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## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

**GEO. G. GRATTAN,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Office  
South Side of Court-House Square.

**GRANVILLE EASTMAN,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Office  
Northwest Corner of Square, New Law-Building,  
first floor above First National Bank. Apr. 29, 80.

**F. A. DAINGERFIELD,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Office  
South side of the Public Square, in Switzer's new  
building.

**GEORGE E. SIPE,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Office  
west side of Court-yard Square, in Harris Building  
Prompt attention to all legal business. Jan 23

**CHARLES E. HAAS,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Office  
on Bank Row, Northwest corner of the Public  
Square, Mrs. Therman's building.

**WM. B. COMPTON,**  
(Late of Woodstock & Carroll.) Will continue the  
Practice of Law in the Courts of Rockingham, the  
Court of Appeals of Virginia, and Courts of the United  
States.

**HENRY A. CONVERSE,**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Harrisonburg,  
Va. Office in Court-House Square. Practices  
in the Courts of Rockingham county, Reference—  
First National Bank, Harrisonburg, Va. Jan 30, 80.

**CHAS. A. YANCEY,** ED. S. CONRAD,  
**YANCEY & CONRAD,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW AND INSURANCE AGENTS,  
HARRISONBURG, VA. Office—New Law Building,  
West Market Street.

**JOHN E. & O. B. ROLLER,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. Practice  
in the Interior and Appellate Courts of Rockingham  
and adjoining counties, and in the United States  
and Federal Courts. Office—New Law Building,  
West Market Street, up-stairs. 10/11/31-3m

**JOHN F. HARRIS,** GRAMM H. HARRIS,  
**HARRIS & HARRIS,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. will  
practice in the Courts of Rockingham and adjoining  
counties, and in the United States Court at Harri-  
sburg. Office over Post Office. 12/1/79

**J. SAM'L HARNBERGER,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. will  
practice in all the Courts of Rockingham county, the  
Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, the District  
and Circuit Courts of the United States held at  
Harrisonburg.

**STUART F. LINDSEY,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. practices  
in all the Courts of Rockingham, Highland, and  
adjoining counties, and in the United States Court  
at Harrisonburg, Va. Office East-Market Street,  
over J. G. Ellinger's Produce Store, Nov. 19/79

**G. W. BERLIN,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. will  
practice in the Courts of Rockingham and adjoining  
counties and in the United States Court at Harri-  
sburg. Office in Switzer's new building on the  
Public Square.

**PAUL & SHANDS,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. will  
practice in the Courts of Rockingham and adjoining  
Counties, and in the United States Court at Harri-  
sburg. Office in the old Clerk's Office, in  
the Court-House yard. 10/1/79

**PENDLETON BRYAN,**  
COMMISSIONER IN CHANCERY AND NOTARY PUBLIC,  
HARRISONBURG, VA.—Will give special attention  
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**O'FERRALL & PATTERSON,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Harrisonburg, Va. practice  
in the Courts of Rockingham and adjoining coun-  
ties, the Court of Appeals at Staunton, and the  
United States Court at Harrisonburg. Prompt  
attention to collection.

**JOHN R. JONES,**  
COMMISSIONER-IN-CHANCERY AND INSURANCE  
AGENT, near the Big Spring, Harrisonburg, Va.  
Prompt attention to business. 1/14/77

**DR. W. O. HILL,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office and Residence  
immediately south of Revue House. 10/1/79

**DR. RIVES TATUM,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Harrisonburg, Va.,  
has removed his office to the Episcopal Church, and  
West-Market and German streets. 10/1/79

**DR. FRANK L. HARRIS,**  
DENTIST, Harrisonburg, Va., DR. JOSEPH S.  
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**DR. R. S. SWITZER,**  
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Mt. Crawford. In the first Wednesday and Thursday  
after County Court.

**DR. A. A. BUCHER,**  
PUBLIC DENTIST, would respectfully inform the  
public that, having located permanently at Bridge-  
water, he is prepared to receive and attend to  
and perform all other operations in his line.  
Bridgewater, Va. 10/1/79

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**OUR OFFER!**  
Desiring to reduce our stock, we offer from this date  
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LINE OF GOODS, AND YOU WILL SAVE MONEY  
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D. M. SWITZER & SON,  
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**LEMUEL VAWTER**  
Would respectfully inform the citizens of  
Harrisonburg that he has opened

**Shop on East Market St.,**  
for the manufacture of BOOTS and SHOES in all their  
various styles. He keeps constantly on hand a  
supply of the best material, and has a practical  
experience in the business of over thirty years, and  
with determination to keep pace with the times, he  
can give entire satisfaction to all who may favor  
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Repairing done with neatness and dispatch.  
Special attention paid to form of boots. Fits,  
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**HARRISONBURG HIGH SCHOOL.**  
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The next session of this School will open on THE  
FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER. Boys will be  
prepared for the ordinary pursuits of life, or for any  
College or University. No boy who persists in being  
idle, disorderly or vicious, will be tolerated in  
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BOARD can be secured in private families, of ex-  
cellent social standing, at \$12 per month. The Prin-  
cipal will look well to the interests of boarding pupils,  
and such restrictions will be thrown around them as  
are deemed necessary for their physical or intellec-  
tual benefit.

FULL TUITION FOR SESSION OF TEN MONTHS.  
Junior Department.....\$80.00  
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Tuition will be required every two months—  
The desired to enter pupils with pleasure, apply as  
soon as possible, as the number will be limited. For  
further information address the Principal at Harrisonburg.

TESTIMONIALS OF PATRONS:  
I have no pleasure in best testimony to the  
qualifications and efficiency of Mr. A. S. Paxton as a  
teacher. His discipline is kind, but firm and good.  
JAS. WALTON, Director, of Va.

Mr. A. S. Paxton is a thorough classical scholar, a  
Christian gentleman and one of the best disciplin-  
aries I ever knew. DAN L. B. EWING, D.D.,  
Pres. Lewisburg Female College, W. Va.

HARRISONBURG, VA., July 2, 1880.  
We certify that we respectfully, sent two pupils to  
Mr. A. S. Paxton during the past session of his school  
here, and we were perfectly satisfied with the  
result. Mr. Paxton is a thorough scholar, a kind  
and firm. His pupils both love and respect him,  
and their progress both in school and in life, as  
well as their diligence and industry, is beyond  
question. JAMES KENNEDY,  
L. H. OYT.

HARRISONBURG, VA., July 2, 1880.  
This is to certify that my son, Geo. W. Berlin, 16  
years of age, has been a member of Mr. A. S. Paxton's  
school in Harrisonburg, Va., during the past session.  
I am entirely satisfied with the result. Mr. Paxton  
has shown himself to be a thorough scholar, and a  
kind and firm. His pupils both love and respect him,  
and their progress both in school and in life, as  
well as their diligence and industry, is beyond  
question. G. W. BERLIN.

HARRISONBURG, VA., July 2, 1880.  
I take pleasure in testifying to the ability of Mr. A. S.  
Paxton as an instructor of youth and as a young man.  
I believe his methods of instruction and discipline are  
well adapted to mental and moral training.  
J. J. SHIPLEY,  
1/5 0/7 Pastor M. L. Church.

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The 8th session will open Monday,  
September 14th, 1880. The course of study is  
designed to fit for teaching and health. The  
teachers especially solicit patronage  
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counties. For circulars, apply to the  
Principal, at Harrisonburg, Va. For  
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M. Smith, M. A. The 10th session begins Sep-  
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(Late President Va. Ag. & Mech. College)

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of LAW and ENGINEERING. Tuition and fees re-  
duced to a minimum. Expenses for board and  
for room, board, and for other purposes, \$200  
per session. Next session begins September 1st.  
Address J. L. CAMPBELL, Jr., Lexington, Va.

**WM. M. BOWEN,**  
Fellow of the Royal Chemical Society,  
London, England,  
IS NOW CONDUCTING THE  
**Laboratory Shen. Iron Works,**  
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## LEGAL.

**VIRGINIA TO WIT—IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**  
of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County,  
on the 7th day of July, 1880:

Robert M. Hall, Executor of the will of  
his wife, Lena D. Hall, late of said County,  
and E. W. Hall, Complainants.

J. Fred. Eminger, in his own right, and as executor  
of the will of the late John Rogers, James F.  
Rogers, John Rogers and Amelia A. his wife,  
Robert Somerville and Jane C. his wife, Samuel  
Love and Olivia, his wife, Robert J. Rogers,  
N. Hall, Mary E. Hall, (the late wife of J. H.  
Shaw, deceased), James Rogers, John Rogers,  
Betty, his wife, Martha E. Ewers, Mary J. Ewers,  
John Armstrong and Sallie, his wife, Robert Kyle  
and Thomas, his wife, John Hall, Elias Hall, Dr.  
J. H. Seig, Dr. Wm. Williams, John E. Koller,  
Lewis Harmon, executor of M. O. Harmon, dec'd,  
W. S. Cropper, John J. Harris, Edward B. C. C.  
adm'r of Wm. A. Conrad, dec'd, J. W. Jones, adm'r  
of J. W. Fear, dec'd, J. S. Humberston, B. E. Long,  
Ella L. Warner, in their own right, and as executor  
of the will of the late John Rogers, Harriet  
Warren, dec'd, D. H. Rolston, R. B. C., and  
as such adm'r of the late Wm. A. Conrad, J. H. Gor-  
don, Mrs. Margaret Eminger, widow of M. H. E.  
finger, dec'd, G. F. Compton, Jas. L. A. Vin and Geo.  
O. Comrd, Trustees of the School Board of Public  
Schools for Harrisonburg, Va., Chas. E. Haas, C. A.  
Sprinkle, D. H. L. Harris, Trustees for Mary G. O.  
and Samuel Rogers, J. A. Oberholser, E. C. C.  
R. Sterling, Mrs. Martha L. Flecker, D. H. Rolston,  
John Rogers, James Rogers, John Rogers, J. H.  
W. Smith, R. S. Conrad, adm'r of A. A. E.  
Drick, dec'd, J. Newton Wilson, Philip Bradley,  
Philip Liggett, James Rogers, John Rogers, R. C.  
N. Pool, Curtis Hill, C. J. Butler, Peasey Wins, D. H.  
Rolston, S. R. C., and as such adm'r of A. B. C.  
adm'r of James Hall, dec'd, H. H. H. H. H. H.  
and as such adm'r of Caroline M. Dowdell, dec'd,  
James Brown and John H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
persons interested in the result of this suit, and  
who are hereby made defendants under the term  
"parties unknown." vs.

**WATCHING WITH CHRIST.**

Why did our Lord want His disciples  
to watch with Him that night in  
the garden? It was not to witness  
His agony, for he went on beyond  
them. It was not to share His  
sorrow and struggle, but as a matter of  
fact, there is no such thing as compari-  
son in living. We may receive  
counsel from friends; we may be  
cheered and nerved by them; but we  
really pass alone through our experi-  
ence. Others may hold the lamp of  
comfort to shine upon the gloom of  
our sorrows, but the sorrows them-  
selves no one can share. When we  
are struggling in temptation, human  
or angelic friends may administer to  
us, but we must fight the battle alone.  
Lives are like drops of water; they  
touch at a few points, but remain for-  
ever separate. The picture we see in  
the garden is a picture of all life. The  
disciples could not share the Masters  
agony.

Yet while we must meet life's experi-  
ences absolutely alone, we want our  
friends near to us when we pass  
through sorrow or conflict. And this  
is what we see in Gethsemane. The  
disciples could not shield the Master  
from His woe. They could not lighten  
the awful burden by so much as a  
feather's weight; nor drink one drop  
of the bitter cup which was being  
pressed to His lips; yet He wanted them  
near. He wanted them with Him, that  
while He endured His intense grief He  
might know that His dearest friends  
were not far away. This was why He  
arose three times from His struggle  
and went back to them. He wanted  
to gather a little strength from their  
sympathy and love. There are human  
experiences that will help us to un-  
derstand the longing of Christ for the  
nearness of His friends in that hour.  
A child does not go to bed alone in a  
dark room; but when some one sits  
near all dread passes away. Or it  
awakes in the night while the storm  
rages, and cries out in alarm. The  
father comes and lies down beside it.  
When we who are older are passing  
through some sore trial, we want our  
friends to keep close to us. They can-  
not make the sorrow less bitter; nor  
take upon themselves any part of the  
burden; yet their very presence makes  
us feel stronger, and we want them to  
come close beside us and not leave us  
till the trial is past.

That was what our Lord wanted  
that night. He desired His disciples  
to keep near Him, and wake and watch  
while He suffered. How disappointed  
He would have been, when he came  
back to get renewal of strength from  
their waking love to find them asleep!  
It is one of the saddest elements in  
His suffering that night that He did  
not even have the little help which  
human sympathy could have given.

The practical question which arises  
here is, What are the ways in which  
we may now watch or fail to watch  
with Christ? He wants us to watch  
yet with Him in the attitude of friend-  
ship. We have such thoughts of the  
infinite fullness and self-sufficing of  
Christ, in His glory, that it seems to  
us inconceivable that He should need  
or miss the little love that our hearts  
can give to Him. Yet even in His in-  
effable majesty He hungers for the af-  
fection of His friends.—S. S. Times

**THE GREATNESS OF TRIFLES.**

The best fidelity to Christ is shown  
in a daily vigilant service to Him in  
trifles, in efforts to honor Him in hum-  
ble, unobtrusive service, such as in  
good temper in families, sympathy  
with man and beast, honesty in busi-  
ness, liberality to servants, fidelity to  
employers. These things make up the  
best discipleship. The same truth ap-  
plies to many things. The best paint-  
ings are those where such details as  
the blades of grass, the leaves of trees,  
the lines upon the water, and similar  
minute points, are perfectly delineated.  
Artistic excellence consists chiefly in  
the complete accuracy which the sculp-  
tor or the ignorant worker cannot, or will  
not, accomplish. The great Italian  
sculptor, Michael Angelo, was once vi-  
sited by an acquaintance, who remarked  
on entering the studio, "Why, you have  
done nothing to that figure since I was  
here last." "Yes," was the reply; "I  
have softened this expression, touched  
off that projection, and made other  
improvements." "Oh," said the visi-  
tor, "those are mere trifles." "True,"  
answered Michael Angelo, "but re-  
member that trifles make perfection;  
and perfection is no trifle." In like  
manner, the highest form of devotion  
to Christ consists in fidelity to appar-  
ent trifles. For only heartfelt love and  
abiding recollectionness of Him as an  
ever beloved object, will enable his dis-  
ciples to maintain throughout each  
day, in word and company, in busy oc-  
cupation and before his enemies the  
duty of honoring him thus continuous-  
ly and in the whole details of life.—  
London Record.

The words that can be said is often  
said the best for all parties concerned.

## NEVER GROW OLD.

I looked in the tall-tale mirror,  
And saw the marks of care,  
The crown's feet and wrinkles,  
And the gray in the dark-brown hair;  
My wife looked o'er my shoulder—  
"Most beautiful was she,  
"Thou wilt never grow old, my love," she  
said.  
"Never grow old to me."

"For age is the chilling of heart,  
And thine, as the mill on the fall,  
Is as young and warm as when first we  
heard  
The sound of our bridal bell!"  
"I turned and kissed her ripe red lips;  
"If I'm old, my love, my faith,  
I never seem old to thee!"

**WATCHING WITH CHRIST.**

Why did our Lord want His disciples  
to watch with Him that night in  
the garden? It was not to witness  
His agony, for he went on beyond  
them. It was not to share His  
sorrow and struggle, but as a matter of  
fact, there is no such thing as compari-  
son in living. We may receive  
counsel from friends; we may be  
cheered and nerved by them; but we  
really pass alone through our experi-  
ence. Others may hold the lamp of  
comfort to shine upon the gloom of  
our sorrows, but the sorrows them-  
selves no one can share. When we  
are struggling in temptation, human  
or angelic friends may administer to  
us, but we must fight the battle alone.  
Lives are like drops of water; they  
touch at a few points, but remain for-  
ever separate. The picture we see in  
the garden is a picture of all life. The  
disciples could not share the Masters  
agony.

Yet while we must meet life's experi-  
ences absolutely alone, we want our  
friends near to us when we pass  
through sorrow or conflict. And this  
is what we see in Gethsemane. The  
disciples could not shield the Master  
from His woe. They could not lighten  
the awful burden by so much as a  
feather's weight; nor drink one drop  
of the bitter cup which was being  
pressed to His lips; yet He wanted them  
near. He wanted them with Him, that  
while He endured His intense grief He  
might know that His dearest friends  
were not far away. This was why He  
arose three times from His struggle  
and went back to them. He wanted  
to gather a little strength from their  
sympathy and love. There are human  
experiences that will help us to un-  
derstand the longing of Christ for the  
nearness of His friends in that hour.  
A child does not go to bed alone in a  
dark room; but when some one sits  
near all dread passes away. Or it  
awakes in the night while the storm  
rages, and cries out in alarm. The  
father comes and lies down beside it.  
When we who are older are passing  
through some sore trial, we want our  
friends to keep close to us. They can-  
not make the sorrow less bitter; nor  
take upon themselves any part of the  
burden; yet their very presence makes  
us feel stronger, and we want them to  
come close beside us and not leave us  
till the trial is past.

That was what our Lord wanted  
that night. He desired His disciples  
to keep near Him, and wake and watch  
while He suffered. How disappointed  
He would have been, when he came  
back to get renewal of strength from  
their waking love to find them asleep!  
It is one of the saddest elements in  
His suffering that night that He did  
not even have the little help which  
human sympathy could have given.

The practical question which arises  
here is, What are the ways in which  
we may now watch or fail to watch  
with Christ? He wants us to watch  
yet with Him in the attitude of friend-  
ship. We have such thoughts of the  
infinite fullness and self-sufficing of  
Christ, in His glory, that it seems to  
us inconceivable that He should need  
or miss the little love that our hearts  
can give to Him. Yet even in His in-  
effable majesty He hungers for the af-  
fection of His friends.—S. S. Times

# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 19, 1880.

The right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons, and the rights of property, must be preserved.—Hancock in 1867.

## National Democratic Ticket.

**FOR PRESIDENT,**  
**WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK,**  
of Pennsylvania.  
**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,**  
**WILLIAM H. ENGLISH,**  
of Indiana.  
**ELECTORS AT LARGE,**  
**JOHN KEROLA,** of Augusta.  
**P. W. McBRIDE,** of Prince Edward.  
**DISTRICT ELECTORS.**  
First District.—**THOMAS CHURCH,** of Essex.  
Second.—**L. B. WATTS,** of Portsmouth.  
Third.—**W. C. WATTS,** of Henrico.  
Fourth.—**SAMUEL F. COLEMAN,** of Cumberland.  
Fifth.—**JAMES S. REED,** of Henric.  
Sixth.—**SAMUEL GREEN,** of Bedford.  
Seventh.—**F. M. McULLIN,** of Greene.  
Eighth.—**J. Y. MERRILL,** of Buchanan.  
Ninth.—**A. A. PHELPS,** of Montgomery.

**FOR CONGRESS,**  
**Judge HENRY C. ALLEN,**  
of Shenandoah County.

## MONDAY.

Monday last was Rockingham County Court day, and though the number of people present was not great as we have seen on a Court day, yet the crowd was greater than the average. It was expected that there would be public speaking and that politicians of note would be on hand. This was measurably true, and as usual there were two meetings: the regular Democratic and the Mahone 7th of Julyers. On this occasion the Mahoneans were in the Court-House and the straight Democratic outside. S. Brown Allen, 7th of July elector, from Augusta, made a readjustment speech in the Court-House, as did Col. Geo. E. Deane, who referred to his booby looks as usual. The latter gentleman traveled out of his way to attack young men, the young Democracy, and seemed to direct his remarks to our reporter. It is an old and trite saying: "there is no fool so great as a fool as an old fool." When a public speaker travels out of his way to attack young men because they happen to be young, and assumes to himself very superior wisdom because his hair happens to be gray, then he simply makes an ass of himself, perhaps unwittingly. As a public journal, the COMMONWEALTH has a right to observe and report the proceedings of public political meetings, and will hardly be intimidated from the performance of that duty to the public by anybody, even though his hair be as white as cotton. Excuse our digression, friends.

For the millionth time, more or less, the State debt question was discussed by both the elector and Col. Deane. Very little of Hancock and English and the success of the Democracy in the Presidential struggle entered into their harangues. True we believe Col. Deane desires Democratic success, provided he can have it his way, but as it will not come through that channel, he is simply giving the weight of his experience and whatever influence he may have, in aid of Garfield and Arthur, without intending it, possibly.

The Court-House crowd made a good deal of noise, something after the style of a handful of corn in an empty bladder, and after a boisterous time over some compromise resolutions presented by J. N. Liggett, Esq., (a report of which will be found elsewhere) the crowd dispersed, which numbered one hundred and eighty-three persons, including boys, negroes, and a number of regular Democrats who were lookers on, etc.

In the yard in front of the Court-House was a large and enthusiastic meeting of Rockingham Democrats; men who give strength and solidity to party organizations, for they were substantial voters, who came to hear some of the old, true Democratic music of the olden days. About five hundred were in attendance, and in the crowd were embraced readjusters and funders—but all Democrats,—who for three or four hours stood and listened to fine speeches—speeches, not upon the State debt issue, but speeches in reference to the election of the National Democratic candidates, Hancock and English, and a discussion of national subjects in which we are all most vitally interested just now.

Judge John T. Harris introduced the Democratic Congressional standard-bearer, Judge Henry C. Allen, of Shenandoah, who for one hour and a half spoke to the people in a masterly manner. He showed himself worthy of the very warmest Democratic support, and we believe he will receive it, and be triumphantly elected to Congress in November. His speech made a good impression upon our people, and we heard expressions from influential country men that the speaker's arguments had taken root and would bear an abundant crop of Democratic votes in November in old Rockingham. Judge Allen's speech was a very strong vindication of the Democracy and pleased all of his hearers. His speech was calm, practical and sensible, and

entirely free from the rant and self-laudation we are so accustomed to hearing from Congressional aspirants of the 7th of July party on all occasions. The Democrats of Rockingham will give a good account of themselves in November, and the vote given in favor of Judge Allen will be a surprise to a good many people—especially those boosters who detail for the readers of the Richmond *Whig* enormous lies after every Mahone meeting.

The Democratic meeting on Monday last was a gratifying success, and, any misgivings that we may have heretofore momentarily felt were at once dispelled as we looked out upon those solid, substantial voters surrounding the speaker's stand, the yeomanry of the county, those who pay the taxes and are determined to have a change in the National administration of the government. We have no fear but that Rockingham Democracy will assert itself in unmistakable language at the polls in November, and that those who are trying to break down the Democratic party, by playing the 7th of July harp for the grand Republican dance, will receive a rebuke that will teach them that a few ambitious leaders do not own the people.

## THE STAUNTON CONVENTION.

This body of true representative Democrats, from the 7th Congressional District, met in convention at Staunton on Thursday last, and put in nomination a man upon whom all elements that are in accord with the National ticket, and who earnestly desire the success of Democratic principles, both in the legislative and executive departments of government, may heartily and enthusiastically unite. Let it be remembered by every voter who will cast his ballot at the coming election, that this body possessed no jot or tittle of Republicanism in its membership, but was composed of delegates from the humblest to the most exalted, who had ever been true to the principles and teaching of their party and who indignantly refused to obey the orders of any man or any set of men who bid them desert the old party standard.

We congratulate the Democracy of this staunch old stronghold, that a candidate has been presented for their support, of such sterling worth and solid attainments as Judge Allen, of Shenandoah. It is a nomination, which, like the National one, will grow in strength day after day till the election shall settle, for years to come, the supremacy of the Democratic party. Without any claim to the powers of second sight or prophesy, it is easy to see this. We are wholly unacquainted with "mystic lore," but we warn the 7th of Julyers, and all other disorganizers, that in this case "coming events," unmistakably "cast their shadows before."

## GARFIELD'S FRIENDS AND ADVISERS

Gen. Garfield journeyed from his home in Ohio to New York city last week, to be present at a conference of the shining lights of his party. Among the worthies at that conference were Landauet Williams, Secor Roberson, Belknap, Banks, now United States Marshal, and a patriot of many sides; Bullock, the notorious ex-Governor of Georgia; notorious, ex-carpet-bag Senator; Warmouth, ex-carpet-bag Governor of Louisiana; Sypher, ex-carpet-bag Congressman; Orth, the Venezuela jobber; Storms, who defended Babcock in the Whiskey Ring trial, and now fitsly defends Garfield in the paving job; Filley, ex-Postmaster at St. Louis, whom Schurz pursued to the bitter end; Dorsey, ex-carpet-bag Senator; Pinchback, whom the Republican Senate refused to give seat, afterward voting him seventeen thousand dollars for more than three years of salary; Clerical-Error Slogleton, and other distinguished personages, remembered as shining lights of the Grant regime. These are the men who now hold high places in the Republican party, and the success of Garfield means their success.

It is really amusing, as well as curious, to note the absolute certainty that, when a liar has been cornered, caught and exposed, he will at once seek to avenge himself by worse lies and more of them.—*Richmond Whig, 7th.*

The editor of the *Whig* "gives in his experience" with a good deal of frankness.

"Idiotic mendacity."—*Richmond Whig, 14th.* Just the words. Thanks to our friend. We could not frame a sentence of two words so expressive of Mahoneism and the cause of the *Whig* if we tried for a month. Again our thanks.

We say to the *Richmond Whig* that its claim of "we are the majority" is a fraud and a cheat, and it continues its re-iteration of the statement knowing that it is not true.

Gen. Garfield doesn't think much of Thomas Jefferson. Senator Wallace has unearthed one of the De Golyer candidate's old speeches in the House, in which he expressed the opinion that the fame of Jefferson was "waning," and announced in the same breath that he was in favor of a stronger government in this country.—*N. Y. Sun.*

HARRISONBURG, VA., August 16th.

The Readjusters had a rousing meeting here to day. Messrs. Brown Allen, Deneale and Barbee, were the speakers. The funders refused to accept a proposal to divide time and held their meeting in front of the court-house. They were addressed by "Amendment" Allen, "Bell-Panach" Moffett, and John "Intehcoool."

The funders tried to force a resolution in our convention offering a compromise, but Liggett and his compromise, were both voted down. We had the people with us. You can put down old Rockingham county safe for fifteen hundred majority for the Readjuster ticket.

We publish the above from the *Richmond Whig*, of Tuesday last, 17th inst., to let the people of Rockingham see one of the specimen lies, which somebody, styling himself "Observer," periodically sends to the *Whig* after every Mahone meeting at this place. The "funders" did not try to "force a resolution in our convention," (the Mahone meeting on Monday) for Mr. J. N. Liggett, the author of the resolution is not now nor has he ever been a funder, but always a readjuster, and regarded as one of the best, strongest and smartest of the Readjuster party in this county. "Observer" knew that and hence lied when he said it was a "funder" move. If he did not know it, then he ought not to write about that of which he knows nothing.

Then just to think of the cool impudence of claiming 1500 majority in Rockingham for the 7th of July ticket—Mahone's scheme to help Garfield carry Virginia.

Nor is it any more true that the Democrats refused to divide time. Three distinct propositions were made from our side, but were only acceptable to the 7th of Julyers upon the condition that they should have both the opening and the close.

But the whole statement made to the *Whig* as above is of a piece, and not meant to tell what was true. Nor does it.

"The signs are right and tight."—*Richmond Whig, Aug. 14.*

Generally speaking, more tight than right.

The Political Outlook.  
Among the numerous letters received at the National Democratic Committee Rooms in New York, recently, are the following:

Edward Campbell, Jr., chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Iowa, writes: "I am glad to be able to say that I have cheering accounts from all parts of the State. Our people are everywhere actively engaged in forming clubs and getting up county organizations."

James Gallagher, of New Haven, Conn., writes under date of August 7:—"I don't see how Hancock's majority can be less than 8,000 or 10,000. I have been an active Democrat for more than forty years, but have never seen half the enthusiasm and determination that now actuate our party."

John D. Thom, of Littleton, N. C., writes: "North Carolina is booming. Make sure of New York and Indiana and victory is assured. A friend in Mississippi writes me that the State is good for from 50,000 to 75,000 majority for Hancock and English."

H. Clay Conde, of St. Louis, who has a large business acquaintance in Illinois, writes: "Since the nomination of such an admirable ticket at Cincinnati it is my humble judgment that nothing but the greatest blundering can defeat us in Illinois next November. They have in that State the very strongest State ticket that could be nominated."

The following are extracts from letters to the New York *World* in reference to the outlook of the campaign:

W. C. Reynolds, of Kingston, Luzerne county, Pa., says: "Hancock and English stock is booming in this county."

Thomas McCulloch, chairman of the Democratic Committee of Juniata county, Pa., writes, "Our county and community are solid for Hancock and English. Many Republicans are joining us, and we have strong hopes of carrying the State." F. S. Old, of Lanark, Ill., writes that the Democrats there are organizing Hancock clubs, and the Republicans are surprised at the enthusiasm for the Cincinnati ticket in Illinois. W. B. Stroud, Jr., of Atlanta, Logan county, Ill., writes, "We hear a great deal of talk of prominent Republicans going to vote for Hancock. Every Democrat here will stick to the ticket, and if Garfield reaches the White House it will not be the fault of the Democratic party in this section." Adam Wilson, of St. Paul, writes, "There are a number of Republicans among my personal acquaintance who tell me they will vote for Hancock." J. N. Glover, of Park Hill, N. C., writes, "I believe this county (Berke county) to be strong for Hancock." John Francis, of Portageville, N. Y., writes, "The Democrats are all alive and in good working order in this county. I think Wyoming county will give a larger Democratic vote this fall than ever before. Republicans are despondent." J. M. Scroggin, of Fetterman, W. Va., writes, "The cause is booming and West Virginia will give a good report in October."

A sudden change has come o'er the spirit of the dreams of Mr. Weaver, the greenbackers' candidate for President. Previous to the recent election in Alabama, and when, owing to deceptive information, he had been led to believe that his party would receive a large vote in that State, he rightfully repudiated the idea that suffrage was not as free in the South as elsewhere in the Union, but since he has discovered that the people of Alabama are as much opposed to the party that favors the unlimited issue of irredeemable paper money as they are to radicalism, and sees in that opposition an end of all his hopes of the presidency by the vote of Mr. De La Maty, he abouts face and joins in the redoubled cry of fraud and bulldozing in the South.

## CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION SEVENTH DISTRICT.

(From the Staunton *Vindicator*, Aug. 15th.)  
NINETY-NINE DELEGATES PRESENT—P. OBITIVE REFUSAL OF HON. JOHN T. HARRIS TO BE A CANDIDATE—NOMINATION OF JUDGE H. C. ALLEN, OF SHENANDOAH.

Last night at 8 o'clock the Democratic Convention of the 7th Congressional District assembled at the Opera House and was called to order by W. D. Peachy of the congressional committee.

Wm. H. McAllister, of Bath, was on motion of John H. Crawford, chosen temporary chairman.

The Committee on Credentials was appointed as follows: M. F. White, of Augusta; C. P. Benson, of Albemarle; John Cleek, Jr., of Bath; H. V. Strayer, of Rockingham; L. H. Stephenson, of Highland; A. G. Newman, of Shenandoah; A. A. Gray, of Fluvanna; Mr. Stephens, of Green; W. A. Seddon, of Goochland, and Ed. Echols and H. St. G. Tucker, of Staunton. Page county was not represented.

Dr. Moffett being called for made a stirring speech, predicting the election of the nominee of the Convention, and was loudly applauded.

The committee on credentials reported 99 delegates present.

The permanent organization was then formed as follows.

Chairman, Wm. M. McAllister, of Bath; Secretary, T. C. Morton, of Staunton; Vice Presidents, M. W. D. Hogzhead, of Augusta; C. P. Benson, of Albemarle; A. A. Gray, of Fluvanna; C. M. Seddon, of Goochland; Mr. Stephens, of Green; H. V. Strayer, of Rockingham; C. E. Newman, of Shenandoah; John Cleek, Jr., of Bath; L. H. Stephenson, of Highland.

U. S. Senator, E. E. Withers, being present, was invited to address the Convention which he did eloquently.

JUDGE HARRIS' LETTER.  
HARRISONBURG, VA.,  
Aug. 11th, 1880.

CAPT. B. G. PATTERSON.—  
*My Dear Sir*,—Owing to the close personal and political relations which have existed between you and myself from the time you studied law under me and practised with me as partner, I feel that you are a fitting medium through which I can express my purpose as to the use of my name by the Congressional Convention which meets in Staunton to-morrow, the 12th inst. You know, my dear sir, that it was my design not to be a candidate at the two preceding elections and what circumstances operated to change my decision. At the latter period I expressed to you that no circumstances in the future should drive me again into a candidacy for Congress. The reasons which have impelled me to this course are numerous and not necessary to be mentioned in detail, but prominent among them is, that since I entered in Congress in 1859 I have been almost continuously in the discharge of public trusts which have taken me from my home, business, and family, more than three-fourths of the time. My life has been one of continued excitement, and the restraints and great labor required in the faithful performance of public duty have borne heavily upon me. I know I could be unanimously nominated, and I trust I will not be held vain in so expressing myself to you and the convention. Nor would I do this were it not necessary to give force and emphasis to what I desire to say, and that is, under no circumstances can I again be a candidate for the nomination or consent to accept it if unanimously tendered me. When I contemplate the urgent appeals of friends and delegates from all parts of the district and the obligations thereby imposed, my declination becomes to me the most unpleasant duty of my life; notwithstanding my decision is reached, because I think even a higher duty demands it, and in that I am inexorable. I am sure, however, that this convention which has in its power to name the next Congressman from this district, will make a wise and judicious selection, and to him I now pledge my hearty and active support; nor shall I abate in the slightest my zeal and earnest effort in behalf of the regular Hancock Electoral ticket.

I cannot close this letter without expressing the deep sense of my gratitude to the people of this district for the great trust they have so long, so faithfully, and so generously confided in me. It is the dearest and tenderest recollection of my life. I would that I could press them all to my heart.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN T. HARRIS.

L. H. Stephenson, of Highland, places in nomination the name of Judge H. C. Allen, of Shenandoah.

A. G. Christian, of Augusta, nominated Capt. James Bumgardner, Jr., but at the request of that gentleman's friends, he withdrew the nomination.

Meade F. White seconded the nomination of Judge Allen, as a candidate that could win and worthily wear the laurels of this congressional struggle.

Mr. Hiner, of Bath, also seconded the nomination of Judge Allen.

Geo. O. Walker, of Rockingham, (the delegation of which county had withdrawn for consultation) on its return to the hall moved that the nomination of Judge Allen be made unanimous, which motion was carried. Mr. W. said that he was glad the time had come when the office had to seek the man.

Messrs. M. F. White, C. P. Benson and John O. Walker were appointed a committee to inform Judge Allen of his nomination.

The platform of the Cincinnati Convention was adopted.

THE ACTION OF HON. JOHN T. HARRIS.—  
When the delegates to the convention arrived yesterday morning they were almost unanimous in the intention to nominate Hon. John T. Harris, but at the caucus yesterday afternoon a letter written by that gentleman to Capt. B. G. Patterson, of Harrisonburg, dispelled that idea.

## ENTHUSIASM LAST NIGHT.

After the Convention adjourned the Hancock club repaired with the Stone-wall Band and a large crowd to the front of the Virginia Hotel where Dr. Moffett was called out. He was greeted with loud applause and promised that Rockingham would see Augusta's Democratic majority and go it considerable better.

Capt. John N. Opie followed Dr. Moffett in a stirring address, in which he urged the union of the two wings of the Democratic party.

Senator Withers followed in high praise of Judge Allen, the nominee, and then made an eloquent address from a national point of view.

Hon. John T. Harris was loudly called for and spoke. He repeated the reasons for his declination given in his letter, and prophesied the election of Judge Allen. He denounced the 7th of July Convention as being in no sense Democratic.

After some other speaking the meeting dispersed.

Gen. Hancock's letter to Gen. Sherman—  
**Press Comments.**

Commenting on Gen. Hancock's letter to Gen. Sherman, published in the *Sun* yesterday, the New York Herald, in., says:

"Gen. Hancock's friends will may invoke public judgment whether it does not prove him to be more than a mere soldier who knows nothing outside of the routine military command and obedience—whether, indeed, it does not prove him to have been a Conservative, high-minded, cool-headed, law-abiding citizen in one of the most perilous periods through which the republic ever has passed. It is a letter which displays something more than common sense. It testifies to the possession of qualifications of statesmanship much more satisfactorily than the letter of acceptance of the Cincinnati nomination. There is a ring in some of its passages which sounds like an echo of the spirit of the great constitutional era of the republic, the era of Washington and Jefferson. All of Gen. Hancock's published papers so far—and this especially—show that whatever may be his deficiencies there is no tendency to demagogism in his disposition, but that he is a sincere and patriotic and straightforward man, and if in this favorable impression continues unabated till November he certainly will have a good chance of success on election day."

The New York *Times* fails to comment on the letter, whilst the *Tribune*, republican, claims that Hancock's nomination was a "confidence game" played by his champions, "who assured the dubious Southerners that he was a man after their own heart—that he had written a letter declaring his readiness, under certain circumstances, to take his orders from President Tilden. Now Gen. Hancock sends around copies of this letter to the democratic papers of the city, and from them we find that it was merely a sort of study for his recent letter of acceptance—having more words, but about the same number of ideas, all equally harmless."

The New York *Evening Post*, republican, says: "The Hancock-Sherman letter ought to be a lesson to over-zealous partisan newspapers. The letter is in all respects a proper one to have been written. The views which it embodies might well have been adopted by any good citizen, republican or democrat, in civil life or in military life. Gen. Hancock said no more or no less than he could say with propriety, but the silly organs have told so terrible a story about him and his letter that the publication by very contrast helps him and serves the purpose of a good electioneering document."

The New York *Express*, dem., says: "The whole letter from beginning to end is the utterance of a soldier-statesman—an officer who knew his duty as a subordinate commander in the army, and was prepared to obey it to the letter, yet who also had studied the constitution, and knew what it required, what principles pervaded it, and what system of government it established."

The *Philadelphia Record*, dem., says: "These captious gentlemen who complain that the letter of acceptance is 'plattitudinous' cannot well apply that censure to the Sherman letter. Very few of our famed state papers have embodied more solid statesmanship and sound good sense. When this letter was written the country was profoundly agitated from centre to circumference. Among the few who kept their heads level was Gen. Hancock."

The *Philadelphia Times*, ind., says: "Without intending to do ought else than define his duty as a military commander, the obedient servant of the civil law, Gen. Hancock, has displayed the soundest and broadest statesmanship, and his confidential utterance to his chief, that is mingled with his home affairs, and home improvements and home settlements, will be quoted henceforth by all parties as the clearest definition of the civil and military powers of the government in case of conflicting authority that has emanated from either field or forum."

The *Philadelphia Evening Telegraph*, rep., says: "The document in one that is entirely creditable to the writer, and so far as we can see, there is not a word or line in it that can be construed to his disadvantage or discredit."

The *Washington Republican* says: "General Hancock's letter will disappoint those of his supporters who have been expecting to find in it a bold assertion of Tilden's claims to the presidency and a determination on the writer's part to throw his sword into

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NEAR LACEY SPRING ON THE VALLEY TURNPIKE.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, on the 19th day of June, 1880, in the Chancery cause, of Calvin Wood vs. Della Wood, G. W. Berlin vs. Della Wood, Curran vs. Jacob Cole's adm'r, R. F. Sumner's adm'r vs. Abram I. Cole, Ac., Jesse Carter's adm'r vs. Philip Cole's heirs, &c. I will proceed on SATURDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1880, at the front door of the Court-house, in Harrisonburg, to sell to the highest bidder, in lots, the premises mentioned, as may be necessary to pay the debts reported in said cause, decreed against but in the named cause, and the costs of the said two first decrees aforesaid, and the expense of sale, commencing with the date of the decree, and ending on the first day of the month of September next, at the residence of Timothy Shugrue. The tract contains about 66 acres of land, more or less, together with the appurtenances, water right, &c., for one-fourth of the purchase money, and the balance on a credit of one and two years; the purchaser to give bonds for the deferred payments with approved security to satisfy the decree, interest, costs and expenses, and the title to be retained as ultimate trustee. A good tract of land and is pleasantly located near a country school, churches, school, mills, stores and shops. And if this tract does not realize enough to satisfy the decree, interest, costs and expenses, I will next proceed to sell several other lands situated on the West side of said turnpike.

Dan Rice has already retired from the religious field, and is fitting up a floating circus for the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

## PUBLIC RENTING OF PROPERTY

Near Keokuletown, Va.

A COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE CIRCUIT COURT by a decree of June 25th, 1880, in the Chancery cause, of A. H. Johnson, Ac., vs. Catherine Shugrue, I will, ON SATURDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1880, in front of the Court-House in Harrisonburg, Va., offer to hire for the term of one year, to wit, from the 1st day of September next, the premises of Timothy Shugrue. The tract contains about 66 acres of land, more or less, together with the appurtenances, water right, &c., for one-fourth of the purchase money, and the balance on a credit of one and two years; the purchaser to give bonds for the deferred payments with approved security to satisfy the decree, interest, costs and expenses, and the title to be retained as ultimate trustee. A good tract of land and is pleasantly located near a country school, churches, school, mills, stores and shops. And if this tract does not realize enough to satisfy the decree, interest, costs and expenses, I will next proceed to sell several other lands situated on the West side of said turnpike.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered in the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, in the Chancery cause, of R. B. Jennings, Ac., vs. J. H. Kline, Ac., on the 10th day of October, 1879, we will sell on the premises ON SATURDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1880, as much of the real estate of which George W. Miller is dec'd, as may be necessary to pay the debts secured by deed of trust, alluded to by the decree of the Circuit Court, of the 10th day of October, 1879, of said Court.

The land will be sold in parcels, and will be sold in parcels; the Commissioner will have survey and plat made of the land, and will show the land to any person who may wish to examine them before sale.

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A. BURBACHER AND WIFE, vs. JONAS REEDS' ADM'R, &c.

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest in the above entitled cause that I will proceed, at my office in Harrisonburg, on SATURDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1880, to ascertain and report the distribution of the real estate of Jonas Reed, dec'd, sold under the decree of the Circuit Court of the 27th day of July, 1880.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court, this 17th day of July, 1880.

PENDLETON BRYAN, C. C. J. E. & O. BOLLER, Att'ys for petitioner, Jos. L. Triplett, Jr., Clerk.

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NEAR LACEY SPRING ON THE VALLEY TURNPIKE.

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OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1880.

J. K. SMITH, Editor and Publisher.

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It is the duty of every intelligent citizen to keep himself in the line of events through the medium of the press, and it is the duty of every good Democrat to support the newspapers which maintain sound Democratic principles—newspapers which have no uncertain voice, and no lack of earnest, honest purpose.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

THE SHEN. IRON WORKS FESTIVAL.

On Saturday last the Annual Festival was held at Shenandoah Iron Works. The entertainment was well gotten up, handsomely conducted, and the exercises of the day were interesting and instructive.

At an early hour, about 9:30 a. m. the membership of Shen. Iron Works Lodge, F. A. M., with a number of visiting brethren, left the lodge room and marched in procession to the grove about one and a quarter miles distant, where tents, speakers' stand, and a very large dining pavilion had been erected a couple of days in advance.

Col. Peyton S. Coles, G. M. of Masons in Virginia, was expected to be present to deliver a Masonic address, but did not put in an appearance. The District Deputy, H. H. Riddleberger, of Shenandoah, was also expected, but he also was not on hand.

In the emergency Rev. A. Pos Boude, preacher-in-charge at Shenandoah Iron Works, was called upon to make the address, and we felt no regret at the absence of Grand Master Coles and his Deputy, for neither of them can deliver as good a Masonic address as did Mr. Boude, although he did not have over a quarter of half-hour to prepare himself.

His exposition of Masonry was elegant and his illustrations were both fitting and well-timed. His speech abounded in pathos and humor, and those who heard his address were surprised to find with what ease he swept away and disposed of the objections we commonly hear uttered by ignorant people against this honorable and ancient institution.

Mr. Boude occupied about one hour and a-half in his speech, and he impressed upon his hearers many of the truths and beauties of Free Masonry of which they had never dreamed.

After some music by the Lury and McGaheysville Bands, both of which were present, dinner was announced and those who had baskets took their dinner about in shaded, grassy spots, whilst others went to the great pavilion, where for several hours there was a terrible clatter kept up of dishes, knives, forks, etc., and where 500 or 600 persons dined. There was ample provision for all and to spare, in fact there was an superabundance of every thing good to eat, and we never saw so large a gathering where there seemed to be such an universal content and good feeling.

After dinner the Bands began playing again alternately, and kept it up, until, all who desired to do so, had had their smoke out, when Hon. Wm. Milnes was called to the stand, which he occupied for about one hour in a very interesting address. We did not know Mr. M. as such a good speaker, but on this occasion he showed something of this practical way of dealing with practical matters. He told his hearers many things that they had never heard of before, and he was prepared with his authorities to substantiate his words. True, he did not need these, for his bare assertion of any fact is good enough wherever he is known. His address was practical, well-timed and full of interest, and he delivered his remarks in his usually earnest and impressive manner.

Mr. Milnes was followed by Roodingham's recent "large" accession to Page, Maj. John C. Walker. He spoke in his happiest strain for near an hour, and delighted his audience, who signified their appreciation by frequent applause.

Last, but by no means least, our old friend Rev. Geo. W. Stanley was called for, and as Mr. S. never "goes back" upon his friends he mounted the stand, and entertained the vast audience for a half-hour or more, in such style as few men can do. He was in one of his happy moods and his store of illustration by anecdote was poured out, and when the exercises at last gave way to the warnings of approaching night, all turned away with smiles playing over their countenances in memory of the good things said by Mr. Stanley.

There were from 1000 to 1500 persons present, and we do not remember to have ever attended a picnic and festival where as good feeling and a more generous rivalry to make all present enjoy the day was exhibited than at this. We shall long remember it, and was only sorry that we could not remain to the close.

The festival, was gotten up for the benefit of the church at Shenandoah Iron Works, and every one went into the work with an earnest good will, which always ensures success.

Before closing this brief notice we wish to return our warmest thanks to our many good friends of that vicinity for the kind manner in which we were treated by them, and all which will remain in our memory as a green spot to recur to all through life. When the time comes for another annual festival we shall not forget it, if it so please our kind Master. Again, our thanks.

A BRIDGE MEETING.

McGaheysville, Va., Aug. 14, 1880.

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of citizens interested in building a Bridge across the Shenandoah River at or near Mine Hill, on motion, G. T. HOPKINS was appointed Chairman and J. A. HAMMOND, Secretary. The chairman stated the design of the meeting to be to further the object of building a bridge across the Shenandoah river.

On motion the following persons were elected a committee, to be known as the "Building Committee," whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions, receive plans and do all that is necessary to further the building of the said bridge: N. Kyger, G. W. Maury, C. M. Killian, Wm. Diffoand, John W. Melhorn, A. Shaver and Cornelius Armentrout, were appointed said committee.

On motion, the county papers were requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at McGaheysville on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M.

G. T. HOPKINS, Ch'm. J. A. HAMMOND, Sec'y.

WHEAT EXPERIMENTS.—As it will only be a few weeks till our farmers will sow their wheat crop, the following experiment made by Col. Robert Beverly, of Fauquier county, one of the most successful farmers in Virginia, may prove a source of profit. He reports through the last number of the Southern Planter, for the year 1880, as follows: "I deem it my duty, for the benefit of the agricultural interest in Virginia, to state the result of experiments; and, for the benefit of wheat growers, I state the result of my experiments, which I put to the test of a fallow, and the balance, 170 acres, wheat stubble, no clover or pea fallow. I sowed one bushel of wheat to the acre, all Fallz variety; with it I put to the acre, 300 lbs. raw, bone, finely ground, and sixty pounds 'Sea Fowl,' making 360 pounds raw bone fertilizer, and the result is 6,200 bushels of wheat, or twenty-six bushels to the acre; for the number of acres, it is the best result I ever had. This wheat was seeded with the drills between 25th of September and 25th of October."

B. B. B.

STICKNEY'S SNOW.—Robert Stickney's Imperial Circus and Menagerie exhibited in this place on Friday last, August 13th. Long before the street parade, the streets and side-walks were filled with people, who were anxious to see the free show, and when the doors of the large canvass was open such a rush is very seldom seen. Mr. Robert Stickney is so well known both as a rider and a gentleman, that it is almost unnecessary to speak much of him. For many years he has regularly appeared before our people in connection with the great show of that old veteran John Robinson, who has always been a favorite here. Mr. Stickney is doubtless the champion horseman of the world to-day, and in his riding on Friday last gave evidence of it. The members of Mr. Stickney's establishment were very gentlemanly and polite, and no pains were spared to be obliging to their visitors. This show is devoid of all objectionable features, and if Mr. Stickney will come again he may feel assured of a hearty welcome and a large patronage, for our people appreciate a good entertainment, such as he provided, and such perfect management.

B. B. B. cures dyspepsia, bilious diseases, &c.

The Ladies Dinner and Festival held in the Honck & Wallis building, on Monday last was a complete success. The ladies of the M. E. Church congregation undertook to pay for certain work in connection with their new church building, and that they will succeed in paying off the last farthing we do not for a moment doubt. We could not attend on Monday, but learn from those who were present that the dinner was superb, and the other part of the entertainment was most excellent. The ladies were well patronized, and realized their highest expectations. We return our grateful thanks for being remembered by some kind sister or friend, in the generous supply of good things sent to us.

Bumgardner's Bodega Bitters is the finest tonic made.

FALL FAIRS.—The Fall Agricultural Fairs will be held the following times and places: Rockbridge County Fair, at Lexington, October 16th, 17th and 18th. Bristol, September 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Jonesboro', September 29th and 30th, and October 1st. Abingdon, September 26th and 30th, and October 1st. Wyalusing, October 6th, 7th and 8th. Outpeper, October 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. Lynchburg, October 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Richmond, October 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

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THE SHOW.—Coup's Great Combination was here on Tuesday last, attracting an immense crowd. Two entertainments were given during the day, and the usual one at night, all of which were liberally patronized. It is useless for us to speak of this exhibition, in every department, as being unsurpassed, as the thousands who were present fully attest the fact. We have never seen a more orderly or better conducted establishment. From the courteous and gentlemanly proprietor, through the entire management, all won the esteem of the crowd and of our citizens by their clever and unassuming deportment.

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The street committee of the Council is working energetically, and have made some valuable improvements so far. Main street from Eshman's store to the Revere House is most noticeably improved. We are pleased to hear the work will still go on.

Ask your merchant for B. B. B.

Coup's show did everlastingly "whop-up" the crowd and the dollars. Some business men, if sharp, might see the virtues of advertising by a study of this subject for a moment or two. To do business you must advertise—the more the better, if your business is worthy anything.

One of these days we fear we shall have to report "a mysterious disappearance," or something of that sort, for there is no telling at what time some good citizen or visitor may drop through that East-Market street plankwalk and never be heard of again.

GUERRILLA MEETING ON MONDAY.

Under the soothing strains of sweet music, administered by the Harrisonburg band, and the application of a porous plaster upon the spinal column of some of the old political hacks that infest this county, the 7th of "Julians" can manage to draw an assemblage sufficiently large to create a hurrah once a month. With that exception one would hardly know of their existence, while the world still continues to revolve upon its axis and John Leedy carries the mail. The meeting was called to order by J. D. Price, Esq., and Col. Barbee elected chairman. The Col. stated that where the interest of Shenandoah county—not this year—and the U. S. Senatorial aspirant is not in as gleeful a mood as he would like to make the public believe. Old Shenandoah will come up all right in November.

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There are not as many "carpenters" in this town when the time comes for taking down bill-boards as when they are to be put up. How is it?

AN ECHO FROM ORKNEY SPRINGS

Our Soldier Boys.

We are at home, pursuing the even tenor of our way; settled down once more to the stern realities of life; plunged into our worldly duties. But if there is one among us who can ever forget the week's encampment at Orkney in 1878, show us the moment of pleasure and pain. For our impressions of this annual encampment. Our daily life at home is absorbed with the duties that our hands find to do. We are of those who find it a necessity to work earning and amassing and when the autumn and a few days recreation find us grasping at such pleasure as we find at Orkney. But now a dead calm has moved down upon us and cast the sable covering of memory over our happy moments and when his mind and heart are in the mood to be reminded of the days of the past, the girls we left behind us. We hesitate to harrow up the thoughts and resolutions—the emotions that should pervade us.

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Upon the conclusion of Col. Denesale's speech, J. N. Liggett, Esq., took the floor. He accused Col. Denesale of going back upon his word; that (Denesale) had a set of resolutions in his pocket which he had promised to submit at this meeting, looking to a compromise of the tickets, and had failed to do it. At this point, in order to choke the gentleman off and not allow any motion for a compromise to be put, J. D. Price moved an adjournment, which was defeated. The greatest confusion prevailed; calls for Paul, Shands and Denesale were made, but Liggett held the fort and would not be put down. He spoke upon his resolution at some length and was replied to by Wm. Shands, Esq., who was opposed to any compromise whatever.

The following motion was put by Mr. Liggett himself, viz:—"All who prefer the election of Garfield and Arthur to a compromise which will insure the electoral vote of Virginia for Hancock will please say aye." The ayes seemed to have it, and the resolutions were lost.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

B. B. B. means Bumgardner's Bodega Bitters. Sweet William L. had more compliments passed upon his fine face and more flattery than any other Guard, and among the fair sex did mighty havoc. Our Q. M. won gold on opinions, especially from Madame C., who took him completely under charge. When we saw that the front door of the Col's cottage, Mike says it was a sacred guard and solemn watch—in the end, our Butler made many conquests, but surveyed the havoc his pleasant face and handsome physique made in the distance—too faint hearted to pass a rubicon of love, et. c. Boys can we forget the scenes in the ball room, in the parlor, along the walks to the cliffs, on the cliffs, by running brooks, to the sulphur spring, each particular one speaking in accents soft and solemn, the same old story. Can you ever forget the inspiring and exciting strains of the rackets? Is it not pleasant, even now, for memory to carry you back to the brief moment to live over again "each year?"

It is but just and fair that one of the company—the writer—should mention in terms of praise the manner in which the squad of numerous spectators watching the drill, but gained for the company the deserved compliments of being decidedly the best drilled company in the State. Old army officers present were unanimous in saying it could not have been done better. They are proud to class ourselves with the immortal. It was universally acknowledged that never before had a company acquitted themselves more orderly, soberly and gentlemanly in any drill.

In conclusion we will say that the members of the company can never forget the kind and generous treatment of the proprietors (Messrs. Jones & Parker) and the attaches of Orkney. Farewell, for a brief season. We hope to see you again in '81.

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SIGNS OF THE MILLENNIUM.

The "Interior," of Chicago, speaking of "Spiritual Songs for the Sunday School" of which SCRIBNER & Co., have printed 100,000 copies, says:

"It may be expected that among the signs to herald the dawn of the millennium, will be the publication of a hymn-book for Sunday Schools in which there shall be no doggerel hymns—mere empty rhymes—and no long and tedious hymns. There will be more of a popular domain for these hymns, which hymn-book makers and publishers cannot well disregard altogether. This latest work of Dr. Robinson (who, as a hymn-book maker, is without a peer) is the most valuable and desirable in the entire literature of hymns that we remember to have seen. Of the 373 hymns in the book, many are old and among the most precious in the whole range of hymnology; while of the new hymns, none are beautiful, and almost all are good. The music is generally of a high order. Merit, indeed, taken as a whole, we know of no other book so excellent for Sunday School service of song as this, nor so admirably fitted for cultivating what is really needed in our Sunday-schools, a love for really good hymns and good music. We note, as special features to commend, eight missionary hymns—two of them home missionary—and ten hymns appropriate for special meetings. A serious defect of the book, which ought not to be repeated in subsequent editions, is the omission of the names of the authors of the hymns and tunes on the pages where they are found, and the printing of them only in the index. Let the children at the same time they learn the hymns, learn also the names of their authors. This they will certainly not do, where they have to turn to the index to find them. In singleness of paper, clearness of type and binding, this work is equalled by nothing in its line. It is a model."

THE AUGUST WEDDING, with its beautiful frontispiece by Jennie Curtis and Miss E. R. Humphrey, ought to be pasted up in all the vacation homes of the country and the seaside, for it is full of interesting reading for the homelook and the versed. Nora Perry, in "Miss Violet," tells a story full of wisdom for all young girls just going into society, and Mrs. S. K. Rice, who has a unique beach of the boys, entitled "Job's Sighting," tells a story for the boys, entitled "Job's Sighting." The very funny account of "Miss Marrowhead's Malice," with three spirited illustrations by "Bob." Mrs. A. M. Diaz, a perennial favorite with story-lovers, has a tale of "Bob's and Bobbie's" for the little boys. But the merriest contribution to the number is Mrs. Clara Doby Carter's paragon of the "Three Little Kittens that Lost their Mittens," with eighty funny drawings by J. G. Francis. There is a beautiful "Nursery Tale," and also three very beautiful and full-page illustrations for the boys, entitled "How we went Bird's Nesting." This is a noble article in the "American Artist" series about Mr. George Inness, with a facsimile of a recent etching by Mr. Inness, a beautiful landscape lately exhibited at the Boston Art Club rooms, and a study of Inness in subject in an admirable paper by Miss F. E. Pratt on the New York Art School for Children, with many beautiful illustrations by Jennie Curtis. The number has also many gems of poems: "A Racket," by M. E. B., "Mid-Summer," by Mrs. L. C. Whiton, "What a Bird Said," by M. E. B., "The 'Cotton Rebelle,'" by Joel Benton, etc., etc.

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The Richmond Intelligencer, republican, is so very anxious to beat the regular democratic ticket in this State that it has adopted the policy of the Mahoneites to accomplish that object, and now calls for a republican convention after the October elections in Ohio and Indiana shall have determined on which side of the national contest are the heaviest guns, for the purpose of making some agreement by which a union of the republicans and Mahoneites can be effected. From the ineptness of the Mahoneite party until the present time there have been constant and persistent efforts by its leaders, or by those of the republicans, or by both, to secure a union of their conservative organization; but unfortunately for these ends in these attempts, they have been in the hands of the Mahoneites, and that they will be more successful now, when the democrats have a national President almost within their grasp, is impossible if the latter retain their senses.—Alexandria Gazette.

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TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

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EXTENSION OF THE V RAILROAD.

MR. EDITOR.—The citizens of Franklin, Patrick, Floyd and Carroll will doubtless be pleased to know that the Shenandoah Valley railroad has an engineer, accompanied by Col. J. Marshall McCue, of Augusta county, Va., and other gentlemen, in this county on a tour of inspection on the projected line for the extension of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad from the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Said road, if built, will pass through Bedford, Franklin, Patrick, and probably Carroll. The road will evidently pass Bigby Mountain, taking the iron-belt to the mouth of Nicholas creek on Smith's river, thence on a slight curve to the mouth of Rock Castle creek, crossing the Blue Ridge through Rock Castle Gap, through Carroll to North Carolina, connecting with a railroad at Asheville running down the French Broad river through Tennessee and Georgia.

This road, if built, will add untold millions to the wealth of Franklin, Patrick, Floyd and Carroll, by developing the mineral resources of the above named counties. By crossing into Carroll, the coal fields of the western counties can be emptied on the banks of Smith, Pigg and Blackwater rivers, and the sound of the forge-hammer will make merry and happy the thousands now unemployed in this section of the State. I hope Mr. Editor, you will use your good offices to secure for us this grand enterprise? I for one will say, "Leave not a stone unturned."

Least close this communication without alluding to Col. McCue. This most estimable gentleman is giving his untiring energy and intellectual ability to the development of his native State, Virginia. He possesses a finished education, and with a fine command of language, forcible in argument, and accustomed to public speaking, he has taken a prominent part in the extension of this road through this section, and is entitled to warmest friendship. And if the citizens along the line will do their duty, we will soon be connected by bands of steel with the cities of the North and South.

The festival and watermelon treat to the children of the Sabbath School, given by the Reformed Church at Mt. Crawford on Saturday last, was one we are glad to learn, a great success. Ice cream, cake, &c., was sold upon the grounds, realising upward of \$60.00 for the benefit of the school.

The Mahoneites, the men whose object is to divide the Virginia democracy so that the vote of the State can be secured by the radicals for Garfield, must be blind if they can't see the handwriting on the wall. The Virginia democrats may not be the "smartest" people upon the face of the earth, but still they are not such dolts as to throw away the best chance they have had to elect a democratic President since the war, and they are making that fact patent upon every suitable occasion. They know that the questions of the State debt and the manner of paying it have no more to do with the election of a President than with the finding of the North Pole, and what's more, those of them who really and conscientiously believe, as many of them do, that the debt ought to be readjusted, are beginning to believe what the others have long since known, that Mahoneism is only radicalism in disguise, and are by no means chary in expressing that belief.—Alexandria Gazette.

The republican journals attempt to refute the charges General McDonald brings against General Grant and other prominent republicans and eager partisans of Mr. Garfield, upon no other ground than that afforded by the hasty denials of the accused parties. According to the idea they adopt in this case, all that a criminal offender has to do in order to acquit himself, is to deny emphatically the charges against him and impugn the veracity of his accusers. Becher did this and was saved, and they think Grant and his accomplices in the crooked whiskey ring, by pursuing the same course, can be equally as successful.

The most appalling fact that confronts the Northern Republicans is the predominance of whites in the Democratic party. The vote in 1876 showed that a majority of at least one million white men's votes was cast for the Democratic candidate for President. This is a condition so pregnant with coming disaster that blind men can almost see it.

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GEORGE CHRISMAN'S ARTICLE ON FERTILIZERS.

Dear Commonwealth:

It is quite refreshing to see that there is at least one man in the country who can be absorbed in speculation, law or politics, as to have time to give the farming, the great industrial interest of the country, his attention. Mr. Geo. Chrisman's article on Fertilizers, published in your paper, shows we have one such, and entitles him to the highest honors, and on behalf of the farming community, should be gathered the facts that may be elicited by his articles, and make a digest of the same for publication, I would nominate him as our standard-bearer and swear allegiance to him and the cause he represents. Mr. C.'s article, requesting his brother farmers to send up for publication their experience with the different kinds of fertilizers, published in your paper, shows we have one such, and entitles him to the highest honors, and on behalf of the farming community, should be gathered the facts that may be elicited by his articles, and make a digest of the same for publication, I would nominate him as our standard-bearer and swear allegiance to him and the cause he represents.

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OLD COMMONWEALTH

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1880.

THE FARM AND HOME.

THIS FARM FOR SALE.

With weary heart and trembling hand I guide the team afield...

COFFEE.—In these days when the whole country is flooded with parched and ground coffee...

TONS OF WHEAT.—The California wheat crop of 1880, the San Francisco Journal of Commerce says...

A Massachusetts farmer who is noted for the excellence of his corn crop...

In making jelly, it is best not to add the sugar to the juice until the latter is sufficiently cooked...

TAKING CARE OF POTATOES.—Every farmer knows that exposing potatoes too long to the rays of the sun...

In weaning lambs, give them plenty of green, succulent grass...

The injury done by insects annually in the United States is estimated at \$20,000,000.

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FALL CAMPAIGN, 1880:

HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM MARKET, WE ARE OFFERING A LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE ASSORTMENT OF NEW SEASONABLE GOODS!

All our SUMMER STOCK WILL BE CLOSED OUT REGARDLESS OF COST.

Respectfully, P. F. SOUTHWICK.

NEW STOCK OF CHINA, GLASS AND QUEENSWARE

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FINE STOCK OF REFRIGERATORS.

Country Merchants especially invited to call, as they can save money by so doing.

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