





## OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1881.

### LATEST.

Postmaster-General James has tendered his resignation to the President.

The nomination of Mr. Frelinghuysen as Secretary of State in place of Mr. Blaine, was confirmed by the Senate on Monday last.

W. Arthur Davis, charged with killing Leonidas Triplett in Fauquier county last Sunday morning, escaped from jail at Warrenton Sunday night.

The Gaiter trial entered upon its fifth week on Monday. It is said that it will probably last to the holidays. The assassin has a slim hold on life, from all the indications.

The number of visiting persons from the great Theatre are in Vienna, now given at 605.

The funeral of the late Col. John W. Forney took place in Philadelphia on Monday. Many prominent citizens from different parts of the country were present.

To our Republican friends we would say: "Don't let it worry you."

The Ring Theatre in Vienna, Austria, was burned last Thursday night and 900 persons perished in the flames or are missing.

Thanks to Second Auditor Dyson for a complimentary copy of his report on the public debt of Virginia and the Literary Fund.

Nothing of importance has been done in the General Assembly, and there will probably be nothing of interest before the recess except the election of a U. S. Senator.

Ex-President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis and family arrived at New York from Europe last week, and immediately went to Louisville, Ky. He refused to be interviewed by the enterprising Gotham interviewers.

Mr. Fred P. Dewey, from the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., reached here on Tuesday evening, on his return from a trip over the line of the Narrow Gauge Railroad. He declares the N. G. the biggest thing in the way of a Railroad on the continent. He was delighted with his trip. He will remain several days in this section having gone to the iron region of East Rockingham and Page.

The selection of a United States Senator to succeed Senator Johnston is exciting attention throughout the country, and equally disturbs the members of the General Assembly at Richmond. The Democrats will put up a straight-out Democrat, whilst the coalition have two prominent candidates whose names will come before the caucus:—Riddleberger and Lewis. The question will be settled before the holiday adjournment, probably. The Democrats cannot and do not expect to elect a Senator.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

This document is very long and we cannot give it entire. Elsewhere will be found a synopsis which will be read with more interest than would the message itself by the general reader. The information contained in the message of the President is important, the tone dignified and an air of business pervades it. It has been favorably received and is generally commended by the press. Mr. Author starts well, and we surely hope nothing may be placed before him by any party to hedge his way. It is too early to undertake to say anything either for or against his administration, and the sentiment of the country favors giving him a fair chance. Should he succeed in reforming many of the abuses of the public service we shall all be benefitted and he will be entitled to public commendation if he fails condemnation will surely follow as it always does.

### DEATHS OF PROMINENT PERSONS.

Gen. Henry B. Banning, a member of the forty-third and forty-fourth Congresses, from Ohio, died at his home near Cincinnati on Saturday last. He was born November 10, 1834.

Henry G. Stebbins, a prominent citizen of New York city, died of paralysis on Friday last. He was elected a member of Congress in 1863, and held during his life many stations of trust and responsibility.

Gen. Edwin C. Babbett died at Fort Monroe, Va., on Saturday last. He was born in Connecticut, and graduated at West Point in 1836.

John T. Adams, of Medford, Mass., died Saturday afternoon, aged 76 years. He leaves a wife and two daughters, one the wife of Secretary of the Navy Hunt, and the other the wife of General Rutledge, late of the Confederate service.

Hon. John W. Forney died in Philadelphia on Friday last. He was connected with the press for a great part of his life, and won high distinction as a journalist. He also held several public positions of honor and distinction.

### THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Like everything that emanates from the brain of Governor Holliday, his message to the Legislature is an able and excellent State paper. It is, however, very largely devoted to a discussion of the State debt, and the mode of settlement proposed under the Riddleberger bill. That subject has been passed upon by the people at the polls and nothing is to be gained by further discussion. The bill will be passed as it is, or with possibly slight amendments, and will become a subject for the Courts. It appears to us that discussion now is a waste of words, and we hope that wrangling upon that question will cease; that the people will give their time and attention to their private business and the advancement of the welfare of the State at large, and the consequent development of its great industries and resources. The debt question should now be relegated to the Courts, where it belongs, and no longer suffered to be a political hobby to advance the ambitious schemes of demagogues and office-seekers.

We shall give such extracts from the message as may be of general interest, apart from politics.

### From Richmond.

The Senatorial Muddle—Riddleberger will not doubt be elected Senator—Fraser and Lewis to be elected as members.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 13, 1881.—The content for the senatorship is still going on. Some of Mr. Lewis's friends are still pressing his claims, but since the refusal of the President to declare in his favor it is apparent that they have abandoned all hope of Mr. Lewis's success. Ex-Congressman John Ambler Smith, a son-in-law of Mr. Lewis, is still looking after the latter's interest.

All the republican members of the Legislature—except Senator Joseph J. Walker, of Chesterfield, and Ross Hamilton, colored, Delegate from Mecklenburg county—have signed a written pledge to abide by the result of the caucus of the coalitionists upon the senatorship and all other questions. It is believed that by to-morrow night, when the caucus meets, Gen. Mahone's influence will force most of the republicans to Riddleberger. At present some of the republicans do not believe Lewis will permit his name to go before the caucus. If he does, it is the opinion of members of his own party that he will only receive a complimentary support from the members on that side. After that most of the republicans will be given to Riddleberger, who, with all of Mahone's influence and that of nearly all of the leaders of that party, will be nominated by acclamation. It is not likely that any will bolt the caucus. Gen. Mahone will use every effort to have Riddleberger nominated before adjournment. Mahone's friends are continuing raising a cry against Mahone of "one man power" and endeavoring to secure strength in that way.

The House committee on elections will to-morrow report in favor of seating Jas. A. Fraser and J. B. Lewis, of Rockbridge, regular contenders for the seats of D. Mahone and Leach, the democratic members of the House from that county.

(Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.)

**Murder in Fauquier County, Va.**

WARRENTON, VA., Dec. 11.—W. A. Davis, merchant, at Orleans, Fauquier county, Va., shot Leonidas Triplett, merchant, at the same place, at eight o'clock this morning, through the head. Triplett lived one hour. The difficulty originated in a lawsuit and a quarrel yesterday about turkeys. Both men were unmarried. Davis is under arrest, awaiting the coroner's investigation.

### HEADQUARTERS!

For anything you want always go to headquarters. This is the only place, but hold on, good in all business relations. The

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### COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, rendered at the October term thereof, 1881, in the chancery cause of Wm. B. Yancy vs. J. H. Weaver, &c., we will

On the 15th day of January, 1882,

at 11 A. M., proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, at the residence of Mr. J. M. Weaver, the splendid farm known as "Ledge," lying on the Shenandoah River, in the Eastern part of Rockingham county, comprising 100 Acres of land, 60 Acres of cleared land on the western bank of said river, of excellent fertility, and in excellent cultivation, 200 acres of which are the river bottom. A tract of 30 Acres of Wood Land lying immediately opposite the cleared tract, with deposit at short distance. It is sufficient to say that this farm has long been considered by judges of real estate the finest body of land on the Shenandoah River.

Tracts—Enough cash in hand to pay off a debt due John W. Morrison, secured by deed of trust, executed to A. M. Newman and N. K. Frost, trustees, which amounts to \$75,000, as of October 20th, 1880, at the costs of suit and sale, the purchaser executing bonds with surety, for the residue in three equal installments, payable at one, two and three years from day of sale with interest, the title to be retained as ultimate security.

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It will pay you to examine our stock before buying.

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We have a large number of Farms, and

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and those wishing to purchase will please

send for our circulars for descriptions and

prices, and those having such property for

sale will find it to their interest and ad-

vantage to place it in our hands for sale at

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larged circular in pamphlet form, in which

we will advertise their property free of

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circulation here and in the North and

West, and if we do not sell, find pur-

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G. W. & C. H. BERLIN,

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### NOTICE.

To All Whom It May Concern.

All persons holding debts and demands against the estate of William Shands, dec'd, are hereby requested to present the same to A. M. Newman, Commissioner of Accounts, at his office in Harrisonburg, Va., to be audited, on or before the 24th day of January, 1882.

J. S. HARRISONBERG,

Adm'r of Wm. Shands, dec'd.

### FOR SALE.

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5 Prizes of 1,000..... 5,000

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100 Prizes of 100..... 10,000

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500 Prizes of 20..... 10,000

1000 Prizes of 10..... 10,000

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9 Approximation Prizes of 100..... 900

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Valuable Property on the Shenandoah River!

By virtue of a decree rendered at the October Term, 1881, of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Va., in the chancery cause of J. H. Larkins vs. J. H. Larkins, &c., we will

On Thursday, December 22nd, 1881,

offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the Court House in Harrisonburg, Va., the undivided one and one-half interest of J. H. Larkins, in the property known as "WATERLOO."

"Waterloo" is situated on the Shenandoah river, about four miles North-east of Metebysville, about one mile West of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, directly opposite the property of Wm. B. Yancy, containing 100 Acres of Land, of the best quality, excellent soil and Chopping Mill, Blacksmith Shop and one of the best water powers in the State.

Tracts—One-third cash, the balance in one and two years, with interest from day of sale; purchaser executing bond with good security for deferred payments.

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### COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY.

As commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Va., at the October term, 1881, in the chancery cause of Towner, Landstreet & Co. vs. J. W. Wiles, we will

Friday, the 30th day of December, 1881,

offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, the very valuable property situated on East side of Main street in Harrisonburg, Va., now occupied by Leo J. Wiles and others. This is a very desirable business stands in the town. There is a large storey frame building fronting on the Public Square, with two storeys below and residence above. The lot runs through from Main street to Federal alley, and has an alley on one side and runs the full length of the lot.

This property will be sold subject to vendor's lien of \$200, the falling due in payments of \$60 each, on the 14th of April, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, respectively, with interest each from April 1st, 1876, till paid.

Terms—One-third cash on day of sale, balance in four equal annual payments, all bearing interest from day of sale, purchaser to execute bonds with good security for deferred payments, and title retained as ultimate security.

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## Watch for it.

Look out for the X mark on your paper. When the X appears on the margin or wrapper of the paper, it is notice to you that you will not get another paper unless you renew your subscription. Attend to it at once.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

### A New Departure.

#### Cheaper and Better for All.

After mature consideration the publisher of this paper has determined to change its manner of business to the pay-in-advance system. From January 1st, 1892, no paper will be sent from this office to any one unless the subscription is paid in advance. The adoption of this course is not a reflection upon the integrity of any subscriber or individual, but it is adopted to obviate the enormous losses to which we have been subjected under the old "go-as-you-please" system.

In adopting the cash plan of subscription we make a reduction in the price of the paper for 1892, as follows:

One year.....	\$1.50
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Four months.....	.50
Two months.....	.25

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A circular giving a full explanation will be sent to each subscriber, on which will be found a statement of amount due to December 30, 1891. These amounts we want paid up as speedily as possible, the aggregate of subscription due us amounting to over one thousand dollars. Those who remit amount as shown by statement will confer a favor by sending \$1.50 for next year. All who live in the county, and who have not paid before that time will confer a great favor upon us by coming forward and closing their subscription bills by December 30th, which comes on the 15th of the month. We are fully determined to close up the bills outstanding, for we mean to pay all of our own, and get square all around.

We do not propose to argue the propriety of the adoption of the pay-in-advance system. In doing so we only bow to the decree of necessity and self-preservation. Let any farmer who raises a thousand bushels of wheat or less try the experiment of selling it out to all who come for it, a bushel to each individual, and after waiting one year undertake to collect from the thousand different individuals the amounts due him, and he will at once appreciate the difficulties that lie in the pathway of the newspaper publisher. And how much of his money would be able to gather up, when he needed it, especially if he had payments to make on his land? Any farmer who would do business in that way would be declared a fool by his wise neighbors.

We may part company with some, but all who want a paper and are willing to pay for it will stand by us. All should read, and all can read upon the terms above given.

For 1892 we shall use every endeavor to make THE COMMONWEALTH a better paper in all respects than it has ever been. We invite the help of all. We are arranging for interesting letters from correspondents at all points: scientific, agricultural and literary features will be introduced; the paper, whilst earnestly Democratic, will not make politics its leading feature, but instead will give particular attention to those matters of special interest that pertain to the welfare of the individual, the community and the State. Devoting itself to the advancement of the pleasures of the domestic fire-side; to the cultivation of refinement among its readers; and to the dissemination of healthy general information, the COMMONWEALTH will rely for its support upon those who will be benefitted and blessed by its influence in the family circle.

Now, then, let all prepare for 1892. Send in the subscriptions, for those who subscribe and pay now will get the remaining issues of 1891 free.

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Go to ROHR BROS. and buy your Cheese and Macaroni, Oat Meal, Hominy and Breakfast Hominy.

## Swindlers.

We kindly and respectfully say to all newspaper publishers in Virginia, who are advertising for the Mendelssohn Piano Company, New York, that that concern is a fraud and a swindle, and that publishers will get nothing for their labor in advertising for them.

Receive no advertisements from Herman Conant or Herman Conant & Co., without pay in advance. Hand the above around.

We have the finest and cheapest selections of Teas of all grades to be found in town. ROHR BROS.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday night last, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Robert Magalis and Miss Ada Royer, daughter of Emanuel Royer Esq., were united in marriage by Rev. J. L. Shipley. We extend our congratulations, and our best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life.

The celebrated Clemmor whiskey, from 2 to 12 years old, at WALLACE'S Spotswood Bar.

## BREVITIES.

The streets are muddy from recent rains. Business is not so lively in this community as it ought to be.

The Singer Sewing Machine office at Staunton wants an agent.

The weather has moderated very much since the rain of Monday last.

Rockingham Bank stock, a few shares, is advertised for sale. It is good stock.

A very interesting protracted meeting is in progress in the West-Market street M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Shipley pastor.

The "Spotswood" Christmas dinner is to be made extraordinarily fine by a thirty or forty-pound turkey, we have heard.

The White Combination Dramatic Co., will appear at the opera house Staunton, again on Saturday afternoon and night.

A "local option" temperance movement is beginning to be agitated in this community. The result will be anxiously watched.

The grass is quite green in parts of the court-yard, and if the leaves were carefully raked up and removed the yard would be handsome.

The Council deserves the warm thanks of our citizens for the energy displayed by its street committee in improving our streets and crossings.

Buckwheat flour must be scarce in this market. Several of our citizens sent to Staunton for some on Saturday last, receiving it on Monday.

Butter and eggs are selling at high figures in this market. The prices demanded will have the effect of diminishing the supplies of Christmas "goodies."

We wish to say that we have no present expectation that any good friend will present us with a Christmas turkey. "Blessed are they who expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed."

Every householder is rich enough to take this paper for 1892, for he can pay 25 cents at a time for two months, or 50 cents for four months. The sale of a chicken or two would pay such small amounts. Try it.

## Personal.

De Witt Coffman, U. S. N., has been assigned to the United States Receiving Ship Colorado, now laying in the New York harbor.

Wm. Forbes, Esq., General Agent of the "Valley Mutual Association" of Staunton, was in our city last week.

Dr. Hanger of Staunton, an advocate of the "Royal Arcanum" was in town on Saturday last.

Campbell Hopkins, an inmate of the county Poor-House, died on Wednesday last.

Rev. J. P. Funkhouser, late principal of the Shenandoah Seminary at Dayton, is an applicant for the position of Superintendent of Schools for this county. Mr. F. would we believe make a good Superintendent.

J. N. Liggett, Esq., returned on Monday morning from a trip to Richmond, etc.

Mr. Robert Gentry, formerly of this place, now of South Carolina, arrived here on Monday last. He will not return alone. No cards. Tour north. Our best, Robert.

When Hon. John Paul left here on the 3d of December, to take his seat in Congress, he had just risen from a sick bed. We are pleased to hear that his health has improved since he has been in Washington.

James M. Huston, a native of this county, died last week, in Fayette county, Ohio, of which he was an old and well known citizen. He was a staunch Democrat in politics and was the candidate of his party for Congress, in 1879.

Another good friend called upon us Tuesday, L. A. Showalter, Esq., of Dale Enterprise, who belongs to the list of good and reliable people who inhabit that pleasant locality. We expect to see a host of our friends on Monday next.

We had a pleasant call on Tuesday last from our friend, A. W. Bowman, Esq., now at Mt. Clinton, in this county, but whose home is in the State of Iowa. Mr. B. says he likes Iowa very much, but he doesn't want to experience another such a winter as the last was at his northwestern home.

Mr. B. F. Showalter, of Brandy Station, Culpeper county, gave us a pleasant and cheerful call on Tuesday last. Mr. S. was a Rockingham farmer before going to Culpeper, where he has been living a number of years. He is on a visit to his many old friends in this county. He is well and looking as if the world had not used him roughly.

Maj. P. H. Woodward, of Staunton, passed through this place on his way home on Saturday last. Somebody it seems had for some cause reported down the Valley that Major Woodward was dead. But we are pleased to say we know to the contrary, and that he is actively engaged in his usual railroad labors, healthy as ever, and puts into his work the tireless energy that always distinguishes him in whatever he undertakes to do.

Wood.—Now that fall seeding is over and pressing farm work will allow, we would request our friends to haul us the wood that they owe us for subscription. We want our supply in as speedily as possible, and hope no further notice will be necessary.

1875. Just the age of the celebrated Monticello whiskey at JOHN WALLACE'S Spotswood Bar.

## Horses Wanted.

I will be at the Revere House in Harrisonburg on next Monday, (Court-day), for the purpose of buying a car-load of heavy draft horses, suitable for Pennsylvania markets. B. H. REISHER.

If you intend to give your wife or daughter a nice Christmas present, get them something that will not only be handsome but useful, and that will make them contented, by going to ROHR BROS. and getting them one of the celebrated "New Ironside" Cook Stoves. The best made.

## Local-Option.

OFFICE STATE LOCAL OPTION COM'Y, } November 25, 1891.

To the Friends of Temperance-Reform in Virginia.

In accordance with request of several public citizens, including most of influence in almost every county of the State, we hereby call a

STATE LOCAL-OPTION CONVENTION; to assemble in Charlottesville on Tuesday, December 30th, at 8 o'clock p. m.

In issuing this call, we do not act as the representatives of any specific Temperance organization, or of any Church or Party, but as the spokesmen of the citizens of our State of all societies, creeds, and parties, or of none, who believe that the licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a source of great evil in their communities and in the State, and that at the least the power to protect itself from this injury should be lodged in the hands of each community.

It would seem superfluous to give at length reasons for calling earnest and thoughtful men in council, with a view to organize a practical movement against an evil whose power and growth alarm alike the patriot, the philanthropist, and the Christian. Such reasons lie around, in sight of every man, in the multiplied murders, wrecked characters, ruined homes, breaking hearts, suffering wives, neglected children, and pinching poverty which mark the course of the stream which flows from the still. They press upon an impoverished people in the burdens imposed by this ruinous agency, which makes paupers to be supported by public or private charity, and criminals to be watched, tried and convicted at heavy expense to the public treasury. The ruin wrought by from twelve to twenty millions of dollars, annually spent in our State for that which steals away the skill of wise men and robs laborers of their only wealth—the time, capacity, and willingness to work—enriching thus an annual loss of many millions more, alone would justify the most strenuous efforts of all who would promote the health, wealth, and happiness of our people, to advise and execute some plan by which this exhausting drain upon our resources may be checked.

It is believed that the simple, practical plan known as "Local Option," which has been tested for several years with large and lasting benefit in neighboring Southern States, if energetically employed in our own communities, is able to stop a large portion, perhaps two-thirds, of this destruction. But if only one-third—if but one-tenth—of these millions now so much worse than wasted can thus be saved, our efforts will bring a blessing to our State greater, even in money alone, than would result from the absolute extinguishment of her entire debt and perpetual exemption from all taxation.

Many and conclusive reasons might be given why "Local Option" will accomplish this and more, but they are rendered unnecessary by the fact that the test has been fully made elsewhere, and the results are now matters of fact and not of argument. Is not this opportunity to set on foot a measure which will thus benefit our Commonwealth, a sufficient occasion to ask and expect the services of her best and wisest counselors?

In the present status of this movement, we can only make a general appeal for the attendance of good men, from all sections of the State, upon the Convention. In many of the counties there are no organized societies. From such localities the delegations must be voluntary. If the cause is burning in any heart, let him come as a part in the organization of the alliance. Where societies favorable to this measure exist, we invite them to name a representative delegation. We would like to have five from each county. We have reason to expect a strong and successful meeting, guided by sagacious and prudent men, who, loving their God, their country, and their kind, will wisely organize and steadfastly prosecute this movement for the good of our people.

It is expected that the work in hand can be disposed of in less than a week, so that their homes by the trains which leave Charlottesville for points both East and West on the 23d of December.

A local committee, in Charlottesville, will arrange for the meeting. All proposing to attend the Convention should report their names and address, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the State Local-Option Committee, Ashland, Va.

CHAS. H. RYLAND, Chair'n.

WM. W. SMITH, Sec'y.

We heartily endorse the above call. Wm. Smith, ex Gov. Va. W. B. Berry, Thos. A. Michie, J. E. Massey, John L. Cochran, Chas. S. Venable, C. E. Vawter, C. J. Harris, J. D. Dreher, Jno. L. Buchanan, Chas. Morris, W. W. Ballard, Richard Irby, W. W. Bennett, T. G. Dashiell, W. J. Best, W. S. Christian, G. W. Hayshurst, W. H. C. Long, W. K. Kidder, W. Nelson, G. W. Williams, J. D. Bucher, A. B. Dunaway, Robt. Beverley, Wm. E. Baker, J. C. Armstrong, and many others.

NOTE.—The above names are taken from among hundreds at our disposal, as representative of all classes of our people. They embrace leading citizens in all spheres—statesmen, lawyers, teachers and ministers, and officials of each Temperance Order in the State. We could easily multiply them a hundred-fold.

We, the undersigned, ask especial attention of all the friends of Temperance Reform to the above call for a State Convention favorable to Local-Option, to be held in Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 30th, and urge their attendance on Court-day, Monday, Dec. 19th, at a meeting to be held in the Court-room, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Local-Option Alliance for Rockingham county, and also to appoint five delegates to represent the county in said State Convention.

Rev. J. R. Bowman, D. D., Rev. O. S. Bunting, Rev. J. S. Moser, Rev. J. L. Shipley, J. P. Houck, J. Wilton, P. Bradley, Wm. M. Bucher, C. M. Killian, Andrew Lewis, Capt. G. G. Grattan.

We hope to have Prof. W. W. Smith, the Secretary of the State Local-Option committee, with us on Monday, at the temperance meeting to speak on the subject of Local-Option. J. L. SHIPLEY.

IMPORTED RUM, nine years in the wood, the best ever in Harrisonburg, especially for egg-nog, at JOHN WALLACE'S Saloon.

At ROHR BROS. you can get all kinds of Canned Fruits and Vegetables at the lowest prices.

WANTED.—An active young man, at once, as a canvasser for this paper in this county. One who has a horse preferred. But the right man will have a horse furnished to him, if without one. Apply at once in person (or by letter) at this office.

Give your order for Oysters for Christmas to JOHN WALLACE, in good time. He guarantees the quality.

Go to ROHR BROS. to buy your Spices, Flavoring, Extracts, Baking Powders, Cream Tartar, &c.

## Where to Buy Holiday Goods &c.

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Probably more presents are made during the holiday season from the stock of the jeweler than any other, for the reason that almost every taste can be readily pleased. Now those who go to look for holiday goods will find not only jewelry in abundance but numerous fancy articles, from a good watch to a steel pen, at the store of JOHN W. TALLIAFERRO, opposite Henry Shacklett's store. Books, stationery, watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, pictures, picture frames, etc., can all be found at Talliaferro's store.

Some one wrote a song: "What is home without a mother?" Just about the same as a town without a first-class confectionery store, such as that of STOKER (Wise). By announcement elsewhere he tells about a few of the many articles he has in store, and to which your attention is invited. Go and see Wise. Make no mistake. Be sure you find the right place, and you will see an immense stock from which to select.

JOE NEY expects to do an immense business in the oyster trade, especially during the holidays.

It has been a long time, we guess, since there was a Christmas holiday season spent in the world without having "something to take," as a means of adding jollity and zest to the enjoyment. If people will drink they ought to get the best to be had. CO. JOHN WALLACE, a "broth of a boy," says he is the lad that has that very same, and elsewhere to-day he makes the fact known by advertising a number of fine old popular brands of liquors, segars, &c.

The REVERE HOUSE will put up a bill of fare for Christmas dinner which is expected to be about the best ever laid by any hotel in the Valley.

We cannot imagine what pleasure one could expect from having a tooth drawn, but if from eating sweet things during the holidays, or for that matter any time in the year, should it become necessary, our friends can find immediate relief by calling upon Dr. R. S. SWITZER, near the Big Spring, or Dr. FRANK L. HARRIS, near the Episcopal church, who are skillful dentists and who will not hurt you more than they can help.

## Harrisonburg Graded School.

The following is the Roll of Honor of the Harrisonburg Graded School for the month ending December 2d, 1891:

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.—Minor Hoxie, Charles Butler, George W. Ribble, Mary Logan, Jackson Gill, Paul Fletcher, Henry Bell, Georgia Davis, Willie McAllister, Ada Marshall, Mary Nicholas, Flora Bowman, Mittie Clem.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.—Oregoretta Clary, Olive Byrd, Fannie Bell, Fannie Braithwaite, Laura Snyder, Leonard Fultz, Burton Deocher, John Sullivan, Lucy McAllister, Fannie Arbogast, Julia Fultz, Ola Slater, Elton Hephenshen, Brent Dold and D. Hoxie.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, 1ST GRADE.—Eugene Billhimer, Russell Blicher, Minnie Bell, Amanda Feuchtenberger, Dillie McAllister, Ellie Snyder, Emma Wake-night and Bertha Wise.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, 2d GRADE.—Kate Wakenight, Carrie Dwyer, Annie Dwyer, Lena Patterson and Frank Billhimer.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, 3d GRADE.—Laura Farris, Maria Morrison, Bessie Roberts, Mabel Slater.

The pupils, in the High School Department, have been required to average 90 on their studies, deportment, attendance, &c., to have their names placed upon the Roll of Honor for this month.

Respectfully, W. W. ROBERTSON, Principal.

## Death of Major B. W. Hoxie.

At the residence of D. Sheffey Lewis, Esq., of this place, at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning last, Major B. W. Hoxie, of Richmond, Va., departed this life. Major Hoxie came to the Valley during the past summer for the benefit of his health, but improved very little, and was contemplating a trip to Florida when taken worse. Maj. Hoxie, as a lawyer, stood at the head of his profession. He was formerly Assistant U. S. District Attorney in the city of Richmond. The deceased was a brother-in-law of U. S. District Attorney L. L. Lewis, and a native of the State of New Jersey. His remains were sent to Patterson, New Jersey for interment.

## Apportionment of School Funds.

The first apportionment of County School Funds for 1891-2, on the basis of 40 cents per head of school population, was made to the several districts of Rockingham on the 10th inst., as follows:

To Ashby.....	\$1161 60
" Central.....	402 40
" Stonewall.....	970 00
" Plains.....	730 00
" Linville.....	662 80
Total.....	\$4086 80

No apportionment of State funds has yet been made. J. HAWSE, Co. Supt. of Schools.

## Go to WALLACE for Holiday Liquors.

### Merry Christmas on the B. & O.

The B. & O. management has, with characteristic good feeling toward its patrons along the line, determined that they shall have a merry time on the road during the holidays. To this end the low rate of two cents per mile is announced from any station to any station on the main line, branches or divisions. In other words these low rate tickets will be placed on sale on Dec. 24th and will continue on sale until and including Jan. 3d. They will cover all points reached direct by the B. & O., and will be good on all trains that make the stops.

NEW ORLEANS MINSTRELS.—On Saturday night last the New Orleans Minstrels drew a large audience at the Town Hall in this place. The company, comprising some eighteen members, is far superior to the majority of "burnt cork" companies now traveling. The N. O. M. can secure a good house here upon any return trip. Come again.

## Sale of Stock.

We were very glad to see our fellow-countryman, Mr. A. W. Jones, safely back from his long and tiresome trip to Providence, Rhode Island, with some very fine specimens of Maj. Geo. Christman's short horns, which were sold by the Major to Judge Charles S. Bradley, of Providence, R. I., for his breeding farm at Byfield, Massachusetts. Judge Bradley is a breeder of fine bred short horns in Massachusetts, and has a lot of \$1,000 short horn cows. He was so much pleased with Major Christman's cattle that he bought four of them to add to his Byfield herd and acknowledged the Major's to be better than his \$1,000 cows. The four months' old bull-calf was greatly admired and pronounced a yearling by several New England men, he was so large and handsome. The cows were considered very fine, too, and the Judge was so much pleased with the fine condition in which Mr. Jones got the cattle home that he increased his wages for the trip one hundred per cent.

Judge Bradley is a member of the Short Horn Breeders' Association and is a breeder of note and influence in Massachusetts. Lewis F. Allen, editor of the "American Herd Book," says it is paying Maj. Christman's herd quite a compliment, and its positive evidence that his cattle are very fine, for Judge Bradley to purchase them. Mr. Jones looked a little pale and jaded, having been caught in quite a gale on Long Island Sound and was made very sick. He is very thankful that he did not throw up even his boots before the storm was over. He hopes the trip will benefit him.

Judge Bradley was at Rawley Springs last summer and was delighted with what he saw of fine Rockingham stock. We congratulate all parties concerned in this transaction, and hope to see our friend Judge Bradley back among us next summer.

Call at HOUCK & WALLIS' and examine Thomas' Patent Adjustable Table, used by ladies as a cutting table. Just the article for a Christmas present.

## A Broad Invitation.

There is nothing selfish about our invitation, to have all of our subscribers call upon us on Monday next and square up their subscription bills to December 30, 18



