few weeks awaiting investigation for some indiscretion on Beaver Creek, was prevailed upon to return, next day and continue to share the hospitality of the county until next term of the court.

It being the 1st of May, Algernon wanted to be "Queen of May, Mother," so he sauntered in the direction of his mountain home, lingering under the mistletoe boughs until late in the evening. As he had no night key, the deputy sheriff waited up for him and took him in. Tallah, Algier.

ELECTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.—Andrew Chapel—Sunday School Society of the M. E. Church, South, has just elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, J. T. Logan; Vice-Pres., P. Bradley; Secretary, J. H. Shue; Treasurer, Wm. H. Stineperring; Librarian, Ed. S. Conrad; Ass't Lib., James A. Hutcheson; Collector, J. C. Greiner; Superintendent of Sunday School, Rev. A. M. Wallis. We are pleased to say that this School is in a flourishing condition, the interest in it being maintained by the church membership, and the attendance quite large.

We will publish in our next issue an extract from the "Commonplace book" of Margaret Lewis nee Lynn, mother of Gen. Andrew Lewis, and of Charles Lewis, who was killed in battle with the Indians at Point Pleasant, on the Ohio River. The family sketch will be most interesting to the friends and family of Lewis' whose early history is closely identified with the history of this Valley. The sketch commences with the marriage of Margaret Lynn, of Loch-Lynn, Scotland, about the year 1725, and is vividly brought down to the time of her death in West Augusta.

Our popular and efficient U. S. Attorney, for this district, Capt. W. S. Lundy, was recently the recipient of one of the most beautiful gold-headed canes we have ever seen. It was presented by his wife as a token of affection on the twelfth anniversary of their marriage. The cane is appropriately engraved and highly appreciated by the Captain. We might allude to other instances of husband caning, but under widely different circumstances.

The temporarily disfranchised liquor dealers were made happy on Thursday morning last, by the action of Judge Bird over-ruling the lower Court and granting them license. Judge Bird did not consider their offenses of sufficient gravity to warrant the forfeiture of license. He kindly admonished them to behave themselves well in future. Mr. Felvey of the Spotswood Bar did not apply.

The Spring term of the United States Circuit and District Courts commenced here on Tuesday—his Honor Judge Alex. Rives presiding. The docket is full which will likely make the session of the Court a long one. The proceedings up to the hour of closing our forms for press will be found elsewhere.

EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.—We are authoritatively informed that the B. & O. R. R. Co. intend running an excursion train from Staunton to Washington some day previous to the adjournment of Congress, which will probably occur early in June. This will give our citizens an opportunity to visit the National Capital at reduced rates.

The citizen residents of West Water street are laying a new sidewalk on the South side of the street beyond R. R. bridge. The town authorities co-operate slightly in this commendable construction.

U. S. Marshal John F. Lewis has appointed Col. Rodolph Turk, of Hightland, formerly Sheriff of Augusta county, as one of his deputies.

Dan'l Landis, Esq., lost a valuable horse last week by sudden and unknown disease.

The hardware firm of Rohr, Sprinkel & Co. has been succeeded by Mr. J. Wilton, late of the firm of P. Bradley & Co., Iron Founders, of this town. Mr. W.'s experience in the iron business gives him advantages in his line of business of which no doubt he will avail himself, and the general excellence of the goods kept by the late firm will be maintained by him, and such additions made as circumstances may require. In all respects his stock will be kept up to the fullest standard and the quality first-class. The liberal patronage extended to the former firm will doubtless be continued, and all may be assured of meeting with liberal and fair dealing in trade with Mr. Wilton.

The Green Houses of Wm. H. Wachsche, on West Water street, and of J. H. Bell, near the depot, on North Main street, are the pleasantest places in town in which to spend an hour or two any day. Both are filled with choice and beautiful flowers and plants, which are ready for sale at any time during business hours. We are pleased to note the rapidly developing taste in this community for flowers, for there is nothing which more clearly shows refined sensibilities than the cultivation of the beautiful in this direction. Visitors, especially ladies, are always welcome at either of these establishments, and Mr. Wachsche has this week issued neat circulars of invitation to the public to give him a call.

PROPERTY SALES IN DAYTON.—The property of Jacob Waggy, situated in Dayton, was purchased last week by Rev. Jno. Howe for \$3,500.

Rev. Paul Funkhouser has purchased a small house and lot of J. C. Loewenbach for \$170.

The County Court has acted favorably on a matter that we have been advocating for a long time, &c.—the establishment of a voting precinct at Pleasant Valley Station.

BREVITIES.

See come to tend cote, sah!

Look out for rust in your wheat.

Our Mt. Crawford correspondent is always interesting, but unusually so this week.

Has Captain's army disbanded? What's the matter with the physician of the U. S. Court crowd?

The grand juryman in the U. S. Court on Tuesday, who didn't know his own name, is now advertising himself to find out.

Six moonshiners from Madison will have to answer before Judge Rives for turning opposition to the Government in the white key business. Byron was always suspicious of moonlight mischief.

We are sad because our Doe, N. W. Orb. Enterprise, remains silent. The little bird sings in our heart, but our orb is obscured. We will send him four papers, and a chronicle weekly, if he will cease hiding his light under a bushel.

Our menagerie is slowly approaching completion. Three-legged cow, tame pigs, three bears, alligator and snakes. Now if we could find a man who sold an honest load of wood the combination would be made up and the caravan ready to move.

We would again remind the public, that we furnish the COMMONWEALTH to subscribers for \$2 per year, cash. Old boots, sausage, lard, "spreadin'" coffee, second hand horse collars or yaller dogs, not recognized as legal tender at this office.

Thanks gentlemen for your kind notices, you have raised us in our own estimation wonderfully. We will try to meet the measure of your praises, and when you buy out, sell out or die, we will write your obituaries without regard to disagreeable truths or stern facts.

The U. S. Court is here, and with it is the intelligent colored man, brought from a distance of a hundred miles or more to serve on the jury, just by way of dividing the honors and emoluments. If colored representation is indispensable to justice in U. S. Courts, why are they not selected from our section.

A man who can't sit on the end of a projecting log, an umbrella in one hand, a fishing pole in the other, a box of worms, balanced on his knee, a cigar in his mouth, and a fly on the end of his nose, and not drop something when he gets a bite, has more presence of mind than any liar we have ever heard lecture through a phonograph.

The closing exercises of the Valley Normal School will take place in the School Hall, May 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

Wednesday night, May 22—exhibition consisting of Dialogues, Tableaux, Charades, &c. Thursday night, May 23—drama—"The Lady of Lyons," by Bulwer Lytton. Friday night, May 24—celebration of the Philomathean Society.

A mild eyed young man from the mountains created a sensation in town a few days since by appearing in the role of snake charmer. He had snakes in every pocket, twisted them through his fingers, dropped them down his shirt bosom, and although it was his first appearance on any stage, we predict for him a bright career in the side show if he continues his familiarity with serpents, unless, perhaps, in an evil moment one of them should suck his thumb affectionately. While this mild eyed youth was exhibiting his pets we were amused at a veteran snake toper whose eyes suddenly lit on one of the reptiles. He nervously clutched his wrists and struck a bee line for the nearest apothecary evidently believing that he had "got em" again.

Beautiful Virginlike, maiden, May is here, laden with a thousand blending fragrances. The rainbow tints, with variegations infinitely fine, are scattered over our verdant clad fields, hills and dells. The trailing arabes, the myrtle and the mistletoe, the daisy, the buttercup, the jessamine and the lily are with us, teeming with nature's sweetest perfumes and still we are not happy!

We pine for the ardent center of the Great American and European Hippodrome, Circus, Menagerie and Caravanary, with acres of posters on which are portrayed Roman chariots, anacardas swallowing elephants, goddess of liberty astride of asthmatic lions, rhinoceros probing a painted male. Give us a circus or give us death.

Rev. Chas. Manly, D. D., of Staunton, will preach in the Baptist church in this place on Sunday next, at 11 a. m. and at Mt. Crawford in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The municipal elections in North Carolina on Monday resulted generally in favor of the democrats. At Weldon, usually democratic, the republicans were successful, but a contest will be made on the ground of fraud. A riot was one of the features of the day at Weldon, in which the leader of a colored assaulting party was killed and others on both sides were wounded. Ex-Mayor Emory was struck on the head and badly hurt.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

FAMILIES should remember that the celebrated Olive Branch Flour is the best on the market, and gives universal satisfaction. For sale (and will be delivered free at your house) by GEO. A. MYERS & CO., No. 5 East Market street.

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Some new and beautiful varieties of Flowers have been received at Mr. WACHSHE's Green House within the last few days.

ALBERT WISE says he has the best Soda Water in town.

JAMES L. AVIS has put his "Cascade" Soda Fountain in operation, under Keely Motor pressure.

Messrs. SHACKLETT & BRUFFY are wholesale and retail dealers in Hardware of every kind, and will be glad to see purchasers of either class at their place of business.

DR. HARPER'S ELECTRIC COMPOUND is gaining a wide reputation for itself. The Dr. would inform all who wish to take his treatment to call at his residence, on German street, opposite the jail. This medicine is only put up by the Dr. and his son Willie, his son having had three years' experience in the drug business, and is competent to compound. Don't suffer with pains or aches, but go see DR. HARPER & SON at once.

HAVE YOUR LANDS SURVEYED.

The Virginia Land Bureau has perfected arrangements for the surveying, mapping or platting of farms, tracts or other bodies of land anywhere that may be desired in this section of the State. Landscape gardening, drawings of houses, with estimates, specifications, &c. Titles investigated, and abstracts made.

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Apply to Virginia Land Bureau, over Avis' Drug Store. F. B. DELANY, Secy.

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In order that all may test the great virtue of Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry we have issued trial bottles at 25 cents. No family should be without this valuable medicine, as oftentimes a single 25 cent bottle will cure a recent cough or cold, and thus prevent much suffering and risk of life. It also cures asthma, bronchitis, liver complaint, and enriches and purifies the blood, giving tone and strength to the entire system.

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It makes no difference how many Physicians, or how much medicine you have tried it is now an established fact that German Syrup is the only remedy that has given complete satisfaction in severe cases of Lung Disease. It is true there are yet thousands of persons who are predisposed to Throat and Lung Affections, Consumption, Hemorrhages, Asthma, Severe Colds settled on the Breast, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, &c., who have no personal knowledge of Boschee's German Syrup. To such we would say that 50,000 doses were sold last year without one complaint. Consumptives try just one bottle. Regular size 75 cents. Sold by all Druggists in America.

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Scratch no More—"Itching Piles."

Symptoms of which are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, particularly when undressing, or after getting warm in bed, increased by scratching, might think pin worms were crawling in and about the rectum, oftentimes shows itself around the private parts. A pleasant and safe cure, in every case is "Swayne's Ointment." It is loved to continue very serious results that follow. It cures itching, barber's itch, scald head, ring worm, blotches, all crusty, scaly, itchy skin eruptions. Sent by mail to any address on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or three boxes for \$1.50, by Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Sold by all leading druggists. In Harrisonburg by L. H. Ott, J. L. Avis, and Irwin & Son.

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NOTICE.

HAVING sold out our Hardware Store to Mr. J. Wilton, we will call our friends and customers to come forward without delay and close up their accounts by cash or note. One of the members of our firm will be found in the city stand to attend to this business.

We take occasion to commend our successor, Mr. Wilton, (who has ever since the war been a member of the firm of P. Bradley & Co.) to the favorable consideration and patronage of our patrons and friends. Respectfully,
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