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MARION, VA., AUG. 25, 1899.

The money octopus is still rampant. Western sections are confronted with another freight-car famine.

The Brooklyn Eagle, a sterling Democrat, announces that Bryan has been dethroned and that Bryanism is folding up its tent.

The aggregate of the world's gold production last year falls short only about \$5,000,000 of being an even \$30,000,000, which is more than double the amount produced in 1892.

Aguinardo, who, in his recent proclamation, spoke of the Democratic party in the United States as his principal ally, finds no occasion to change his views on that subject.

It is beginning to be realized, as yellow journalism steps aside and history takes its place in the late Spanish war, that in spite of the entire unpreparedness of the country, great results were achieved with marvelous celerity.

It seems probable that the Democrats in 1900 are about to repeat that their action in 1864, when they declared in national convention that the war policy was a failure and demanded its abandonment. It is recalled that it was many years thereafter before the Democracy secured even a measure of the country's confidence.

The people of the United States are sending \$250,000,000 a year out of the country to buy tropical products, including fibers, fruits, coffee and sugar. The articles for which this money is expended can all be grown in Poto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, to say nothing of Cuba. When American capital and American become interested in the industries of those islands this vast sum of money can be expended among our own people, instead of being, as at present, paid to those of other countries.

The direful predictions of disaster, unless free coinage of silver should be adopted, which were made by the Chicago platform and the Democratic campaigners of 1896, have scarcely been realized. The failures in the very month in which Bryan was nominated, (July, 1896), numbered 1,136, with liabilities of \$15,505,095, yet despite the failure to adopt free coinage, the failures of July, 1897, were but 948; of July, 1898, but 882, and of July, 1899, but 591, while the liabilities in July, 1899, were but \$4,872,197, or about one-fourth those of the July in which Mr. Bryan was nominated.

Nobody can longer doubt the efficacy of the Dingley tariff law as a revenue producer. It was originally intended that it should produce at least one half of the ordinary revenues, which averaged before the war expenditures began, one million dollars per day, and no additions for war expenses were made to it except the tea duty which brings less than a million dollars a month. Yet the receipts under it since March 1st, have been \$103,000,000, or an average of almost \$700,000 a day, instead of the \$500,000 per day expected of it. During the same period of the existence of the lamented Wilson law, the customs receipts were \$73,000,000, or less than three-fourths of the present law in a like term.

Richmond Times says: Hon. Henry M. Smyth, of Tazewell county, who is stopping at New Ford's, is thinking of starting an up-to-date daily paper in Bristol, Tenn. He will have associated with him Mr. Pond, one of the most successful journalists in Tennessee. Mr. Pond is now connected with the Chattanooga Evening News.

A RICH MINE.

A very rich mine of lead, zinc and silver has been opened up on George Osborn's land in the Moccasin Ridge on Copper creek about 4 miles above the Scott county line. The mine was first discovered by a mine inspector named Crawford, who sent some of the metal to Philadelphia, where it was analyzed and found to be very rich. The mineral was at once secured by a rich corporation in New York and work was commenced about three weeks ago and in a short time about 15 tons of very rich ore had been taken out.

Marion Female College Announcement. The College Faculty, for next session, which begins the first Monday in September, will retain most of last year's members.

The Primary Department has lost Miss Rowan, but we believe that her place will be filled most admirably by Mrs. C. J. Brown, whose merits as a teacher, a refined lady and a consecrated christian are known to the people of Marion.

Miss Hottel will have charge of the Department of Music. She taught here two years ago, and then took charge of the Music Department of Danrick College. She is now in Cincinnati studying music, and her musical talents and admirable methods with pupils of all grades makes her an instructor who deserves the patronage of the community.

Miss Cason will continue in charge of Latin and Elocution. All who know her or her work last year were pleased and will be glad to learn of her return. The recitations of her elocution pupils at commencement were remarkable good, and far above the average of the ordinary school girl.

SCROFULA

thin blood, weak lungs and paleness. You have them in hot weather as well as in cold. SCOTT'S EMULSION cures them in summer as in winter. It is creamy looking and pleasant tasting.

The people of Virginia will have to vote at next November election on an amendment to the constitution changing the election of all county and district officers from the fourth Thursday in May to the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November. Following is the change proposed:

All regular elections for county officers shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, and all officers elected or appointed under this provision shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of January next succeeding their election, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of four years, except that county and circuit court clerks shall hold office for six years. All regular elections for magisterial district officers shall take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices on the first day of January next succeeding their election.

Augusta, Me., August 22.—The resignation of Thomas B. Reed, as Congressman in the First Maine District, was received by Governor Powers today. The resignation is to take effect September 4, and it has been accepted by Governor Powers.

\$100. REWARD, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offered One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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TERRIBLE RESULTS OF THE STORM THAT SWEEP ISLAND OF PORTO RICO.

Bodies of Twenty-Five Hundred Victims Buried, One Thousand Persons Were Injured, and Two Thousand People Are Still Missing.

Ponce, Island of Porto Rico, Aug. 21.—It is now estimated that the bodies of twenty-five hundred victims of the recent hurricane have been buried, that one thousand persons were injured during the storm and that 2,000 persons are still missing.

There are opportunities here now for investors. There is the greatest lack of money for repairing damages replanting and replenishing stocks. The alcaldes appointed committees appointed committees for the distribution of relief stores, etc., but the military authorities objected to it.

Ponce is healthy, though bodies continue to be found in the fields. The authorities have decided to burn the ruins of Yabuco.

CLAIM MARTIN HAS WON.

Statement Given Out With the Senator's Approval.

Richmond, Va., August 21.—A statement is given out late tonight by a friend of Senator Martin, and with his approval, which claims to show that he has practically won his renomination.

This statement shows that up to this date, with the holdover Senators, 76 Senators and members of the House have been practically chosen. Of this number, according to this statement, Martin has 66, Tyler 5, and 5 are doubtful. There are sixty-four members yet to be nominated. Of this number it is claimed that Martin will receive two-thirds. Of twenty holdover Senators this state statement claims that fifteen are for Martin, three for Tyler and the remainder doubtful.

This claim, made with Martin's knowledge, asserts that the Senator will have one hundred members of the caucus. It will probably take no more than 66 to nominate.

Mormons in the South.

Chattanooga, Tenn., August 21.—The report of the Mormon secretary shows that 490 elders are laboring in the Southern field and during last week they walked 9,260 miles, visited 3,500 families and held 950 meetings. The report says in the Georgia conference 67 elders are at work, and during the week they walked 909 miles and visited 169 families. They were refused entertainments 37 times.

IS YOUR HAIR TURNING GRAY? Ayer's Hair Vigor. What does your mirror say? Does it tell you of some little streaks of gray? Are you pleased? Do your friends of the same age show this loss of power also? Just remember that gray hair never becomes darker without help, while dark hair rapidly becomes gray when once the change begins. Ayer's Hair Vigor will bring back to your hair the color of youth. It never fails. It is just as sure as that heat melts snow, or that water quenches fire. It cleanses the scalp also and prevents the formation of dandruff. It feeds and nourishes the bulbs of the hair making them produce a luxuriant growth. It stops the hair from falling out and gives a fine soft finish to the hair as well. We have a book on the Hair and Scalp which you may obtain free upon request. If you do not obtain all the benefits you expected from the use of the Vigor, write the doctor about it. Address, Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

Lebanon Baptist Association. [Communicated.]

The Lebanon Association convened in its fifty fourth session with the South Fork Baptist Church on Aug. 17, and closed, in many respects, its best session at 4:41 p. m. Saturday, Aug. 19th.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 Thursday by Elder N. C. Baldwin, and after devotional exercises and the annual sermon by Pastor J. Manning Dunaway; the association was organized by unanimously electing H. A. Anderson, Moderator, and Pastor Charles J. Tyler, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nearly all of the thirty-six churches reported either by letter or delegate. Many of the churches show a very decided increase over last year, both in contributions and memberships; notably among these churches are Marion, Middle Fork, Friendship, Glade Spring, Wytheville and Pleasant View. No one can remember when the churches contributed as liberally to missions as they have this year—making an increase of something like \$250.00 over last year. The church at Marion led all the churches in missions by \$43.00. The per capita of that church being \$9.60 for all purposes.

Thursday afternoon was taken up in discussing the Ministers Relief Board, a board which has for its object the taking care of old and disabled ministers. The churches of the Lebanon Association apparently are not as much interested in this object as they should be. Their contributions should be much larger, as there are five ministers now being helped by this board. The churches are expected to do better this coming year, beginning Aug. 15.

Friday the association got down to business, and on that day and Saturday Pres. Anderson herded to the line and held the speakers down and turned off business decently and in order, and impressed the people generally—one would have thought he had been presiding ten years.

Friday morning was taken up with the discussion of Foreign Missions, and on all sides could be heard favorable comment, many declaring the discussion the best they had ever heard. Dr. R. J. Willingham, Cor. Sec. Foreign Mission Board, of Richmond, closed the discussion and made a profound impression.

Friday afternoon was given to the discussion of the S. S. and Bible Board and Orphanage, the people being interested in both.

Possibly Saturday was the last and busiest day of the association. Home work, state mission work, the work of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ministerial and General Education, and a large amount of miscellaneous business, received careful and prayerful attention. Drs. Kincannon, of Bedford, and Fisher, of Norfolk, being among the visitors present who took part in the discussion of these important subjects.

These several objects show that the Baptists of Va. contributed \$422,678.34, which is an increase over last year, and seems large, but when it is remembered that the white Baptists of Va. number 119,000, the impression prevails that there is some room for improvement.

The good people of South Fork Church and neighborhood were lavish in their hospitality. The crowds were very large, but handled and well fed. The brilliant pastor backed by his able committee looked after all wants and satisfied all. Many wished the association could meet monthly and meet in September at South Fork.

During the meeting sermons were preached by Drs. Broadbent, Willingham and Kincannon, pastors Bellamy, Jones and Stuart, and by the old veteran, N. C. Baldwin, whom the Lebanon Baptist love to honor.

At 4:41 Saturday afternoon, Aug. 19, Pres. Anderson adjourned the fifty-fourth session of the Lebanon Association, in many respects, the best in her history, to meet with the Mountain View Church, Washington county, on Thursday, August 16, 1900. V. M.

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A Woman Only Knows

what suffering from falling of the womb, whites, painful or irregular menses, or any disease of the distinctly feminine organs. A man may sympathize or pity but he can not know the agonies she goes through—the terrible suffering, so patiently borne, which robs her of beauty, hope and happiness. Yet this suffering really is needless.

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MRS. C. J. WEST, Nashville, Tenn., writes:—"This wonderful medicine ought to be in every house where there are girls and women."

"Men Uphold Your Flag."

STIRRING PHILIPPIC FROM THE HEROES AT THE

Front—Anti-Expansionists, Who Lend Encouragement to the Filipinos, are Accused of Treason and Murder—Letter From Corp. A. E. Payne to his Brother.

Fort Wayne, Ind., August.—"We charge murder and treason against those men at home who encourage the Filipinos by pretending that our people would consent to haul down Old Glory."

This stirring philippic comes from the boys at the front, from the brave men who are fighting and suffering and dying for their flag in the Philippines.

Perhaps nothing has done more in this section to dash the anti-expansionist spirit than a letter just received from one of the American heroes of Luzon, describing the sentiments of his comrades in arms and denouncing the people "who lend persistence to the rebels by leading them to think they have powerful allies in America."

The writer of this letter is A. E. Payne, who, under date of June 27, sent a long personal communication to his brother, a resident of Fort Wayne. The envelope contained a clipping of an editorial article from Freedom, a newspaper published in Manila. This article, printed under caption, "Men Uphold Your Flag!" is pronounced by Corp. Payne to be an accurate representation of what the boys in the Philippines think and feel. "It expresses our unanimous sentiment," says the writer.

"Here it is: "Would that an Anthony might arise today, who could take the mangled and mutilated bodies of our soldiers from the battlefield of Imus and hold them up to the American people!

O, tempora! O mores! Out in the jungles of Luzon the brave boys of the 8th Army Corps are planting Old Glory where freedom's flag ne'er wavered before; out on the plains and hills of Luzon the life blood of American soldiers is crimsoning the tropic sands, and at home a pack of ghouls is snapping and with words and actions assisting in the murder of more soldiers.

Gaze at these lowly forms! gaze on these mutilated bodies! And would that tongue or pen could have power to lavish and brand and burn those who have assisted the jungle fiends in this most atrocious work! Who has assisted these devils? Who has given aid and comfort to the wild men of the forest? Who in the judgment day will stand and hear the awful words: "Where is thy brother?"

All the black crew that in ignorance or prejudice or devilishness are hampering the government and aiding in the slaughter of volunteers and regulars, should be set up before the American nation together with the banner-draped bier of the soldier dead, mutilated by savagery and barbarism. Then in thunder tones

might be heard the voice of Columbus:

"You! You! You! YOU! "You call yourselves men. Americans! You walk upright among the sons of earth! Look at these forms! The blood of these mangled bodies went out for the flag—the old flag of '76. And you, foul brood, that hell will spew in disgust, you have done your share in this bloody work. Hell has no depths for you; perdition will refuse you, and posterity will brand you and yours with the life-blood of these poor souls who died that the flag might wave.

"You, by your insane acts, have strengthened our foes; you have given comfort to the enemy; you have assisted in the slaughter of our soldiers, and the withering blast of heaven's revenging lightning should annihilate your soul and body for time and eternity."

People of America, is it not enough that the flag is at the battle front? Is it not enough that precious blood feeds the insatiate sands? Is it not enough that the bugle sounds the advance and the line in blue and brown rushes to the shock of war.

In God's name, let us rally round the flag and plant it victorious on every serried peak of Luzon; shame on him who cries "halt"; shame on him who would trail the starry banner in the dust.

The war in Luzon must go on; it was brought on by the overbearing natives, and there is only one course under heaven to pursue. The sovereignty of the United States must be acknowledged in the archipelago before the next step can be taken. Any other course would be folly.

Opposition to the war comes from ignorance and party feeling. Why not cease this chatter about the independence of the Philippines until the Philippine commission has reported? Why not pause to look at the mutilated bodies of our soldiers? Deeds of treachery, savagery and barbarism occur daily; in the insurgent ranks assassination stalks at noonday.

People of America, if you have a flag, honor it; if you have a government, support it; if you have an administration, strengthen it; if you have troops at the front, uphold them; and if you have traitors, damn them eternally.

Four Men are Dead.

AS THE RESULT OF A QUADRUPLE BATTLE.

All of Them Die with Startling Suddenness—Life of One Showed He was a Traitor and Met the Fate of His Friends

Shreveport, La., Aug. 20.—News has just reached this city from Lake End, sixty miles southeast of here, on Red river, in Natchitoches parish, of the most desperate duel that was ever fought in this state. It was a duel to the death between Callie Brown, Robert Lee and Dr. W. A. Glover on one side, and B. G. Freeman on the other. Freeman shot to kill and with his first shots Callie Brown and Dr. Glover fell dead upon the spot. The duel occurred in Freeman's store. The third shot from Freeman's revolver felled Robert Lee Brown, who pleaded with Freeman to spare his life. The latter allowed Brown to leave the store by the front door.

TRAITOROUS AND DIES. Brown stepped to the rear door and taking deliberate aim fired on the man who had a moment before given him a chance to escape with his life. Freeman, seeing Brown in the act of firing raised his revolver, and with the precision which marked his former shots sent a bullet through Brown's breast, and ere the echo of the deadly weapons died out both expired, leaving four dead men on the floor of the store. All of the participants in the duel were of high standing. Freeman was a relative of Sheriff Freeman, of Natchitoches parish. Dr. Glover enjoyed a large practice in the community and the Brown brothers were men of means and well respected.

The trouble grew out of an old grudge betwixt Callie Brown and Freeman. About an hour before the tragedy occurred Freeman and Callie Brown had a difficulty in which several shots were exchanged, but neither was hurt.

Brown left the store and returned about an hour later with his brother, Robert Lee Brown, and Dr. Glover. The trio entered Freeman's store and the fight at once began, which re-

sulted in the death of four participants. Old settlers say there is no record of a duel ever being fought on Louisiana soil that can be compared with this one, or where such nerve was displayed by one man, as that displayed by Freeman.



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GEORGE W. RICHARDSON, Real Estate Agent, MARION, VA.

I desire to state that I am still in the REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, and would be glad to help my friends, who are desirous of selling their property to find a purchaser therefor. Any one desiring to purchase, might find it to their advantage to call on me before purchasing elsewhere. I desire to call special attention to the following desirable properties.

- 1. About three hundred acres of the choicest of Smyth County's choice lands on the R. R. near depot, stores, churches and schools. Splendid large brick house located on a beautiful eminence, overlooking one of the finest valleys in South West Va. Large barn and good team houses. Good neighborhood and healthy locality. Will be sold at a bargain.
2. 110 acres in the splendid agricultural and mineral sections of Smyth County. 11 room frame house, in good repair. Good barn and outbuildings. Fine spring about 20 steps from kitchen door. Good fruit and garden. Lies also on the place a small storehouse and dwelling combined which is now occupied. In a good neighborhood close to churches and schools. If desired 100 acres of good improved land, with mineral reserve will be sold in connection with the above.
3. 130 acres of good land, nicely located in a good neighborhood, close to churches and schools, with a small storehouse and grainery thereon. Splendid spring, good building site and a small orchard. A nice place and will be sold at a reasonable price and on reasonable terms.
4. 4 acres of land, about 2 miles southwest of Marion. All cleared and south land. Good fruit, garden, &c. 4 room house. School house in sight and lays along the public road. Possession given between now and Christmas. Price \$250 each.
5. 800 acres. Eight room frame house, good stable and outbuildings. About 150 to 175 acres cleared; about 200 acres timber. Good water, good farming land. In mineral belt and 10 miles from R. R.—Price \$15 per acre.
6. 80 acres of land on the McAcam road, about 3 1/2 miles east of Marion at \$20 per acre. This is a nice piece of land and a rare opportunity to those wanting land conveniently located. For further information call on
7. About 800 acres of desirable land within 2 1/2 miles of Marion at \$15.00 per acre. Comfortable 4 room log house ceiled and weather boarded. Good water and all necessary outbuildings &c. A desirable place.
8. 810 acres of land about three miles from Emory will be sold at right figures Write for particulars.
9. A 3-room house and one fourth acre lot on Lee Street, Marion, Va., price \$500.
10. A new frame store and 8 room dwelling house combined, and 30 acres of good land in a good state of cultivation. Well located for a store. Close to high school, post office and churches. Price \$2,000.

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Local Items.

Chas. J. Kesner, of the Bristol News was in the city last Monday.

T. J. Wygal has been busy dispensing justice this week.

A local option election took place in Pulaski yesterday.

Tazewell C. H. will soon be illuminated with electricity.

Umbrellas of all kinds at M. WEILER'S.

W. K. Brooks, of Glade Spring, was in the city court day.

Straw, Crash and Fur Hats at M. WEILER'S.

Judge Jno. A. Buchanan, of Emory, was in Marion last Monday.

Lot New Wrappers just received at COLLINS BROS.

Geo. L. Harmon, of Nebo, spent several days in the city this week.

Mrs. Mattie Hester, of Radford, was visiting relatives in Marion last week.

W. H. Aston, a prominent citizen of Meadow View, was in Marion last Monday.

Go to Hull & Staley's for your Grass Seed. They handle the best grades.

Geo. E. Penn, of Abingdon, was in town Wednesday on professional business.

Fourteen fishermen were drowned on Swan Island, N. C., last week by the heavy storm.

There will be preaching at the College Chapel, Sunday, at 11 a. m. by the pastor Dr. J. J. Scherer.

If you want bargains don't fail to call on COLLINS BROS.

Mr. George Collins, who has been on a visit to his old home in Eastern Virginia, returned Tuesday night.

Hull & Staley are selling nice fine Salt 150 pound sacks at 60 cents per sack. If you need Salt go to them for it.

New lot of over and underehirts just received at COLLINS BROS.

No wonder the farmers are not paying much attention to politics. Threshing wheat is better than nursing silver fallacies.

The Valley House registered 108 arrivals last Monday. Very few city hotels can excel this record. It only shows the popularity of this splendid hostelry.

Stephen L. Parter, of Speedwell, was in Marion last Monday. We understand he will send his four daughters to Marion Female College this year.

W. D. Desmond, assistant de. agent at Pocahontas, Va., is visiting home folks. Will is a deserving young man and we are glad to hear of his success.

New lot of Black Skirts at COLLINS BROS. Call and see them when in town.

Circuit court is in session this week but thus far no jury cases have been heard, and not a great deal of chancery work done.

Russell county will have a surplus this year of four thousand dollars after paying all county claims and expenses out of the levy of 1898.

Creed F. Harris, of Murray, Neb., with his family is visiting his father, Jas. A. Harris, Creed has been of Nebraska for a number of years, and his many friends welcome him back to the county of his nativity.

Come and examine our large and elegant stock of shoes at Rock Bottom Prices. COLLINS BROS.

M. Weiler will leave this week for northern and eastern markets to lay in his fall and winter stock of clothing. He expects to have on hand the largest and most complete stock ever laid down in Marion.

The storm on Ocracoke Island, N. C., last week destroyed thirty houses and two churches washed away a railroad pier, grounded several steamers, and drowned not less than twenty men and all the horses and cattle on the island.

The fifty-eight annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. W. Va., met in Immanuel Church, Bluefield, Va., Aug. 15th 1899. Rev. J. B. Greiner, of Rural Retreat, was elected president; Dr. J. J. Scherer, of Marion, vice-president; Rev. W. H. Greener, of Bluefield, W. Va., secretary; Mr. E. L. Greener, Tazewell, Va., Treasurer. We learn it was a most pleasant and harmonious convention. The next session of the synod will be held with Ebenezer Church, in this county, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1900.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

WE NEED WOOD.

Those of our subscribers who want to pay their subscription in wood will accommodate us by hauling in a few loads.

The Kansas corn crop is great. The State could furnish every man, woman and child in the United States with a barrel of corn and then have enough left over to give every man, woman and child in England a couple of bushels apiece.

IT WILL SURPRISE YOU—TRY IT.

It is the medicine above all other for catarrh and it is worth its weight in gold. Ely's Cream Balm does all that is claimed for it.—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

My son was afflicted with catarrh He used Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrh all left him.—J. C. Olmstead, Arcola, Ill.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts, or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Organdies, Piques, Lawns &c., now at cost at COLLINS BROS.

Jas. L. White and Daniel Trigg, of Abingdon, A. P. Cole, of Buckingham, and A. L. Robinson, of Friendship, are visiting attorneys in Marion this week.

For every day or Sunday suits go to M. WEILER.

The Martin machine seemed to need lubricating last Monday, but the parties who are operating it say it will be in perfect order when the legislature meets next December.

Pants of all kinds at M. WEILER'S.

In Louisville, Ky., Martha Washington Lincoln is suing for a divorce from Abraham Lincoln, and in Doniphan county, Kansas, John Younglove has petitioned the Court to grant him a separation from his wife.

Black and Tan Shoes at M. WEILER'S.

This is the way the Bland South-West says it: Soon we will see the lovely form, the smiling face and the extended hand of the candidates for the House of Representatives of Virginia. Smyth and Bland will soon have "in soak" some legislative timber, preparatory for bending the way the "bosses" indicate.

All kinds of Drss Shirts at M. WEILER'S.

Our new Treasurer, George W. Wright, has appointed T. B. Ward, of Rich Valley, F. B. Greever, of Marion district, and Shady McCarty, of Rye Valley, for his deputies. These are all energetic young men and they will hereafter call on you for your taxes if not paid before the tickets leave the hands of the Treasurer.

WANTED!—One hundred white or colored miners or laborers by the Thacker Coal and Coke Co., Thacker, W. Va. Highest wages are paid since the increase in mining.

Farmers buy Land Plaster of Hull & Staley and mix it with your high grade fertilizers and you will then have a better fertilizer than the cheap grade fertilizers that are on the market. A good number of Farmers near Marion mixed Plaster with their fertilizers last year for wheat and they all say that they raised better wheat than usual, and that they have fine stands of grass. Hull & Staley sells Plaster at 25 cents per hundred or \$5.00 per ton.

I want Butter, Eggs, Chickens, old Iron of all kinds. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

Meeting of Governors.

Next Saturday is the date set for Governor McMillin and Governor Tyler to meet in conference regarding the matter of rerunning the state line between Tennessee and Virginia. It is announced that there is an understanding by which the two governors will meet at Bristol on that date. Attorney General Pickle, of Tennessee, is also expected to be present.

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobbs' Sarsaparilla cures all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

The Bedford woolen mills last week received a government order for 75,000 broad yards of blue Kerseys. The manager of the mill says that they have not been working to their full capacity because of the difficulty in securing hands.

Attention Farmers.

Hull & Staley will grind or exchange any amount of wheat for you. Take your wheat to them if you want nice flour. They don't grind musty wheat for any one. If you let them grind your wheat you will be sure to get good flour.

Notice Teachers.

The School Boards will meet for the election of teachers as follows: Rye Valley Dist. Aug. 25th, at Rye Valley Institute. Marion Dist. Aug. 26th at Marion. Rich Valley Dist. Aug. 28th at Ellendale.

CHAS. E. ANDERSON, Superintendent.

I am getting in new goods daily now. Lot of new DRY GOODS received yesterday. I want to sell summer goods left at cost. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

Mr. J. T. Wade, who lives about five miles from Lawrenceville, Va., sold a lot of timber some time ago for \$600. Not wishing to deposit the money in the bank, he buried it in a barn on his plantation. He supposed his wife was the only person who knew of the hiding place, but he was mistaken. He went to the barn about two weeks ago and found that the money had been stolen. Suspicion pointed to a negro named Thom. Since then he has been quietly watching Thom, and several days ago found that he was spending money and having it changed at several stores. Thom was at once arrested and tried before a Justice and sent on to the grand jury.

WANTED—I am buying all the old Iron I can get. Cast or Wrought. Farmers pick up your old plow points old machinery, horse shoes, scrap iron and bring it in, can handle all you bring. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

Democrats Meet.

The Democratic mass meeting last Monday was a very quiet affair. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman, Jas. White Sheffey, Esq. Mr. Thomas Rector was made permanent chairman with Messrs. Carper and Stephenson secretaries. Twenty-eight delegates were elected to the legislative convention which meets at Bland C. H., Sept. 12th. As we learned the delegation stands 27 for Tyler and one for Martin. This insures the nomination of a Tyler delegate from Smyth and Bland.

CROSS TIES CROSS CROSS TIES I want 5000 cross ties at once, will pay 33 cents for first-class, 20 cents for second-class, and 10 cents for culs. D. H. MITCHELL, Depot Store.

Killed in a Melon Patch.

Onray, Col., Aug. 21.—Harry Stauinger, seventeen years of age, was instantly killed and Frank Murdock also seventeen years old, mortally wounded by Henry Bartholmus, whose watermelon patch, six miles east of here, they were raiding. Bartholmus surrendered to the authorities, saying he shot intending only to scare the boys.

SALT! SALT! SALT! I have just received a car load of the finest New York Salt in 100 and 150 pound sacks. Now is the time for farmers to supply themselves. D. H. MITCHELL, Depot Store.

Circus Tent Blown Down.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—A special from Winchester, Va., says that during a violent wind storm there this afternoon the big tent of John Robinson's circus was blown down upon the vast crowd in it. A general panic ensued and some forty persons were more or less injured by being trampled on. Fred O'Brien, an acrobat, was the most seriously injured. His right thigh was broken and he received other injuries. While the struggling mass were under the canvass, thieves reaped a harvest.

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The Old Plantation Comedy company in connection with "The Little Sweet Heart Co." will play at Beaver Opera House Aug. 31st.

FARM FOR RENT.

I desire to rent a 90 acre farm situated in Rye Valley, near Sugar Grove Post Office—about 50 acres cleared land. For terms apply to JOEL PIERCE, Adwolfe, Va.

Aug. 24th, '99.

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Stephen Elliott Shot and Killed.

Stephen Elliott, formerly a resident of Marion, was shot in the city of Bristol, his home, last Saturday by Nat Peoples. He died Monday. The trouble occurred at Peoples house. Below we give the

DECEASED'S DYING STATEMENT.

A few hours prior to his death, the deceased made the following statement, which was sworn to before A. A. Hobson, esq., a justice of the peace:

"On Saturday evening of the 19th of August, 1899, I went to Nat Peoples' house. I had heard of some of his talk about me; I asked him about it, and he said it was none of my business, and that if I did not get out he would kill me.

"I told Peoples if he did not quit talking about me he would have some trouble. Peoples then said it was none of my d—d business, and to get out or he would kill me. He then fired two shots, and perhaps three shots, at me, only one of which struck me. It all occurred in Peoples' yard. I am very positive it was Nat Peoples who shot me.

"Will Ramsey was one of the parties who assisted me down on Main street.

"Peoples offered me inducements to visit his house, and often came after me to visit his house. I did not strike him at all, and nothing but words passed before he shot me. I told Mrs. Peoples at the time that she had ruined me, and that I did not want anything more to do with her. This was the beginning of the quarrel.

"I had often paid him different sums of money, and also gave her different sums of money, but I had stopped paying them money, him and her, and that is the main reason he shot me, as I believe.

"I was not drunk at the time, and I would not have gone to his house but for his pressing invitation."

Such was the status of affairs according to the last words of Elliott. His words would indicate that in shooting him Peoples was not defending a home, but rather a contract by which a base woman was to be the means of his support.

MRS. PEOPLES SKIPS.

Peoples' wife made good her threats to leave town. She said she had heard threats against herself and that she thought the best thing she could do under the circumstances, would be to leave the city. She probably went to Johnson City, from which place she came to Bristol.—Bristol Tribune.

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These goods, taking quality into consideration, will be SOLD LOWER for SPOT CASH than the SAME GOODS can possibly be purchased elsewhere. Come and examine for yourselves and be convinced. DO NOT FAIL to examine the FIVE and TEN CENTS GOODS on

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THE GORGE OF SHAME

A Story of Indian Retaliation.

It seems proper to preface the brief chapter of life in India with a word of caution, for the tale is gruesome. It is a story of colonial days, and forms a part of a series of tales illustrating the march of British power in the East Indian empire. The Waziris are a tribe inhabiting Afghanistan, which was transferred to the British in 1842.

In their manner of dealing with the woman question the Waziris are old-fashioned. With them, above all people, chastity is the virtue of woman, and the expression of public opinion seems to be founded on some such maxim as "The dead sin no more."

Ludlow, the doctor, Gordon, my subaltern, and myself were sitting outside the little fort smoking after one of the scrappy dinners of the country, and Bakshan Khan, who had been invited to share our cheroots, was smoking with us. Ludlow had spent a 12-hour day tramping after elusive Markhor, in the course of which he had climbed to 7,000 feet above the sea level, and, though as he was, was very tired. He showed no wish to tell us of his sport, which had been confined to fleeting glimpses of distant Markhor; but, somewhat wearily, he told us that he had come across the bones of a woman in the soft sand under the lee of a boulder at the mouth of a very ugly gorge; bones curiously shattered—skull, arms, legs, ribs, not a bone whole. And the sepoy who were acting as his shikaris had spat on the bones and covered them again, and would tell him nothing, only that the gorge was called "The Gorge of Shame."

I looked at the Bakshan Khan. He knew a slow cloud of smoke from his mouth and said: "Years ago—" We pulled ourselves together to listen, for we always listened to Bakshan Khan, and he told us the story of Grierson.

Years ago, when the post was first held by the English, there was a sahib in command named Grierson. Perhaps it was 15, perhaps 20, years ago. "What is time to us who only know day and night, summer and winter?" He was a brave man, but reckless. He loved women too well. He also drank and smoked very much, but was never a bit weaker for it. In those days the caravans passing down had to fight for all the way along the Waziri border, and it was out in the broad bed of the Tuck, where the rivers meet, that they lay safest under the rifles of the little post, as it then was—only one-third as big as it is now, and not half as many men in it. Often the party at the post used to sally out to fire on raiders, and more often wounded traders used to drop in at the post to be healed of gunshot, sword and spear wounds. The days were by no means dull. To a man of Grierson's nature a life of hard living, fighting, drinking and no woman to cheer him was but fuel to fire.

Grierson was not a sentimentalist. Many men who mean and do no wrong to women are not sentimentalists, and he did not usually make the worst husbands. One day there had been a dash on a caravan at early dawn and a pursuit. Grierson had succeeded in making and shooting a Mahsud Ziri, who bore away a girl on his steed, and she lay fainting from his fall, for it dropped dead, shot at the same time as its master. Grierson went to her aid and found her beautiful.

He brought her back to the caravan, made terms and was married to her by the Mohammedan law, and for the handsome price of a thousand rupees in money and kind. It was a difficult matter to arrange, but in those days, even more than now, might was right, and who could say nay to a man who could slay as well as protect? If it had pleased Grierson to have her abducted for him the price would have been less; and, suspicious as all savages are, the caravan of Zillah Khel Waziris saw that they stood a good chance of a greater security if one of their women was the wife of one of their protectors. Besides, the girl was of no consequence. She was an orphan, and the Malik had the legal right to dispose of her. Her relations were few and poor. Four guns, 20 rounds of ammunition, a gun and a substantial sum in cash, to say nothing of the influence and security, was a good price for a "tocherless lassie." So Grierson got his way and his wife. Now she was his wife in English law, though he did not know it; but, to do him justice, he meant honestly by her, and treated her kindly and well.

At last there came a day when the old game of "trailing the tail of my coat" was played by the government of India. Officially this is known as "testing the temper of the tribes;" and it is done by sending parties more or less armed to "visit" various tribes in a friendly way. The "tribes" have the same objections to being called upon in a friendly way—with a gun in your hand—that Englishmen have. They also get alarmed, then they begin to shoot out of fun, whereupon they are said to be "uncertain;" an expedition goes forth, and a little more red paint is added to the map of our Indian empire. It was during one of these expeditions that Grierson's men came to the notice of an official of the austere kind, and Grierson was sent off abruptly to a remote part of the interior of Panjab. He took his wife with him, and found himself at once in troubled waters. He was married and squeezed; the English women urged on their men to make his life a burden to him; but he held on manfully till the charms of an English girl set waning his affections for his savage wife. He made a trip up to the frontier, and there gave her a writing of divorce, and handed her over to her tribe again. He gave her also clothes, money and jewelry, and the head man a rifle, and refused the return of his purchase money. Then he rode away, leaving the forsaken woman sitting forlorn on the sand and stones from which he had taken her two years before.

He did not think he was acting unkindly. He had found her poor and left her rich. No doubt, too, he felt that at last he was free.

was gone (the women of the tribe fell on her. She retaliated on them, scoffing at their dirt and savagery, and refused to do the old menial offices. She refused, too, to marry any one of the men, who would have been quite content to take her for her wealth. Then the men turned, too. The women began to teach them to regard her as a spy in the camp, and the inevitable Mullah quickly let it be known that she was a heretic from the faith—whatever that was in their eyes. As she was wealthy, her existence was a shame, a danger and a reproach. It was not long before she was doomed an outcast, a defiled infidel, a rebellious woman. They came quickly to the point of passing sentence of death on her; and they came to it the quicker that the news was brought to them that Grierson was married according to the English religion to one of his own race. What the poor tortured girl did or said in her rage is not known, but it sealed her fate. It also cast the hatred of the entire tribe on Grierson. He had debauched one of their women, and for two years had cast shame on them.

On a gloomy winter morning, between dark and dawn, they led her to the place of execution in the Gorge of Shame. No women were near. They stripped her, and left her standing naked in the midst of a ring of cruel men, pitiless and heedless of her beauty. The Mullah worked himself and his hearers into a religious frenzy, and then, at the height of it, sprung on her with his keen, heavy saber and cut her through the spine. She reeled with a scream and fell on her hands and knees. He struck her again, and she fell on her side in a torrent of blood, with a strangled cry for mercy. A shower of big stones crashed on her, battering the shape out of her body and piling a mound above her. Hardly had her dying groans ceased when sand and earth and pebbles completed the tomb, and effectually wiped out every trace of her existence.

The men lounged slowly off to join the caravan, which was lurching and straggling away two or three miles ahead toward their native mountains. And her relations divided between them her property. But the atonement was not complete. It was useful that every trace of Grierson and his race should be wiped out. The blood of the murdered woman was on him, and the shame of the tribe. Year by year the traders passed through Hindustan, and sought always Grierson; sought him for years; sought him till his hair, which they had known black, was iron-gray; sought him until many years later two men of the Zillah Khel passed a native regiment camping on the line of march, while moving in relief, and learned that Grierson was in command. They left their servants and comrades to journey on with their merchandise, and took to the jungle, following the regiment. Grierson was a keen sportsman, and they looked to seeing him alone some day out shooting. At last their time came.

Two days' march from the destined cantonment Mrs. Grierson came out to meet her husband, and brought her three little boys with her. She was to stay in camp that night, and go ahead in the cantonment next day, a double march. Grierson took his gun, and said he would go and shoot some game for her; and he went with only his orderly. All unseen and unsuspected, his two enemies dogged him, until some two hours later he came to a duck-jeel, and sent his orderly round to a point a mile away to drive the duck toward him, where he crouched in mud and water behind a heap of weeds. As soon as he was alone the two men dashed for him. Grierson turned at the noise they made in splashing through the water. He recognized the dress of their tribe.

"What do you want?" he shouted. "Vengeance!" they cried, and rushed at him with their knives drawn. For answer he fired both barrels at them. He knew what they meant, and in his flurry one man took both charges, and dropped dying. Grierson clubbed his gun. The second man took a smashing blow on his left arm, but got home with his knife, and Grierson went down. The man dispatched him and fled, leaving gun and cartridges and his dead comrade.

When the bodies were found there was a fierce hue and cry. The story of Grierson's conduct on the frontier came up, and the tribe was overhauled by the politicians. But, of course, nothing came of it. Poor Mrs. Grierson went home with her little boys, ignorant of the cause of her husband's murder, for who could tell her?

She had not been out of India a month when her husband's only brother was stabbed in the Delhi streets by a fanatic. "And if any of his sons come out here, even 20 years from now, they will die," said Bakshan Khan. "Why," said the boy, "young Grierson who was at Sandhurst with me, came out and went to Peshawar. He was out shooting up Abbotabad way, and was found dead at the foot of a cliff. It was thought he had accidentally shot himself, and so fallen down." "It may be," said Bakshan Khan. "But only the Zillah Khel know for certain." "By Jove!" said the boy. "Now I know why his brother, who came out to the police at the same time, went home again. He told me that he had been warned that his life was not safe. And his passage home was paid by government."

"That was wise," said Bakshan Khan. —From On the Edge of the Empire, by Edgar Jepson and Capt. D. Beames.

A Blue Ridge (Ind.) woman has agreed to compromise with a matrimonial agency by paying \$75 for her husband. This is a sort of purchase for which it is difficult to fix an upset price, although probably some husbands are worth that money.

The amount of butter made in this country annually is estimated to be 1,375,000,000 pounds. The amount of axle grease that parades as butter is not given.

Peculiarity of Buddhists. A custom peculiar to Buddhists is that of wandering about the country with hammer and chisel and carving holy symbols upon rocks by the wayside.

OLD LETTERS.
The house was still, and the light was fading from the western glow; I read, till tears had dimmed my sight. Some letters written long ago.
The voices that have passed away, The faces that have turned to mold, Were round me in the room to-day And laughed and chatted as of old.
The thoughts that youth was wont to think, The hopes now dead for evermore, Came from the lines of faded ink As sweet and earnest of yore.
I laid the letters by and dreamed The dear dead past to life again; The present and its purpose seemed A fading vision full of pain.
Then, with a sudden shout of glee, The children burst into the room, Their little faces were to me As sunrise in the cloud of doom.
The world was full of meaning still, For love will live though loved ones die; I turned upon life's darkened hill And glared in the morning sky.
—Frederick George Scott, in Boston Transcript.

Back to Light and Love

THE silent stars looked down through a clear, still night upon a host of sleeping men. The brigade had advanced by forced marches, and now lay within two miles of the dervish camp. To-morrow's dawn would see the assault. Two officers stood together, talking in low whispers, for it was of the utmost importance that the enemy should be taken by surprise, and the orders as to silence were strict.

"Buck up, old chap; you'll come through all right. And if not, what does it amount to? You've got no women folk to bother about."
"No, thank heaven. It is in times like this that one is glad never to have married—like poor old Harcourt."
"Why poor?"
"I was thinking of his wife. I shouldn't care to be tied to an ugly woman myself."
"That's all rot, Hamilton," retorted the other. "I don't believe it matters a row of pins, so long, of course, as she isn't repulsive or underbred."
"Think so?"
"Yes. The most unlikely women sometimes attract most."

"Well, old chap, I'm precious thankful I've no thoughts of woman to bother me to-night. I shall try for a lead to-morrow, even if I have got the route; we've a good chance of being first into the zareba."
"We will give you a race for it, anyhow. But we'd better try and get a sleep, for this awful heat takes it out of a fellow."
The two went to their separate posts. And as he lay, sleepless, the thought came to Hamilton that it was somewhat lonesome to think that no woman's eyes would fill at the news of his death; and he looked upward at the stars above him, wondering where his soul would be to-morrow.

The shadow of death lay upon him, as at times it does upon the bravest soldier; he would fight none the worse for it in the morning.
The sun had risen.
In the previous short half-hour of dawn the assault had been delivered, the dervish forces had been driven from their intrenchments, and now the black, grinning "Gippys" were fraternizing and triumphing with their laughing and chaffing white comrades.
Backward, across the half-mile of plain, the surgeons were busy. Away to the southward could be heard the sounds of pursuit as the British lancers chased the flying Dargars.
A field hospital at the front is not a pleasant place, neither can it be described in cold black and white. War correspondents, as readers of the dailies have no doubt noticed, judiciously avoid more than the merest mention of such places.

There were some ghastly cases, and both surgeons and assistants had been worked hard. But the pressure was over, and at last there was time to attend to the wounds which were not deadly.
"Now, Hamilton, let's see," said Surgeon Maj. Murphy, approaching an officer who lay motionless on a stretcher—who had so lain half an hour at least. The doctor looked his patient over, gave a low whistle, and beckoned to one of the orderlies, who at that moment turned his head.
"Look, see, Dawkins, here's a bad case! He must go back to the hospital."
"Bad as that, doctor?" asked the motionless man faintly.
"Tis so! Now you keep quiet."

Lieut. Hamilton had been totally blinded by the explosion of a shell in an earthwork, as well in front, he was leading his company. He was sent to the rear—to hospital—and Sister May was given charge of him.
He had not much pain, only he was blind. Treatment appeared to have no effect on this; it seemed likely to be a long business. The days began to hang heavily. Then came the old story: "Love in Idleness."

II.
Hospital sisters do not cease to be women when they take up their work. Sister May was just as susceptible to love as though she had been a silly young thing of 18, though, in fact, she was ten years older. And he? Pity being akin to love, the recipient of pity runs a double risk. Her voice was soft and musical, her touch was soothing, her care of him seemed first motherly, then sisterly, and then—
So it was that by easy stages they drifted into that strange attraction which the world calls "love."
And her one fear was that some day he might see again. The surgeon said it was just possible, and was advising a consultation with the world-famed Prof. Augenwirth, of Graefrath. She prayed against that possibility, for in her own eyes she was plain—nay, ugly, past redemption. Yet, though she could not realize it, her too large mouth and prominent teeth, her irregular nose, and all the fancied imperfections of her face mattered little; for her large gray eyes were soft and full of animation, her skin was like velvet, her figure and carriage perfect. But, womanlike, she could only dwell upon her facial defects, and was full of apprehension lest some day his sight should be restored, and, seeing her features, he should loathe her.

Her cousin Kate, a sister nurse, see-

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says it is becoming harder every year to get acquainted in Missouri. Under the new state law barbers are required to pass an examination and take out a license before they can scrape an acquaintance.

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"What have you been doing?" asked her mistress.
"Oh," said she, "I stepped into a dumpleck o' glaur."
"And what's glaur?"
"Just clairs," said the girl.
"But what's clairs?"
"It's just clabber."
"But, dear me, what is clabber?"
"Clabber is drookit stour."
"But what is drookit stour?" insisted the amazed lady.
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