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Local Papers.

A large proportion of the people do nothing to support their local papers...

The local paper is of advantage to every man in the community, and when a man refuses to contribute to the support of the paper on the ground that it, "does him no good," he might just as well refuse to pay his taxes for the support of the courts and the police force...

Prof. Clary's Concert.

Strange to say we were remiss last week in failing to notice the concert given by Prof. Clary at Masonic Hall on the evening of the 2d. Prof. Clary was assisted by the leading musical talent of this place, and we do not remember to have been present at a concert where our people seemed to enjoy it more than they did this one.

We are not only surprised at but proud of the musical talent of Harrisonburg. What would be the height of its development if we had a good public hall where frequent opportunity could be satisfactorily given to exhibit the proficiency of our musicians?

We hope Prof. Clary may find it convenient to arrange another concert for our people before leaving on his next tour. Should this be impossible, then we urge that Mrs. Henneberger and Prof. Eschman and daughters, calling in such assistance as they may desire, arrange a musical entertainment, devoting the net proceeds to some worthy object.

The January Money Freshet in New Orleans.

On January 10th (being the 140th Monthly Grand Distribution), under the sole management of Gen'l G. T. Beauregard, of La., and Jubal A. Early, of Va., of the Louisiana State Lottery, the following named were among Fortune's favorites: The first capital prize was drawn by No. 76,096, held by I. M. Davis, of Morning Star, near Memphis, Tenn.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, of New Market, has made a slight change in ownership and management, yet without change in the name of the firm—Henkel & Co. Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt has sold his interest in the establishment to Mr. Elton O. Henkel, a young man of fine attainments, who will no doubt be a valuable acquisition to that old and reliable family journal.

How TO MAKE FIVE DOLLARS IN A DAY.—This can be done by almost any one who will do it, by getting us twenty subscribers at \$1.50 each, and sending us \$25 with the names, and retaining the other five dollars for their labor. Try it. If you go it in a business way you can make money easy and fast.

J. E. Beard has been appointed postmaster at Broadway, in place of J. W. Basore, who has held the place for some years.

Death of a Well-Known Citizen.

Mr. Joseph W. Lipow, a well-known citizen of this place, who has for many years been engaged in the jewelry business, died at his residence, on Friday night last, after a brief illness.

Mr. J. W. Lipow was born in this place, and when a half-grown youth went from here to Charlottesville and for a time kept store for his brother-in-law, Mr. Munday. He afterward learned the business of watchmaker and jeweler and continued to reside in that town.

The celebrated Springdale Whiskey at Lamb Bros.

The Weather.

Thursday, Feb. 9.—Raining, sleet; snow going rapidly. Hazy and cloudy all day, and dark, drizzling and disagreeable, such weather as a Frenchman would select as a day to commit suicide.

Friday, 10.—Clear, cool, high wind, mud frozen; sun shining. A March mornning, but tolerably nice day all-in-all.

Saturday, 11.—Bright morning with some fleecy clouds here and there. Temperature moderate. Evening cloudy.

Sunday, 12.—Morning bright and gave hopes of a pleasant day. High winds pretty much all day; mud drying up. At night cloudy.

Monday, 13.—Rainy morning; cloudy and damp all day. More mud.

Tuesday, 14.—St. Valentine's day was warm, very much like Spring, with soft and hazy clouds hanging about the sky.

Wednesday, 15.—Morning clear and bright. Air crisp.

Lamb Bros' beer is the coldest and best in the market.

New Ten-Pin Alley.

Having purchased the Spotswood Ten-Pin Alley, and remodeled the same, and supplied the Alley with the best and newest balls, I wish to inform my friends and lovers of this delightful game, that they will find everything in first-class style, and the Alley conducted in a proper manner. No betting or gambling will be allowed, and the best of order preserved. Give me a call, and I will guarantee satisfaction. Jan. 26-tf. JOHN WALLACE.

Elegant snacks at Lamb Bros'. Call on Court day.

Thanks to our friend John S. Lewis for a lot of garden seeds. Mr. Lewis will open on East Market street this week a seed depot, in the building next to Jno. Saund's tin store, where he will have for sale all kinds of seeds, of his own raising, as well as seeds raised in other parts of the country.

Mr. Lewis is a fine gardener and knows all about seeds, and it may be worth while to consult him before purchasing. As the season advances he will add fresh vegetables to his stock in his new place of business. Give him a call and look at his stock.

Hot drinks a speciality at Lamb Bros'.

Houck & Wallis have a small lot of prime, heavy Winter Boots on hand that will be sold off at low prices, to make room for their Spring Stock which is now coming in. It will pay to buy them for next winter. Call in and examine them on Court day.

Drink Wallace's 8 year old Monticello Whiskey.

In visiting Harrisonburg it will be a surprise as well as a pleasure to visit the large and well ordered establishment of Rohr Bros, on Main Street. Their Hardware Department is complete and embraces everything to be found in that line, and always at the lowest prices. In their Grocery Department there is nothing wanting to make it attractive, and their goods are always the freshest and cheapest. They keep everything to be found in first-class establishments in their line, at wholesale and retail.

Go to Wallace's and smoke the "Little Eddie" cigar; he goes for local option.

The sale of unstamped oleomargarine or "sue's" butter in Cleveland is punished by a fine of \$25.—Ee.

Even oleomargarine would be an improvement upon the larger proportion of the "wagon grease" sold in this market and called "fresh" butter. There are a whole lot of people, who make a stuff called butter in this country who are going down to hell on the same road that Ananias is said to have taken. A butter inspector is badly needed.

Wallace's 7 year old Clemmer Whiskey holds the fort.

When you come to town on Court day, or any other day, call in at Houck & Wallis' and examine their large stock of Breaching, Break and Buggy Harness, made of the best material and by first-class workman, and prices lower than usual.

Spring Dale Whiskey has a world-wide reputation and can be had of H. Rosenheim, Baltimore. He being the exclusive patentee, and proprietor of that celebrated brand. For sale by John Kavanaugh, at Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg.

Red Sole Leather at Houck & Wallis' for 25 cents per pound. They are receiving an extra quantity this week to be prepared for Court day.

Letter from Dale Enterprise.

DALE ENTERPRISE, VA., Feb. 11, 1893.

Pursuant to a call from the President, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the H. & R. S. Turnpike Company was held at Pine Grove School-house on Saturday, the 4th of the present month.

Notwithstanding the fearful inclemency of the weather, a sufficient number, including those represented by proxy, were present to constitute a quorum. The house was called to order by B. E. Long in the chair and J. W. Minnich as secretary of the meeting. The usual business of the house was being proceeded with, when, on motion, the constitution and by-laws of the company were read for the benefit of the stockholders, after which the question of toll privileges and compensation of officers was brought up, which at once sprung a subject that provoked quite a lengthy and heated discussion, all of which, the chairman, Mr. Long, controlled and governed in such a manly and impartial manner as to do him much credit as a presiding officer.

Quiet being once more restored, the transaction of business of minor importance was disposed of, when the election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order. Quite a large list of names were put in nomination, including those of the old Board, three or four of whom, however, voluntarily declined and positively refused to have their names placed upon the list of nominations, although requested by their friends to do so. Among those who declined were the president, secretary and treasurer.

The voting resulted in the election of Jacob Funkhouser for president; Jos. T. Logan, John H. Frank, James C. Helzel, L. A. Showalter and A. Andes as the directors. On motion the house adjourned to meet in annual session on the first Saturday in February, 1893.

Solomon Buster seems to be the champion skunk killer of West Rockingham. Within a comparatively short interval of time he has killed no less than eleven of these "varmints."

A dry-kiln containing about 1500 feet of pine lumber, belonging to Mr. Austin Coakley, who lives in the Coakley-town section, caught fire on Thursday morning last and was destroyed. Having a dwelling-house under way, this loss falls heavily upon Mr. Coakley, who supports his family by the sweat of his brow, and out of his honest savings during the past year, had bought the lumber. Under such a trying misfortune he deserves the aid and assistance of his neighbors and friends everywhere.

Michael Lineweaver, a resident of Allen Co., Ohio, and a son of James A. Lineweaver, Esq., of this place, is at present on a visit to his father and other relatives in this section.

The snow, which fell to the depth of 14 inches on Saturday, the 4th, was somewhat of a reminder of the great snow fall of December 20th, 1880. Truly, those who believe that the movements of the "ground hog" effect the weather, have so far had their predictions verified.

Mr. Hugh Swope, one of the leading influential men of this community, has for a month past been a sufferer from an attack of pneumonia. His many friends are pleased to learn, however, that the disease has spent its force, and hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery.

On Tuesday of this week, as Erasmus Shank, who is a son of Jacob Shank, was driving homeward in a sleigh on the Rawley Springs pike, from Harrisonburg, his horse, from some cause, took fright just opposite the new church at Weaver's, and ran away, and after throwing "Haw" out into the snow, completely demolished the sleigh.

It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that I note from time to time the bits of information in the column "scientific," which I find are prepared expressly for the COMMONWEALTH by some "ripe scholar." Such scraps of wholesome food cannot fail to be very satisfying and refreshing to the popular mind.

More anon. H. J. L.

For pure medicinal whiskeys go to John Wallace's.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—C. I. B. Brane will deliver a temperance lecture at the United Brethren church at Mt. Clinton, on Friday night, February 17th, 1893, in which he will discuss the issues involved in Local Option. A Local Option Alliance will be organized at the same time, and all parties interested in the movement are invited to attend.

Gum Boots, Gum Leggings, Gum Coats, in large variety at Houck & Wallis'.

PARADE.—The Harrisonburg Guards will be out on parade on Wednesday next, February 22d, in honor of Washington's birthday anniversary. The 9th of March will close the first five years' service of this fine company of Virginia volunteer soldiers. We hope its organization will be continued.

Wallace is the only man who handles the celebrated Kentucky Bourbon.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Virginia will hold its annual session at Portsmouth, beginning on Tuesday next, February 21st. Dr. W. J. Points, Past Chancellor, is the representative from Stonewall Lodge, No. 81, of this place.

For an elegant plate of oysters call at John Wallace's.

It is needless for us to say more at present about our country roads. They speak for themselves, and louder than we can and more effectively. They are disgraceful to any people.

Lamb Bros' Local Option cigar surpasses anything in town.

The finest on the market is Roseheim's celebrated Spring Dale Whiskey. For sale by John Kavanaugh, at the Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg.

ABOUT HORSES.—NO. 3.

"Breeding Up." We do not yet propose to give up the important subject of horses, and the kind of that noble animal best suited for our people, both as farm horses and roadsters. Nor is this all of the subject that is interesting or important. The manner of training and caring for them is an essential not to be overlooked. We had hoped to have something from Maj. Chrisman or Captain Daingerfield this week, but in the absence of something from these gentlemen, or others well qualified to discuss this subject and advise our people, we copy the following from Wallace's Monthly, on the subject of "BREEDING UP."

"The articles on 'The American Farm Horse and how to Improve Him,' and 'Thirty years with Road Horses,' slightly touch upon a subject which seems to us worthy of the careful study of farmers, and especially of western farmers. The constantly increasing demand which for the past three years has been draining the Mississippi Valley of the best horses, and greatly enhanced their value, has at last awakened a new interest in their production. But a difficulty lies at the very threshold for those who wish to begin the enterprise, i. e. of securing proper broodmares. In the times of depression when horses were low, the buyers had pick and choice, and insisted on taking only such mares as came nearly or quite up to the standard, and in this way our country is robbed of the means of producing untold value. It needs but a casual examination to demonstrate the fact that we have—as a rule in many sections at least—a vastly inferior set of broodmares to those we had ten years ago. A few royal specimens of equine beauty and excellence may yet be found, but they cannot be secured by every one, and it is clear that whoever knowingly starts with defective animals hoping somehow to meet demands of the present market, is defeated at the outset; for, bred carefully as we may, there will be only too many in the 'rejected' list on account of accidents and disease.

"There is one course left open to those whose purses do not enable them to own broodmares of the right stamp to start with, and that is 'breeding up.' This term has so long been used to signify breeding to a thoroughbred, that we should discard it were there a familiar expression equally adapted to our purpose.

"In this article the words simply mean increasing size, without impairing other desirable qualities. All over our country we find a class of mares rejected on account of size alone, and thus happily preserved to us, small but well built, up headed, high steppers, with large full eyes, clean limbs and iron feet. Many of them standing up for years under the severest kind of work and outlasting larger horses at all sorts of labor. While we would recommend the man who owns a fine styled, sound, 16 hand mare, to sell part of his farm rather than let her go, we do not think a man who does not own such a one need give up the idea of raising colts at a profit. With some care in selection, he can find among the animals of the class above described, one which although only 14 hands and turning the scale at 900 hundred, may be a good mother and breed larger than herself. With such a start if he is liable in a few years to increase the size by legitimate methods so as to produce 16 hand, 1,300 lb. horses, his profits may exceed those of the man who started in advance.

"Can this be done? We think it has and can. Between 30 and 40 years ago, a man who found life an up hill journey came West and cast his lot with the first settlers of a new community. He at first rented from others but at length purchased a tract of land, which by his industry and the subsequent good management of his sons, has since become one of the finest estates in the country. "A first good mate has been so for one to two hundred dollars each, and as high as \$700, refused for a team. Horses from this place have taken many premiums both in light and heavy harness, and representatives of the stock have brought good prices both in eastern and western cities. Those now on the place weigh from 1,150 to 1,550 lbs., average fast 1,400.

"There are other farmers in the neighborhood who have had a somewhat similar success, but we shall only try to explain the methods of the place under consideration. "The proprietors as has been shown had to rely upon themselves, and being gifted with a certain constructive genius, they became successful farmers and noted breeders. The sum and substance of their breeding is to avoid extreme outcrosses, to select with great care the sire calculated to produce the results desired, and then to increase the size by liberal feeding and judicious care. At weaning time the colts are broken to lead nicely. The first winter they are stabled and fed liberally and have a daily run in fine weather. The second winter also they are fed and sheltered until they are run out, but with plenty to eat. In the spring of their third year they are put to light work enough to make them bidable in harness, with some training in the hay field and on the road. In the fourth summer they run at perfect

