

J. N. SMITH and P. B. DELANT, Editors. HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 1878

To the Voters of the Seventh Congressional District.

The voters of the several electoral districts in the county of the Seventh Congressional district...

1,420,000 young shad have been placed in Virginia waters since April 11th.

About fifty appointments by Hayes were not acted on by the Senate before adjournment.

Mrs. "Captain Jenks" testified before the Potter Committee on Saturday. No damage done.

On the 11th of July next the "Atlanta Cadets," of Georgia, will visit Richmond. Another rare opportunity for "gnash."

Whatever may be the result of the Berlin Congress of European sovereignties, Russia is not losing a moment in strengthening her positions in Bulgaria.

One tenth of the negroes who left Charleston, S. C., for Liberia some months since, died on the voyage, and the balance find little encouragement in Africa.

Jimmy Anderson refused to testify before the Senate Committee now engaged in investigating Stanley Matthews. James may be a knave, but he is not a fool.

Two of Brigham Young's sons have been arrested West Point, and a third is applying for admission. Exchange.

Under the civil service rules the other 76 will have to go to the Naval Academy.

"Captain Jenks, of the Hayes' Marines," was up as a witness for John Sherman on Friday last. His evidence was contradictory to Anderson's statements, but will do no good to John's reputation. He is a poor plaster.

Congress did not reduce the tax on tobacco during the long nine months' session just ended. It seems that even the simplest act of justice to any portion of the people of the Southern States is always denied by that body.

On the 20th of July next will occur an astronomical event of great interest—a total eclipse of the sun—which will be visible generally throughout the United States.

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One of the most sensational scandals of the season occurred in Washington last week, in which Congressman J. H. Acklen, of Louisiana, a famous belle of the same city and Gen. F. L. Rosser, of Confederate cavalry fame are mixed up.

The friends of the latter are trying to smooth the matter over, and advertise duels and bloodshed forthwith if anything more is said.

THE NEW SLAVERY.

A few weeks since a number of half grown boys, whose ages range from ten to fifteen years, were brought to Staunton by agents of a so called "Children's Aid Society" of New York and distributed among farmers in Augusta and adjoining counties.

The "Aid Society," and from all we can learn, the concern instead of being a friend to the orphan and homeless children of New York, is a mercenary organization whose object is gain and whose operations are nothing more or less than trafficking in human flesh.

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What Congress Has Done. A DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THE BILLS PASSED AT THE TWO SESSIONS.

The following comprises a list of the most important acts passed at the extra and first session of the Forty-fifth Congress.

To authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal tender character.

To provide for the holding of a term of the District Court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, N. C.

To alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act.

FOREIGN NEWS. Queen Mercedes of Spain, is lying at the point of death. There is no hope of her recovery.

binding for the current fiscal year. To further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding.

Providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register.

Authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes.

To provide for the publication of notices of contest under the homestead, preemption and tree-culture laws of the United States.

Authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

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THE FRESHEST! THE PRETTIEST! THE CHEAPEST! THE BEST! HERMAN WISE EAST-MARKET STREET.

A. A. WISE, Confectioner. A LARGE AND NEW INVOICE OF LEMONS AND OTHER FRUITS.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP. TO FARMERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

IMMENSE SACRIFICE! AUCTION JOB LOT OF DESIRABLE DRESS GOODS AT TEN CENTS PER YARD!

FOR SALE. OFFER for sale privately TWO TRACTS OF LAND, well located in the Valley.

Commissioner's Sale. PURSUANT TO A DECREE RENDERED IN THE case of BRENNEMAN'S ADM'N vs. BRENNEMAN, I will sell at the front door of the Court House in Harrisonburg...

DRESS MAKING! Ladies in Harrisonburg and vicinity who are in the habit of having their dresses and other garments made, will not regret it if they call upon...

HOUSE ON FIRE. IS A FEARFUL SIGHT! YOURS may soon burn. Insure at once in the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY, Y.

PROPOSALS. For building the Church for the use of the congregation attached to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the town of Harrisonburg, Va., on or about Saturday, the 29th of June, 1878...

Table of railroad fares and schedules. Includes columns for routes, rates, and specific train information for various lines.

OLD COMMONWEALTH

Harrisonburg, Va., June 27, 1878.

Published every Thursday by SMITH & DELANY.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Advertising notices: 15 lines for the first insertion, \$1.00 each subsequent insertion.

Valley Railroad. On and after Monday, Nov. 18th, 1877, trains will run as follows: REGULAR PASSENGER. WEST. A. M. P. M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS. NOTICER TO MINISTERS.—Code of Virginia, (page 345, section 15) says: "Henceforth it shall be the duty of every minister or other person celebrating a marriage..."

On Monday last, a little son of Terrance Sullivan, residing near town, met with a similar accident, breaking his arm. Dr. Hill set the arm, and he will soon recover, as he is doing quite well also.

We call attention to the card of Miss Kate Crossburn, in another column, who has opened a boarding-house at Union Springs, about 8 miles from this place.

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Within the past week our efficient County Clerk has been in this office looking over files of the COMMONWEALTH, to ascertain if certain marriages solemnized in this county had been published. He failed to find them for the reason that the marriage licenses had never been returned to the Clerk's office by the minister.

The wheat crop is already being harvested in many parts of the country, and it is estimated that the yield will reach 400,000,000 bushels, or ten bushels for every man, woman and child in the country.

A prominent citizen of Louisiana, Captain Jenks, who bears the delicate and responsible relation of husband to the Mrs. Jenks, who enjoyed the acquaintance of Mr. James B. Anderson, the witness, was before the Potter Inquisition yesterday.

VALLEY NORMAL SCHOOL.—The catalogue of session of 1877-78 of the Valley Normal School, at Bridgewater, has just been issued from this office.

Excursion to Staunton.—The Sunday School Convention of the M. E. Church, South, will be held in Staunton, commencing on Tuesday, July 11th.

The Democratic State Convention of Vermont on Thursday last nominated Hon. W. H. Bingham for Governor.

PROCEEDINGS OF CIRCUIT COURT.—Mary Ligon's Adm'r vs. D. S. E. Maupin. Motion to reverse a judgment against Mary Ligon's Adm'r. Motion overruled.

Next Thursday will be July 4th. The posts will be painted another color. The Court yard will be in chains by Fall. The Baptist church spire needs repainting. The streams have been on a high time of late.

PERSONAL.—Gen. Tibbitts, of Connecticut, who held a command under Hunter in the Federal army during the war, passed through town yesterday.

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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM DOVESVILLE. Mr. Editor:—I see a great many articles on closing exercises of schools in your paper, and I feel it my duty to give the public an account of one at Dovesville. The interesting and interesting exhibition at this place on the night of the 15th of June, which attracted great satisfaction to the audience.

FROM DAVTON. DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.—The new United Brethren Church in Dayton, Va., was given to the worship of God on Sunday, June 10th. The weather for some time previous had been unfavorable, but on Sabbath morning a magnificent shower of rain, and at 10 o'clock drew near, the people were not only in all directions, until it is estimated there were not less than from 1,000 to 1,200 persons who had come to the dedication.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

Virginia's claim against the U. S. Government goes over till next session. Jos. M. Willis, a well-known citizen of Richmond, died in that city on Thursday last, aged 75 years.

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Moffett Register Returns for the whole State.

The Auditor of Public Accounts has received returns from all the counties and cities, and the Moffett Register operation up to April 30th. The total tax for each given below.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

If the Harrisonburg Guards would let N. Harper have their uniforms to renovate, we know it would add greatly to their appearance on the 4th of July.

McCREE has opened a new lunch room in connection with his bar, and is now prepared to serve his patrons with a good lunch at all hours. He will also sell and cold-aid large beer in town, drawn direct from the keg. Call at the Spotswood street.

McCREE has the finest brands and oldest liquors to be obtained in the country. Gardner, Clemmer, and Cabnet whiskeys, also the celebrated Apollinaris water and genuine Bass ale, imported by Cranz of Richmond.

MARRIED. On the 12th inst., by Rev. Jacob Miller, Wm. H. Barle, formerly of England, and Alice R. Rhodes, of Rockingham county.

DIED. In this town on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 1878, John W. Miller, 15th day of June, 1878, and Sidie Miller, aged 4 months.

FINANCIAL. The gold premium remains steady at 100½, the official quotation in New York Monday being at that figure throughout the day.

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Football fears doubles danger. Denying a fault doubles it. Bonsters are cousins of liars. Confession of faults makes half amends.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.
GEO. G. GRATTAN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office South Side of Court-House Square.
JOHN A. COWAN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office in East Wall Building, a few doors North of the Post-Office.
F. A. DAINGERFIELD,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office South Side of the Public Square, in Switzer's new building.

ED. S. CONRAD,
FANCEY & CONRAD,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office in East Wall Building, a few doors North of the Post-Office.
JAMES HAY,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. Office in the Court-House Building and adjoining counties. Office over the late Adams Express office, west of Court-house Square.
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PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. Office in Rockingham Bank Building. Calls promptly attended to in town or country.

AMERICAN CLOTHING HALL!

WM. H. STINESPRING,

—WITH—
LEO J. WISE,
DEALER IN—

Clothing and Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, &c.

Economy is Wealth! Save Your Money!
OUR FIVE DOLLAR SUITS!
Boots and Shoes in Endless Variety!
LOOK AT OUR PRICES!

CASSIMERE SUITS from \$5.00 to \$30.00.
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