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HARRISONBURG, VA. THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1882.

TERMS:--\$1.50 A YEAR.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS, NEW SHOES, NEW HATS.**  
Having just returned from Baltimore with a fine and cheap stock of  
**Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes,**  
Complete Stock of Millinery.  
I only ask an examination of my stock to prove to you that I sell  
**CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST.**  
**HAMBURG, HAMBURG, HAMBURG,**  
**FROM 2 CENTS A YARD AND UP.**  
Respectfully,  
**Mrs. LENA HELLER.**

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD OUT MY ENTIRE STOCK OF  
**Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods**  
To Mr. Wm. Loeb, and all those indebted to me will please call and make immediate payment to him.  
April 25, 1882. Respectfully,  
**S. KLINGSTEIN.**

HAVING BOUGHT THE STOCK OF GOODS OF MR. KLINGSTEIN, AND EXPECTING TO ADD AN  
OTHER DEPARTMENT, I WILL SELL

## GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES

For the next 30 days at Cost for Cash.  
**A CALL SOLICITED.**  
April 25, 1882. **WM. LOEB.**

## ANOTHER GRAND OPPORTUNITY

The Greatest Bargains that can be Bought in Harrisonburg.

## A Splendid Stock of New Goods at Bottom Prices!

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF

## MENS' YOUTHS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING.

Hats, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Rubber Goods, &c.

Our efforts this season fully maintain our well deserved reputation for selling the best goods in the market, and at very reasonable prices. We unhesitatingly claim the largest stock of goods in the Valley, and by far the largest stock in town. We sell

Good Suits for \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$10. Fine Fur Hats for \$2.25, and other Goods at same low rates.

If you want to see the choicest lot of goods in this market, call and examine our immense stock. We mean business. We have the goods to suit you, and are going to sell them at short profits.

**D. M. SWITZER & SON,**  
South Side Public Square, Harrisonburg, Va.

## CHINA, GLASS AND QUEENWARE.

## IMMENSE STOCK.

ROAD TO SCHMIDT'S

## J. A. Loewenbach & Son

Would call public attention to the large stock of goods in their line now in store. Give them a call before purchasing.

## The Largest Stock and the Lowest Prices in the Valley.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

SOUTH SIDE OF PUBLIC SQUARE.

## NEW GOODS:

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTH WITH THE

## Largest and Most Complete Stock

EVER BROUGHT TO HARRISONBURG, AND AM NOW PREPARED

## TO SELL CHEAPER THAN EVER!

My stock this season has been selected with great care, and I am satisfied I can please all.

**Tuscaloosa Cotton Yarn, Five Pounds to Each Package, For 90c Package.**

ALL WOOL DUNTINGS, BLACK AND ALL COLORS, 35 CENTS PER YARD.

Respectfully,  
**WM. LOEB.**

**D. B. SHOWALTER.**

**FARMERS,**

And All Whom it May Concern!

WE WOULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEW FIRM OF

## Showalter & Thomas,

DEALERS IN

## Agricultural Implements and Machinery,

Consisting of ADVANCE, BRADLEY AND OTHER CHILLED PLOWS, BICKFORD HUFFMAN and HOOSIER GRAIN DRILLS, CHAMPION REAPERS and MOWERS, HAY RAKES, THRESHING MACHINES of various kinds, ROAD TRAMMERS and Portable Engines, SAW-MILLS, FEED CUTTERS, CORN SHRELLERS, STEEL MILLS, P. S. ALLEN & CO'S SEED DRILLS, HORSE HOE CULTIVATORS, and FIRE FLY HAND PLOWS, GUM and LEATHER BELTING, the Bridgeport Carriage and Agricultural Implement Company's

## Excellent Buggies & Carriages.

and everything kept in a first-class Implement House.

REPAIRS MADE A SPECIALTY.

WE ALSO KEEP ON HAND AN ASSORTMENT OF

## CHEMICALS and FERTILIZERS,

FOR SPRING AND FALL CROPS.

## GIVE US A CALL.

Respectfully,  
**SHOWALTER & THOMAS,**  
Office and Warehouse near B. & O. Depot, Harrisonburg, Va.

## REAL ESTATE.

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

In the Town of Harrisonburg.

In pursuance of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, at the January term, 1882, in the case of *John S. Conrad, vs. Wm. C. G. A. Yancy & Co.* the following property is to be sold.

On Thursday, the 4th day of May, 1882, at the front door of the Court-house in Harrisonburg, Va., the following property is to be sold.

**SPOTSWOOD HOTEL,** situated on Main street. This hotel consists of a building containing 100 rooms and a billiard saloon, and ten piazzas.

TERMS:--One-fourth of the purchase money in hand on the day of sale, and upon the confirmation of the sale, with interest from the day of sale, and the balance upon a credit of one, two, three, four and five years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bonds with approved security and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

**J. S. CONRAD,** Ed. S. CONRAD, G. W. BERLIN, Commissioners.

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### COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A

### VALUABLE FARM OF 105 ACRES.

About 1 1/2 Miles North of Harrisonburg, on the Kratzer Road.

Pursuant to a decree rendered on the 9th and 23d days of February, 1882, in the chancery cause of *Gordon & Williams vs. John S. Lewis, et al.* and *Wm. C. G. A. Yancy & Co. vs. John S. Lewis, et al.* the following property is to be sold.

On Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1882, that valuable little FARM OF 105 ACRES, belonging to John S. Lewis, lying about 1 1/2 miles North of Harrisonburg, on the Kratzer Road.

This property lies on the left bank of the Shenandoah River, and is a good state of cultivation.

TERMS:--Enough cash in hand to pay costs of sale and the cost of the deed, and the balance upon a credit of one, two, three, four and five years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bonds with approved security and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

**WINFIELD LUGGETT,** J. S. CONRAD, G. W. BERLIN, Commissioners.

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### VERY VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE.

By virtue of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, at the January term, 1882, in the chancery cause of *George H. Hays, et al. vs. Samuel M. Bowman, et al.* the following property is to be sold.

On Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1882, in front of the Court-house in Harrisonburg, Va., the following property is to be sold.

**FRANK DWELLING,** nearly new, containing 10 rooms, fruit trees, and a well, and all the necessary outbuildings.

The situation is most desirable, commanding a fine and extensive view of the city and river. Such property is seldom thrown on the market.

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**ED. S. CONRAD,** O. B. HOLMES, Special Commissioners.

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### FOR RENT.

The House, for several years occupied as a Boarding-house, on the corner of the Public Square and known as the "Pine House" is offered for rent. The house contains some 12 or 13 rooms and is in a very desirable location. The house is conveniently arranged and commodious. Call on

**O'NEAL & PATTERSON.**

### LEGAL.

### COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

**J. E. CONRAD, Deft.,** vs. **E. M. SHAFER, Compt.**

IN CHANCERY.

The Court doth adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Master Commissioners of this Court, with instructions to report an account of the real estate of said E. M. Shaffer, and where situated.

2d. That the said Master Commissioner do report to the Court the value of the real estate of said E. M. Shaffer, and where situated.

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4th. That any other matter which may be required by the Court be done by the Master Commissioner.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of said Court, this 25th day of April, 1882.

**Ed. S. Conrad, C. J.**

### NOTICE.

To Wm. Crawshaw:--You are hereby notified that I will, at No. 120 West Fayette street, Baltimore, Md., on Friday, May 12th, 1882, at 10 o'clock, A. M., take the depositions of *Samuel D. Taylor* and others, to be read as evidence in the case of *Wm. C. G. A. Yancy & Co. vs. John S. Lewis, et al.* at which said time and place you are required to appear.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of said Court, this 25th day of April, 1882.

**Ed. S. Conrad, C. J.**

### SPRING SUPPLIES!!

**GEO. S. CHRISTIE,** The Old Reliable Merchant Tailor and Clothier.

WILSON'S NEW BUILDING, S. SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.

Would respectfully call attention to his new stock of goods for the spring and summer of 1882.

His stock consists of all the latest styles of clothing, and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS of latest styles, which will be found some of the choicest articles ever brought to this city. He has also a large stock of goods for the ladies, and is prepared to make up all the latest styles of dresses and suits.

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## MEDICAL.

### "IT IS COMMON."

So are the stars in the arching skies,  
So are the smiles in the children's eyes;  
Common the life-giving breath of Spring,  
So are the songs which the wild birds sing;  
Blessed be God, they are common.

Common the grass in its glowing green,  
So is the water's glistening sheen;  
Common the spring of love and mirth,  
So are the precious gifts of earth.

Common the fragrance of rose June,  
So is the generous harvest-moon;  
So are the towering misty hills,  
So are the twittering, trickling rills.

Common the beautiful tints of the Fall,  
So is the sun, which is over all;  
Common the rain, with its pattering fest--  
So is the bread, which we daily eat;  
Blessed be God, it is common!

So is the sea, in his wild unrest--  
Kissing forever the earth's brown breast!  
So is the voice of undying prayer,  
Evermore piercing the ambient air;

So, unto all, are the "promises" given;  
So, unto all, is the hope of heaven;  
Common the rest from the weary strife--  
So is the life, which is after life!

Blessed be God, it is common!

### "I am Coming."

A little girl who was playing near the edge of a precipice suddenly felt the ground give beneath her feet and before she had time to spring back to a place of safety she slipped over the brow of the terrible abyss. With the instinct of despair and that of love of life implanted in us all, she snatched at the grass and tall weeds within her reach. Her little fingers dug deep into the ground and stayed her downward course. There she hung suspended, until she heard a voice which sounded very far off, saying in a firm, encouraging tone, "I am coming; keep looking up!"

Instinctively she obeyed; she never glanced downward, but clung faster to her only chance of safety. Again the voice came nearer--spoke hopefully, "I am coming; keep looking up!"

In another moment two strong hands had seized her own in a firm clasp, and she felt herself drawn gently and cautiously upward. Then she was lifted into two great loving arms, and closed her eyes upon her father's face.

It was his turn now to look up. He did so in thankfulness to the great God in heaven who had preserved his child. Dear reader, where are you standing? Is it upon sandy foundation which may give way at any time, or are your feet upon the rock? If not yet safe, oh, let me urge you to look up to the great Deliverer who has come, and whose arms are outstretched in love, anxious to save, and able to save to the uttermost all who come unto Him.

**A Legend.**

There was a dispute among three maidens as to which had the most beautiful hair. One sat by the stream and dipped her hand in the water, and held it up; another plucked strawberries until the ends of her fingers were pink; and another, gathered violets until her hands were fragrant. An old haggard woman passing by asked, "Who will give me a gift for I am poor?" All three denied her; but another who sat near, unheeded in the stream, unstained with fruit, adorned with flowers, gave her a gift, and satisfied the poor woman. And then she asked them what was the dispute, and they told her. "Beautiful indeed," said she, when she saw them. But when they asked her which was the most beautiful, she said, "It is not the hand that is washed clean in the brook, it is not the hand that is stained with fragrant flowers, but it is the hand that gives to the poor which is the most beautiful." As she said these words, her wrinkles faded, her staff was thrown away, and she stood before them an angel from heaven with authority to decide the question in dispute.

**Home is more to a woman than to a man.** It is her temple. She is its goddess, its priestess, its mother and its father. A man doesn't look so longingly back at the old home, though it never cost him a cent, bought all his clothes and sent him to college. A man likes his home when he gets acquainted in it, because there his stupidity passes for the profoundest wisdom. His father is all right at home, though it needs a glossary to get at their meaning if they indicate the laughing place. When a man dies he is wept for at home, but the cold world moves right along as if nothing had happened; fond lovers come to his grave, even wear his tombstone smooth sitting on it, contract bad poetry and worse rheumatism, and burden the air with labial confectionery. I've heard that there were skeletons in many homes. They never get their unless they are brought--  
**Robert J. Burdett.**

### Particular Notice.

All the drawings will be under the exclusive supervision and control of **GEN. G. T. BEAUREGARD** and **JUBAL A. EARLY.**

**A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A FORTUNE. FIFTH GRAND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW CLOAKS, NEW COATS, NEW DRESS SUITS, NEW TROUSERS, NEW HATS, NEW BOOTS, NEW SHOES, NEW GLOVES, NEW HOSIERY, NEW UNDERWEAR, NEW ACCESSORIES, NEW TOILET ARTICLES, NEW JEWELRY, NEW WATCHES, NEW OPTICAL GOODS, NEW BOOKS, NEW PAPERS, NEW STATIONERY, NEW FANCY GOODS, NEW TOYS, NEW GAMES, NEW SPORTING GOODS, NEW TRAVELING GOODS, NEW CAMPING GOODS, NEW FISHING GOODS, NEW HUNTING GOODS, NEW BOWLING GOODS, NEW GOLFING GOODS, NEW TENNIS GOODS, NEW CRICKET GOODS, NEW BASEBALL GOODS, NEW FOOTBALL GOODS, NEW RUGBY GOODS, NEW HOCKEY GOODS, NEW ICE SKATING GOODS, NEW SKIING GOODS, NEW SNOWSHOEING GOODS, NEW CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING GOODS, NEW ALPINE SKIING GOODS, NEW WINTER SPORTS GOODS, NEW SUMMER SPORTS GOODS, NEW OUTDOOR SPORTS GOODS, NEW INDOOR SPORTS GOODS, NEW AMUSEMENT GOODS, NEW ENTERTAINMENT GOODS, NEW SOCIAL GOODS, NEW FAMILIAL GOODS, NEW DOMESTIC GOODS, NEW PERSONAL GOODS, NEW CAREER GOODS, NEW PROFESSIONAL GOODS, NEW BUSINESS GOODS, NEW FINANCIAL GOODS, NEW 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# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Thursday Morning, May 4, 1892.

The work of the disintegration of the Mahone power goes on, and patriotic rejoices as the evidence of the fact increases. Massey has gone from the concern, the "big five" have followed; Fulkerson has excited the ire of the "boss," and Fowler is to be his opponent for Congress; Stovall has dropped from under the impending "dead fall," and it is fair to assume that the above list of leaders will carry with them a fair share of voters from Mahone's cause.

## THE SCENE CHANGES.

The inordinate greed for offices shown by the Mahonites has had the effect that might reasonably have been anticipated. The people are turning in disgust from the rapacious horde, composed as it is of incongruous elements, who united in the scramble from the patriotic inspiration of hope of office alone. The coalition or combination is without other attractive or cohesive power, and as a consequence, like many another political rebellion, will soon end its days in a merited disgrace. This is a consummation most devoutly to be wished, and the better element of this State must naturally and inevitably prevail in the management of public affairs.

As a further evidence of the disintegration going on, and even "straws show which way the wind blows" sometimes, we clip the following bit of sharp lecturing from the last Valley Virginian, a paper which entered heartily into the coalition movement:

"The inordinate and insane greed for office—whether by honor or emolument, or either, or not—exhibited by the Readjusters, was absolutely disgusting. The delirium of success seemed to turn their heads inside out, and with an impudence and insulting arrogance the like of which, even in a miniature degree, we have never before known, they grabbed with insatiable maw, for every crumb in the present or prospective, both State and national, appropriating to themselves everything they could command—totally insensible to the common decencies and proprieties of political association, and without a consideration for their past and future identity."

When the acts and doings of the recent legislature are fully known, and when the laws adopted by it are published and put into operation, we incline to the belief that there are many who helped to elect the representatives, who went to Richmond last winter, will conclude that the changes made are not as beneficial as they at first glance might appear. The whipping post law was repealed, not modified as it should have been; the capitation-tax prerequisite was repealed, and it is a matter of very doubtful expediency. Large sums of money were wasted however, and useless offices created. Charters of cities and towns have been altered or amended in the interest of party, contrary to the will of the people especially affected by the changes. Time was frittered away in disgraceful partisan contention, which should have been given to the advancement of paramount interests pertaining to the whole State. In short, it was an assembly of heated partisans engaged in revolution, rather than a body of wise legislators, impressed with the weight of their responsibilities, and moved by a desire to advance and promote the interests of the State at large.

We cannot justly here enumerate the long catalogue of delinquencies, which marked the legislative action of last winter. There is very little to commend and much to condemn.

We believe that when the tax bill is put into operation there is going to be a good deal of twisting and squirming, and though the tax rates on real estate have been reduced from 50 to 40 cents on the \$100 of value, yet the deficiency has been more than met by exactions from other quarters, which will affect the farming class as seriously, and perhaps more, than when the rate stood at 50 cents on the \$100. We are not fully prepared to discuss this new measure just yet, preferring to wait until we can give it further and more careful reading. One feature will strike every Virginian as queer, and its iniquitous feature—requiring every man to reveal everything pertaining to his business, perhaps not sparing him the necessity of recording the list of those indebted to him in a business way. Nor is this all. The whole thing has to be sworn to, not upon the basis of equity, allowing one claim to offset another, but written down as a *certain* sum of debt due, upon which a tax is to be paid, no matter whether the debt is worth ten or one hundred cents on the dollar. Worse still, all not so recorded or reported are not collectable by law in any of the Courts of the State. This is our understanding of it, and we hope we are mistaken in the cursory reading we have been able to give it. If it should be that we have misunderstood we shall cheerfully correct it, as we shall recur to this subject again, perhaps not only once but repeatedly.

There are other features equally obnoxious which we cannot refer to today, having neither time nor space for the purpose. The tax upon traveling salesmen is one of these, which, as we understand it, discriminates against our own people, and yet so oppressive to outsiders. Such legislation in would effect, in a few years, build a Chinese wall around Virginia, isolating us from trade, and serve to compel all energy and capital to depart from us and bid us good-by forever.

Mr. Fulkerson, who is not now a follower of General Mahone, voted with the democrats of the U. S. House of Representatives to allow others than Union soldiers and sailors to be members of the police force of Washington. The name of Mr. Paul, who continues to be one of the General's followers, is not recorded among those who voted on the question.—*Alex. Gazette.*

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## ALLEN VS. KENDALL.

An Interesting Case.

From the Richmond Dispatch, April 28.

Yesterday morning Justice D. C. Richardson had a large and respectable audience at the morning session of the Police Court. The case of George H. Kendall, of the Kendall Bank-Note Company, was to be disposed of, and this was the attraction.

Mr. Kendall was present with counsel, consisting of Judge W. W. Crump and Mr. Edgar Allan and Mr. George F. Sheldon, secretary of the Kendall Company.

When the case was called, Mr. S. B. Witt, who represented the Commonwealth, announced his readiness to proceed, but stated that one of his witnesses, Governor Cameron, was very busy and would have to be sent for.

### THE AUDITOR'S EVIDENCE.

The first witness called to the stand was S. Brown Allen, State Auditor. He said: "I first met Mr. Kendall in my office in the Capitol. He was introduced to me on the morning of the 18th of this month in the Capitol. He was introduced by Mr. Chesterman, of the Dispatch. He said that he was the representative of the Kendall Company to put in a bid for the contract for printing the bonds of the State under the Riddleberger bill, and that he wanted to put in such a bid. He asked me what we wanted. I told him how many bonds we wanted. I asked him in, and he came in and asked me in the calculation because Kendall wanted to know how many different classes of bonds, registered coupons, and the different denominations. Mr. Newman assisted us in that calculation. That was all that transpired on that occasion, except that Mr. Kendall, before going, asked the Auditor to come to his room at the Exchange Hotel to look at some specimens of his work, which I consented to do. [Here Mr. Allen asked for a glass of water, which being given him, he resumed.] The exact time of that conversation I do not recollect, but perhaps it was about 3 o'clock. I was going to dinner. I said I would be there at 4 o'clock at his room to look at the specimens. I went there at 4 o'clock, and met Mr. Kendall. He went to his bundle, and I examined the specimens. I don't know how long we were talking about them. After getting through looking at the specimens he asked if our Board would conclude the contract the next day. I told him I thought so, and that he could put in his bid. He asked if I was satisfied with the work, and I told him I had little experience in regard to it, but that if he would transmit his work with his bid, we would compare it with the other specimens that had been furnished the Board. 'Well, now,' said he, after we had put aside the work, 'I want to ask whether my bid is to be net, or an 11 to arrange for a rebate?' I said it was to be net. 'Well,' said he, 'we are in the habit of often doing when getting a job of this sort of giving the man who gets a job worth ten or twelve thousand dollars a thousand or two.' I said, 'I hope nothing of that sort will be in this transaction.' I reached then for my hat to go. He said, 'Well, sir, I hope you won't get angry if, when you got this contract, I shall make you a handsome present.' I said, 'I don't suppose you mean to offend me in any way.' He said, 'No,' and that it was customary to give rebates of commission to the man whose influence got them these sort of jobs."

### CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Judge Crump commenced cross-examination by asking him about the offer he charges Kendall with making in the hotel. Witness repeated what is above written.

"Did you report the fact of this offer to the authorities?"

"I did. To the Governor, Attorney-General, State Treasurer, and Second Auditor."

"How long were you in Kendall's room?"

"Not more than twenty minutes. I saw my fellow-commissioners at the next meeting of the Board. I do not remember saying anything to them about the corrupt offer. I saw them at the next meeting of the Board, held on Wednesday last at 4 o'clock. I did not go to the Governor's office that day, but did go to see the Attorney-General."

"Why was it that you did not mention to the balance of the Board, who are engaged in the same work with yourself and charged with the same high duties, the fact that a corrupt offer had been made by you?"

"I thought the proper time to do this was officially, when the Board was in session."

"Why?"

"I thought the Board could not act unless it was in session."

"Why did you think it proper to tell others and not them?"

"I told the Governor because I wanted to act under his advice."

"The Governor is not the law officer of the State; why did you go to him?"

"I wanted to make the statement known to him. I don't know that I had any special reason. He did not advise me to take criminal action. I made the same statement to him I have made here."

"Why was the warrant not taken out then instead of on the 24th instant?"

"I was advised by the Governor to await his action. Captain Blair did not advise action, and I determined to wait until he did."

"Had the contract been given at this time to Kendall?"

"Yes. The Board voted to award the contract before the warrant was issued."

"Did you not make affidavit to an application for an injunction?"

"Yes."

"Did not Attorney-General Blair try to stop the execution of the contract by an injunction?"

"I believe he did."

"Where did you swear to the injunction?"

"I don't know; may have been in Capt. Blair's office, or perhaps in mine. It was served on me yesterday. I do not know who signed the bill since it was sworn out. I think it was in Blair's hands."

Judge Crump: "Do you know of any other having been made that if the contract with the Kendall Company would be withdrawn or annulled the injunction would not be served?"

"I do not."

"Did you make any such offer yourself?"

"I did not. I saw Mr. Kendall on the 19th of April, perhaps the 20th, and the Board had voted to award the contract when I took out the warrant for the arrest of Kendall. The bond of \$100,000 required by the Board had not been given when the warrant was issued. Governor Cameron told me Kendall was in the city. I didn't know he was here to execute bond, and Cameron advised me to swear out a warrant. Last Wednesday Kendall was in my office, and was in the hall of the House of Delegates. Kendall beckoned me out, and asked if I had received his bid. I told him no, and said I would go down into my office and be certain. I did so, and Kendall went in with me. He said he had received a telegram calling him away, and he would

### LEAVE HIS BID IN MY HANDS.

I said, very well, and he went out. I saw him again about an hour before the Board met that afternoon."

"Mr. Allen, do you mean to say that after what you conceived to be an offer to bribe you, that you told this man that you would take charge of his bid and attend to it?"

"I said very well, sir; and I think he understood what I intended to do. I think he suspected I was unfavorable to his cause, but I had not so informed him."

"Did you mean to receive the bid?"

"Yes, sir; I intended to lay the whole matter before the Board. I told the Board what I have stated here. I gave several reasons for opposing the Kendall Company. I told them that this company was opposed to us, while the American Bank-Note Company

FAVORED THE READJUSTER PARTY, and, all things being equal, I was in favor of rewarding our friends."

"How could a corporation be unfriendly to a party? I don't understand this. Explain what you mean?"

"I can't explain. I had been informed that the Kendall Company was opposed to readjustment."

"How did you know the American Bank-Note Company was favorable to Readjusters?"

"Yes, sir."

"I had understood it was. I had seen the agent of the company here and talked with him. He came here some time before the Board met. He told me he was a bidder for the contract. I went to his room and examined his bid. I voted at the first meeting for the American Company, when I was told that the bids would be kept open, as other bids were expected."

"What was the difference to the State in the bids?"

"I can't tell. I know the Kendall Company's bid was the lowest. I did not compare the designs of rival companies."

QUESTIONED BY MR. EDGAR ALLAN. "At what time did you swear out the warrant?"

"Monday afternoon. Governor Cameron sent for me Monday morning and showed me the law. Blair had not said anything about such a law. As soon as I could get a justice took out the warrant. Mr. R. D. Ward went with me in search of a justice. He told me Kendall had been to see him, and told him (witness) that Kendall had been there and made affidavit to a paper that he would not allow him (Ward) to read, and that therefore he could not arrest him. The first bid was received of Kendall's affidavit, the contents of which I first heard read before the Board. I saw

THE GOVERNOR ON THE 19TH. He was still in the city, and he said nothing about arrest. He said he would take the matter under consideration, and asked me to act under his advice. I don't recollect that I saw the Governor between the 19th and 18th instant."

COMPENSATE. "Did Mr. Kendall use the word 'compensate' in his talk to you in the hotel?"

"I have told you what he said. He did not use the word 'compensate,' nor did he say anything about it."

"Then you admit that the word 'compensate,' used in your protest, was not used by the accused?"

"I have told you what I said."

"What were the words when Mr. Kendall asked you if you would object to accepting a handsome present?"

"Well, I said, 'I'll see about it,' or words to that effect."

MR. WITT'S QUESTIONS. Mr. Witt asked witness: "Did not other members of the Board admit in your presence that others similar to the one made by you had been made them?"

"Mr. Dyson said he had been approached by Kendall in the same manner, but he had stopped him."

A legal question growing out of a question asked by Mr. Witt caused Judge Crump to explain the difference between counsel for accused and prosecuting attorneys. The latter, he said, ought to hold the scales of justice evenly."

Mr. Witt replied that he "was shooting at the covey, and he intended to have all the evidence in the case brought out, let the blame fall wherever it might."

The Court stopped the controversy. Witness denied that he had ever told Mr. Kendall that the American Bank-Note Company had given \$5,000 to Mahone for the campaign fund, or that he had told Kendall that \$1,000 would be agreeable; both of which statements had been made by Kendall in his affidavit.

In speaking in connection with the friendly attitude of the American Bank-Note Company, Mr. Allan asked the witness:

"I understood the one was kindly disposed toward our party and the other was not."

"Did you understand how they had shown their friendship?"

"I did not that I remember, though I may have heard that they gave a contribution."

COLONEL LADY'S STATEMENT. Colonel J. B. Lady, member of the House from Rockbridge, was the next witness sworn.

Mr. Witt: "Were you the agent negotiating between the Kendall Company and the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for the award of this contract?"

"No, sir."

Mr. Witt: "Did you state to Colonel Jones that \$2,500 would be paid to the Board for the award of this contract?"

Ruled out. Witness stated that he had met Kendall for the first time on the evening of Tuesday, and was introduced to him by either Revely or Dyson; had a general conversation with Kendall then; and on that occasion Kendall did not say anything to him with reference to influencing the action of the Board, and witness knew nothing as to that save what he had read in the papers.

GOVERNOR CAMERON having been sent for, appeared in court and testified as to his knowledge of the matter. He stated that he had heard on his return to the city from Petersburg that a certain resolution requiring any action of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners to be subject to the review of the Governor had been offered in the Senate. He inquired as to the cause of the resolution, and heard something. Friday morning Mr. Allen came to him (the Governor), and reported officially his statement in that matter. Witness said he heard the statement, and then told Mr. Allen to remain subject to his advice and orders in the premises.

Nothing further transpired within the knowledge of the witness until Sunday last, and then he (witness) was at the Exchange Hotel in the evening and met Kendall in the corridor. On Monday last he (the Governor) sent for Mr. Allen and informed him that Kendall was in the city, and directed him to swear out a warrant for his arrest. This was all he knew of the matter.

The Commonwealth here rested its case, and the Court took a recess until 3 o'clock.

CLOSING THE CASE. When the Court opened at 3 o'clock, Second Auditor H. H. Dyson took the stand, and his testimony will appear more complete under the following cross-examination:

Mr. Witt asked: "By whom were you introduced to Mr. Kendall?"

"By Mr. Revely."

"Where were you at the time of your first conversation with Mr. Kendall?"

"With Mr. Revely, in his room."

"How long after he made the statement which could be construed as similar to the remark made to Auditor Allen was it before Kendall explained the matter?"

"At the same meeting; not more than a minute elapsed before he did so."

"What were your words in reply to Mr. Allen's charge against the Kendall Company?"

"I told him, even admitting his charges

were true, the company he wanted to award the contract to was equally guilty."

"Then the reason you awarded the contract to the Kendall Company was that you thought this company as bad as the American Bank-Note Company?"

"No, sir; not at all. Shepherd, the American Bank-Note Company agents was."

INTRODUCED BY LOBBYISTS. That was one reason."

"Who were they?"

"Well, Asa Rogers was one. Other parties also sought to influence my vote."

"I don't know that I ought to call it influence but General Mahone is another who talked to me. It may have been legitimate on his part. He spoke of the superior quality of the American Bank-Note Company's work."

"By what term Mahone a lobbyist?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can you recollect who you heard say that the American Bank-Note Company had given Mahone \$5,000 for political purposes?"

"I heard a good many. I do not recall names; perhaps the agents of the Chicago and Kendall companies and Colonel Lady. It was a common rumor in the mouth of everybody that the American Company did it."

"Did you object to this?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then, there are three reasons why you voted against the American Company—first, introduced by Asa Rogers; second, Mahone's influence; third, being guilty of bribery and corruption. Are there any other reasons?"

"The Kendall Company's work was better and cheaper, and I wanted to protect the State's interest; and I did not

BELIEVE A WORD OF ALLEN'S STATEMENT."

"Why?"

"Mr. Allen had been offered a bribe to give his duty to have spent in the face of the man making it, and then to have seized him by the collar, as I would have done, and dragged him to the nearest policeman. I had no idea in my official capacity of awarding a contract where the interests of the State are involved to parties as reward for political service. I think it is time Allen was stopped."

Mr. Witt here congratulated the witness upon his "new faith" which Mr. Dyson resented by referring the Attorney to his (Dyson's) people, who had known him all his life.

"Why did you think Allen did not tell the truth?"

"Because he withheld from the Board the statement of an attempt to bribe until the Chicago company's bid was thrown out, and I had moved that the bid of the Kendall Company be accepted, and he (Dyson) and Mr. Revely had expressed a favorable opinion of the Kendall Company. Then Allen said what he did, and it was at his instance that the Board adjourned until next day. He enjoined

on the part of the Board, and yet the next day Riddleberger offered a bill in the Senate depriving the Board of power to award contracts without the approval of the Governor. I and Revely were opposed to

FORFEIT OVERSIGHTING, and at once determined to take the matter in hand and award the contract to the Kendall Company before the resolution could be passed."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. EDGAR ALLAN. "What was the difference in the bids of the companies for the printing?"

"About \$1,500 in favor of the Kendall Company. The agent of the American Company was here for three weeks before the Board met. He was friendly to the Government. I and Revely were opposed to

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the ground of its bid being less. As to the injunction Mr. Dyson's statement is substantially correct. I suggested to Allen at Snelling's bar-room that he had better go and see Governor Cameron, who instructed Allen to await his decision.

"No, sir; not at all. Shepherd, the American Bank-Note Company agents was."

INTRODUCED BY LOBBYISTS. That was one reason."

"Who were they?"

"Well, Asa Rogers was one. Other parties also sought to influence my vote."

"I don't know that I ought to call it influence but General Mahone is another who talked to me. It may have been legitimate on his part. He spoke of the superior quality of the American Bank-Note Company's work."

"By what term Mahone a lobbyist?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can you recollect who you heard say that the American Bank-Note Company had given Mahone \$5,000 for political purposes?"

"I heard a good many. I do not recall names; perhaps the agents of the Chicago and Kendall companies and Colonel Lady. It was a common rumor in the mouth of everybody that the American Company did it."

"Did you object to this?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then, there are three reasons why you voted against the American Company—first, introduced by Asa Rogers; second, Mahone's influence; third, being guilty of bribery and corruption. Are there any other reasons?"

"The Kendall Company's work was better and cheaper, and I wanted to protect the State's interest; and I did not

BELIEVE A WORD OF ALLEN'S STATEMENT."

"Why?"

"Mr. Allen had been offered a bribe to give his duty to have spent in the face of the man making it, and then to have seized him by the collar, as I would have done, and dragged him to the nearest policeman. I had no idea in my official capacity of awarding a contract where the interests of the State are involved to parties as reward for political service. I think it is time Allen was stopped."

Mr. Witt here congratulated the witness upon his "new faith" which Mr. Dyson resented by referring the Attorney to his (Dyson's) people, who had known him all his life.

"Why did you think Allen did not tell the truth?"

"Because he withheld from the Board the statement of an attempt to bribe until the Chicago company's bid was thrown out, and I had moved that the bid of the Kendall Company be accepted, and he (Dyson) and Mr. Revely had expressed a favorable opinion of the Kendall Company. Then Allen said what he did, and it was at his instance that the Board adjourned until next day. He enjoined

on the part of the Board, and yet the next day Riddleberger offered a bill in the Senate depriving the Board of power to award contracts without the approval of the Governor. I and Revely were opposed to

FORFEIT OVERSIGHTING, and at once determined to take the matter in hand and award the contract to the Kendall Company before the resolution could be passed."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. EDGAR ALLAN. "What was the difference in the bids of the companies for the printing?"

"About \$1,500 in favor of the Kendall Company. The agent of the American Company was here for three weeks before the Board met. He was friendly to the Government. I and Revely were opposed to

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## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

### A Lesson for Us.

Roanoke, in Roanoke county, is going ahead at a tremendous rate, and there is greater development and growth there than at probably any other point in Virginia. We see it stated that the Roanoke Land and Improvement Company has recently contracted for the erection of two hundred additional new houses there, to be completed this summer.

Harrisonburg is located on the line of the B. & O. R. R., Valley Division. It is also on the line of what is now called the Atlantic & Ohio Railroad, from the Potomac to the Ohio river, not yet built. The latter road as laid out crosses the B. & O. in an almost straight line, and if ever built would place us in connection with the Shenandoah Valley Railroad at or about Elkton, in this county, 16 or 18 miles east of this town.

The question arises just here, have we expended in behalf of the construction of this road as much energy and persevering effort as we might have done? Could we not do just a little more to push forward this important work? We can offer no plan of operation. That we leave to able financial and business minds to devise.

Harrisonburg, with this road crossing the county from east to west, would spring forward in the race of progress in a most wonderful manner. Instead of its present population there would be double or thrice the number here in a short time. There would be sale for vacant lots; stone-masons, brick-masons, carpenters, painters, plasterers would find themselves overrun with orders for new buildings; there would be in consequence of the increased prosperity of the town; there being more people, grocers would be busy; clothing and dry goods merchants would rush off their stocks in a jiffy; the butchers would be enriched by the demand for "roasts," "steaks," etc. Farmers would find here a ready market. Money would circulate freely, and a rejuvenated feeling would take possession of every one in business here.

Smiling faces, by reason of general prosperity would be seen on every side. Will this be ever dawn for us? We earnestly believe so, but we may accelerate or postpone the hour by our own efforts or supineness. Is it not worth the effort? Cannot some steps be taken by which we can secure a connection with the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, at a very early day? This looks reasonable, and we believe if we but throw the energy of which we are capable into the effort it will succeed.

The Shenandoah Valley Railroad we believe would aid in the work to a large extent. Once that connection was made, necessity would compel the building of the road on through Bridgewater to the coal fields at least, nearly the whole of which route is graded, and in a few months could be put into operation. A simultaneous effort all along the line would secure it, and as to our town and county would accrue the greater benefits, for the farmer would be the most benefited of all, we should take the initiative, and no longer permit our important interests to be the football or plaything of speculators in railroad lines, charters, rights and franchises, of quarreling corporations who ruin us and all of our vast interests, whilst they spend the time in wrangles and amuse us with promises never fulfilled. If no other course will do, let the whole matter be placed in new and competent hands, and application be made for a railroad charter to cover the territory which other parties have already too long used as a battleground for contenting factions, and in which our interests, our prosperity and advancement are all bound up.

## "Bridge Building Extraordinary."

Editor Old Commonwealth:—Under the above caption there recently appeared in the Spirit of the Valley, which claims to be "liberal in all things," and which is very liberal in abuse and fault-finding with those who do not subscribe for the paper, or who may take the liberty of differing with its editor on matters of State or county policy. Why should not such a simon-pure—not gentleman—call in question the acts whether official or non-official of every one of its acquaintances?

Now let us examine the "statement of facts" gleaned through persons of the Cootes Store vicinity, some of which are not facts in the true meaning of the word: First, Judge Johnston did not appropriate \$1500, but instead \$1100, all that was asked for by the petitioners. Second, Milton Taylor, was not "empowered to draw the money and apply it to the building of the bridge," nor was he authorized by the Board of Supervisors to superintend, let to contract or receive proposals from any one to build the bridge, but was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to order the payment of said funds as the work upon the bridge progressed, which I did, after the work was under way, or in part at least, as funds were needed to pay for lumber, delivered for the bridge according to contract made by Mr. Bowers, commissioner of roads, with parties who furnished the lumber. He (Mr. Bowers) then, with the advice of the petitioners and others, procured the services of Mr. Williams, who resides in the vicinity of Mt. Crawford or Bridgewater, an experienced bridge builder, and who had aided in the construction of the bridge across North river at Mt. Crawford, upon the plan of which the bridge at Cootes Store was to be built, and as progress was made, as we saw as we passed occasionally, and application was made to us, further sums were directed to be paid to the commissioner of roads, to be paid by him to the employees, Mr. Bowers relying upon the judgment and experience of Mr. Williams. Mr. Bowers, myself, nor one but some one well skilled in the art of bridge building could have told that the bridge would not stand; but it is still standing, and competent judges say it will not break down with any ordinary weight.

But Mr. John M. Glass did enter up a complaint before the Board of Supervisors, as I understand he did before the Court, but he did not condemn "Supervisor Taylor for his botch" in his presence. If he has any condemnation to pronounce, let him not do it behind a man's back. The sooner "Supervisor Taylor resigns this business the better it will be for the people" (and Mr. Dechert in particular), as there will be one less to object to the payment of printer's bills from the Spirit office, which are twice or thrice as much as other offices charge for the same work.

We would advise the editor of the Spirit and the source of his "gleanings" to examine the revised New Testament, and see whether the revisers altered that part of the Acts of the Apostles contained in the fifth chapter, relative to Ananias and Sapphira. And also the 8th verse of the 21st chapter of Revelation, latter clause, and if they did, take heed thereto, and so doing the public or the readers of the Spirit, will be somewhat benefited and its editor made a better man.

MILTON TAYLOR.

Spirit of the Valley please copy.

### War Among the Barbers.

On Thursday morning last culminated a row, which had been brewing for a fortnight, between a "boss" and "jour" barber. The "boss" had accused the "jour" barber of stealing a razor. The "jour" went to work in another shop. This was construed to mean additional injury. The "boss" advertised the "jour" as having been discharged for thieving, in one of the public prints. This brought on hostilities. First there was a set-to between the "boss" and "jour." The parties were arrested and Mayor Bryan settled the trouble, said the costs were paid into the corporation treasury. Whilst returning to their respective shops, a son of the "boss" who was a short distance behind the "jour" let fly a rock which struck the "jour" on the back of the head and not only moved the wool but cut a considerable gash. Police grabbed the combatants and again the services of the Mayor were called into requisition. The dignity and peace of the town was conserved by a further contribution to the corporation treasury. The combatants and their respective friends spent several hours of valuable time in discussion of the meles, and glared at each other in a revengeful way from the fronts of the respective barber shops. After all it appeared the "jour" did not steal the razor as charged, but that it had been abstracted and pawned or sold by some one else of the 14th Amendment persuasion. Peace has been restored, but no measures of reconstruction have been offered, so far as we have heard.

### Notice.

I have appointed JOHN WALLACE, Spotswood Bar, Harrisonburg, agent for the sale of my pure, old Augusta County Whiskey and request all persons wanting it to call upon him. He can supply it as it may be wanted, for medicinal and family use it is well adapted, being perfectly pure. Having discontinued my sales rooms in Harrisonburg, Mr. Wallace is my sold agent there. Respectfully, D. BEARD.

March 30, 1892, if

For several weeks past we have noticed that farmers were driving their cattle to the mountain ranges for the summer. They have been taken out earlier than usual, probably on account of the scarcity of food at home, but we are far from being to the course being pursued being a good one on account of the backwardness of the spring. We rather think that mountain ranges will afford but a scant subsistence just yet.

Wines, cigars, snacks, beer and every thing kept in a first-class saloon can be had at LAMB BROS.

## Brevities.

May came in cool. "Cub, gentle Spring, cub." The fruit is having a hard time of it. There was no snow last Sunday as usual. The barbers have settled down to business again.

Off with the oysters; bring on the ice-cream and things.

The dandelion is distanced by the "mountain daisy."

The lamb and the lion lay down together, but it was a dandelion.

The Revere House was not sold on Saturday last. Indefinitely postponed.

Slow April 23, 1894, also same date 1898. Will it occur again in 46 years?

Good-bye to oysters! There's no "r" in May. Got to wait until September.

The Saturday evening parade of the "benzene club" takes place regularly.

The prospect of a fruit and vegetable canning establishment is not bright enough to brag on.

Mint is plentiful notwithstanding the backward Spring. It is not of much account in water.

Additional forces went to Brock's Gap on Monday morning to peel bark for Houck & Wallis.

Instead of April showers let us have May flowers, straw hats and linen dusters—if the weather will permit.

Some folks were here from Maryland last week to buy horses, and thought Monday would be County Court day—but it wasn't.

Was it a bull or skin humor that showed on her nose on Sunday at church? What a chance the flees missed, owing to the late Spring.

The ladies' hats, or bonnets, or whatever they may be called, (coops, perhaps), are horrible in design, splendid in decoration, and fearful in general appearance. There now.

Thursday (to-day) is the day appointed for the sale of the Spotswood Hotel, in this place. It is valuable property and would be a good investment for any one who can buy it.

W. H. Ritehour has the handsomest jewelry establishment we have ever seen in the Valley of Virginia. "Nothing succeeds like success," and Henry is a success.

The Sam Purdy Spring colts, it has now been definitely settled, will not be entered for the Fall races this year. Every one of the young turfs who are raising fast stock think they can get away with 2.10.

We wonder what our Republican friends did about the County Chairman business on Saturday? Were the cards "stocked," sure enough? Some of these fellows will find themselves in what Mahone called "a devil of a fix," if not careful.

Butler is at last drop, dropping downward. So much for grass. Mrs. Heller has made the prices of her hats and bonnets correspond to the decline in Spring table supplies. All are going down in price. See about it.

It's an awful 1-story—a vile slander. Loeb won't trim them hats, or bonnets, or what-you-call-'ems, with old tin cans, fashion or no fashion. Go there and see if he does. Ugly as the style is, they are trimmed so as to look bewitchingly lovely.

Leo Wheat's Concert.

Prof. Leo Wheat was greeted on Friday night last, at the Court House, by a large, intelligent and appreciative audience.

The young ladies who so generously gave their time and talents to ensure the success of the entertainment were Misses Thurmond, Harris, Liggett, Partlow, Erick and Maddux. This array of beauty and talent, adorned in costumes as elegant and becoming as they were varied and appropriate for the occasion, combined and surrounded by as handsomely decorated and artistically arranged stage as Harrisonburg has ever seen, all tended to make a scene of rare excellence and beauty, and afford an evening of the keenest pleasure. Where all did so well it is not our pleasure to make any special mention of the parts taken. Mr. Wheat has a national reputation; and needs no complimentary notice from such poor judge of his art as ourselves, for the manner in which he got music out of the concerns that we ever thought was in them. Flowers were presented in abundance by the admirers of the "fair ones," and echoes from this extremely dignified assembly of our music lovers were frequent and loud.

Miss Blanche Maddux, though not one of "our girls," unfortunately for us, consented to assist the ladies of the Rotary Fund Association, and by so doing certainly added much to the success of the entertainment. She was again and again recalled, and by request, repeated "in the Gloaming," to the great delight of all present.

It is only sufficient for us to say that the "Hall" decoration and all in that connection was under the sole control and management of Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, and this will convince all present, and those not present, that nothing more could be added to the beauty and attraction of the decorations. We are requested to return the thanks of the ladies of the Rotary Fund Association to Judge Johnston for his kindness in giving the use of the Court House for the occasion. Accept our thanks also, Judge, for not allowing this community to do penance in our "City Hall."

Special Mention.

Having been appointed by the manufacturer agent for the sale of D. Beard's celebrated Augusta County Whiskey, all who may want any of this pure liquor will find it on sale at my bar. JOHN WALLACE.

The U. S. Court for the Western District of Virginia began here on Tuesday, May 2, his honor Judge Alex. Rives, presiding. A pretty fair number of attorneys are in attendance. Further proceedings will be found elsewhere.

The best sparkling champagne at the LAMB SALOON.

## Closing Exercises of the Harrisonburg Graded School.

The hall in the public school building was crowded to suffocation by the parents and the sisters, and the cousins, and the aunts of the pupils of Prof. Robertson's graded school on the first night of the closing.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Armstrong, then the welcome by two of the pupils, followed by the presentation of medals and distinctions to the pupils of the primary department. The presentation address was made by Rock, Paul, Esq., in language eloquent and appropriate, then the presentation as follows, viz:

1st PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Distinguished.—Cornelia McAllister, Eugene Billhimer, Ellie Snyder, Willoughby Boyd, Russell Bucher, Gardner Nicholas, Ed. Shue, John Johnston, Katie Anthony, Minnie Bell, Amanda Feuchtenberger.

1st Honor Medal.—Cornelia McAllister.

Writing Prize.—Eugene Billhimer.

Spelling Prize.—Katie Anthony, Ellie Snyder, Ed. Shue.

2d PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Distinguished.—Wetly Compton, Eva Bragg, Maynard Bragg, James Clary, Clayton Gibbs, Gardier Gibbs, Lena Patterson, Katie Wakenight, Dora Snyder, Eley Snyder, Lewis Snyder.

1st Honor Medal.—Wetly Compton.

Prize on Deportment awarded to Dora Snyder.

3d PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Distinguished.—Bessie Roberts, Maria Morrison, Bertie Gaines, Laura Falls, Nettie Byrd, Ida Shepard, Claud Wilton, Arthur Wise, Henry Ney, John Lewis, Sheriff Lewis, Willie Anthony, J. Byrd.

1st Honor Medal.—Bessie Roberts.

Department Prize.—Maria Morrison.

The recitations, dialogues, declamations and readings were all highly entertaining, and showed not only the care, trouble and unquestionable capacity of the teachers, but also the intelligence and histrionic talent of the scholars in their respective roles.

The Calisthenics were particularly fine, the participants in uniform, and going through all their movements with precision and accuracy.

The music—a string band—was very good, and added much to the evening's entertainment.

Second Night.

A sea of upturned faces, the youth and beauty of the town, greeted the "little ones" on the second night of the closing exercises of Prof. Robertson's Graded School. It would be our delight could we have the time and space to comment upon each production as shown by the programme, and also the many incidents of the evening.

For variety of talent, excellence in oratory, promptness in execution and modest deportment, the pupils of this well conducted school cannot be surpassed.

Essay by Miss Fannie Conrad, "Taken and Brought," was well conceived, and, as a literary production, was one of the finest we have ever heard. The reading of this essay by this young lady could certainly not be improved upon, and richly did she deserve the floral gifts that showered upon the stage at the close.

In the theatrical line we would award all credit to the several young gentlemen, viz: Butler, Hoxie and Conrad.

It is only necessary for us to state that the presentation address was made by Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall to convince all that it was done eloquently and appropriately.

The following is a list of the medals and distinctions awarded:

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Distinguished.—Fannie Conrad, Grammar; Charles Butler, Algebra; Bettie Conrad, Spelling; Willie McAllister, Minor Hoxie, Wilmer Dechert, J. S. Gill, Paul Fletcher, History of Virginia; Mary Nicholas, Mary Logan, Flora Bowman, Georgia Davis, Jennie Fultz, Mittie Clem, Lottie Yancey, Rebecca Wartmann, Edward Martz, Aaron Johnston.

1st GRAMMAR GRADE.

Kirby Bassford, first Honor; Julia Yancey, Department; Minnie Phillips, Mary Harrison, George Conrad, Ada Marshall.

2d GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Olive Byrd, first Honor; Fannie Bell, Attendance and Promptness; Richard Fletcher, John Boyd, Oretta Clary, Elynder Helmschtein, Henry Rohr, Laura Snyder, Carrie Fletcher, Bessie Dold, Fannie Arbogast, Lucy Tabb McAllister, Julia Fultz.

The parents of the pupils and the community at large should at last congratulate themselves upon securing a good school, and under the supervision of so excellent a teacher as Professor Robinson, assisted by others equally as competent to discharge the arduous duties assigned them. Well done, faithful teachers and industrious scholars.

The celebrated Stiebel Beer for family use at the LAMB SALOON.

The Lucky Man Congratulated.

The announcement that ticket No. 75-414 in the March drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery had drawn the capital prize of \$90,000, and that half of the ticket had been sold in Savannah created considerable excitement, and many were inclined to think that there was some mistake. We are pleased to state, however, that there was no mistake, and that the lucky person was our well-known townsman, Mr. Eugene B. Philpot, of the firm of John Sullivan & Co. During the day Mr. Philpot received the congratulations of numerous friends, who were rejoiced to hear of his good luck. It was a big return on the investment of \$1.—Savannah News, March 16.

He sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. The next drawing will take place on May 9th.

HERMAN WISE has just returned from the Eastern cities and brought with him a large and well-selected stock of fresh goods, very handsome and good, which he is selling at remarkably low prices.

The exercises of the Public School, announced for Wednesday night, have been postponed until Thursday evening. Let all attend. Admission 25 cents.

Mr. A. E. HENNEBERGER, M. L. MYERS, President, Secretary.

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 Kavanagh, at Farmer's Home, and by Lamb Brothers, Harrisonburg.

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Mr. S. Weinberg, lately of Russia, has located in our midst, and opened a gun and lock-smith shop. Give him a call.

An effective medicine for kidney diseases, low fevers and nervous prostration, and well worthy of a trial, is Brown's Iron Bitters.

The finest brands of whiskey in Harrisonburg can be had only at LAMB SALOON.

A few days ago the venerable clerk of the Circuit Court was sitting in calm dignity and repose in his office, almost dreaming; but not dreaming of the State Executive invading and disturbing his repose, when suddenly and unheralded entered the door the champion litigator of Rockingham, and called for the bundle of chancery papers in the name and style of John Doe vs. Richard Roe, or Peale vs. Peale. The ever obliging and gentle mannered deputy gathered up and laid on the table all of said papers, whereupon the aforesaid champion litigator proceeded to examine them, and, after inspecting them, gathered them up into one bundle, placed them deliberately under one arm, and turning to the aforesaid venerable official, said: "Do you want a receipt for these?" "What do you mean?" said the clerk. "I want to take these papers out," said the champion. "Take them where?" said the clerk. "I am going to send them to Governor Cameron in Richmond," said litigator. With a look of amazement and bewilderment the venerable official said: "I reckon not." With an air of confidence and triumph the champion shook his flowing beard at the clerk, and dipped down into his pocket, drew out a letter, and handed it the clerk and said, "Read that, sir. It is Governor Cameron's order for the papers." The old man read it, and it read about so: "The Governor directs me to say that he received your letter, but can give no opinion without an examination of the papers." The old man said, "That is no order, and if it was it would make no difference. These papers can't go out of the county on anybody's order." "Can't, can't they?" I'll see." Whereupon the champion laid down the papers, rushed to the telegraph office, and flashed over the wires to the Governor that the clerk refused to let the papers go to Richmond. As yet neither the land or naval forces have been ordered to the scene. Not even the Oyster fleet has as yet put in its appearance in the still waters of Black's Run; and the "old man" is still at large; but his friends who watch him closely observe an anxious expression on his countenance, especially when he comes to the south door of the court-house as though he was expecting a sudden opening of mortars and other big guns from the Oyster fleet which he fears may reach the head waters of the spring, and shell him out, or make him shell out the papers.

But seriously the clerk is right. Nobody has the right to order or take chancery papers out of the county. Even the Court of Appeals can't take the original papers but must have certified copies. The champion litigator can get certified copies and send them to Lapland if he desires.

HERMAN WISE has just returned from the Eastern cities and brought with him a large and well-selected stock of fresh goods, very handsome and good, which he is selling at remarkably low prices.

Death of Maj. P. B. Bost.

This whole community was shocked and surprised to hear of the sudden death of Maj. P. B. Bost, of Luray, Page county, which occurred in that place on Tuesday night, April 26th. Maj. Bost was well known here by his practice at the bar as an attorney, but more extensively as President of the W. C. & St. L. Railroad, which position he had held for ten or twelve years, and in which interest he had been zealous and active. We clip from the Page Courier of Thursday last, a further account of his death and life:

About 9 o'clock last Monday evening, our town was startled by the report of the sudden death of Mr. P. B. Bost. He had been on the street late in the afternoon, apparently as well as usual, and to hear within an hour he was dead was a shock to every one. For several years he had been in feeble health and had within that time several serious attacks of sickness. During the season of the Circuit Court, last week, he was in attendance devoting himself to his legal business with his usual vigor. On Monday evening, after eating a hearty supper, he had ridden down to the Rust House for the purpose of settling some legal matter, in which he was interested, before Judge Byrd, and was in the practice of so doing, and to hear within an hour he was dead was a shock to every one. For several years he had been in feeble health and had within that time several serious attacks of sickness. 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