



The Matter of Marrying.

St. Paul Globe. Young men, the large majority of you are hovering around the verge of matrimony, shivering like a mouse-colored terrier, and afraid to step off. The great majority of you know just where you can put your finger on a girl who would marry you at a second's notice, but you are afraid that you couldn't satisfy the landlords, coal-dealers, and milliners that a man always weds when a he marries a woman. You are not men! You are simply cowards, who see a prize hanging above your heads and have the moral courage to ascertain if your arm is long enough to pluck it. My advice is, if you have got a job and you are earning fair wages, get married and go to house-keeping, if you have to begin with an oil stove, a candle, and a bed lounge. This may seem to you to be a small beginning, and so it is; but, once married, the money that you now throw away on your endeavors to quiet your restless soul will go into furniture and little nicknacks, and you will soon wake up to the fact that you are the owner of a home, and that word means a great deal to a young fellow who has been swimming around in the ocean of life ever since he was big enough to shove himself with his chin just above the water. Just as soon as a man can stand up before the world, point to a pleasant home presided over by a wife, who makes a harness of smiles with which her husband draws his burden of daily care, and say "they are mine," he jerks his head up in the air about six inches and goes prancing about like a yearling colt in a new pasture. Get married, young man, and if you use common sense in picking out a wife you are sure to make a success of the venture. The world owes you a living, but it is not going to press it upon you. You will find that it is just as easy to feed two mouths as one, provided the extra mouth is owned by your wife. \* \* \* There is nothing on this side of Heaven that can smooth out the wrinkles in a man's disposition, or knock down the obstruction that get in his path as he tramps along through this brief probation of life, so perfectly as the sympathy and affection of a true, noble, self-sacrificing woman, and I am eccentric enough to believe that the majority of women are built that way.

The Servant of the Future.

C. N. Hood in Puck. The hired girl has risen from her luxurious couch and was standing before the dressing-table in her boudoir arranging her long, badly beaten gold-limbed tresses in a fashion which would tend to keep them from falling too unbecomingly into the succulent preparations of the cuisine department over which she reigned supreme. Upon the marble-top before her lay a programme of the Coach Gentlemen and Hostler's grand ball which she had attended the evening before. She picked it up and carelessly glanced over the names of her partners—Jas. Quize, C. A. B. Drive, Samuel Hanson, Peter Herdic (his X mark), and a dozen others who had sought her hand in the mazy evening before. Which did she care for the most? Suddenly up the stairway a voice floated softly. She started up, and there was a strange menacing light in her eye. Again the words came distinctly to her ears from the unseen speaker below, but she answered no. Rising from the luxurious divan upon which she had thrown herself she waited, but the voice did not come again. Ten minutes later there was a knock at her door. She arose and received from a liveried pageant delicately-scented note. It read: "Mrs. Wealthy's compliments Miss de Cook and asks if she may expect a few women's assistance in the preparation of the dinner at 6?" Turning languidly to an elegantly carved eiderie the maid dashed off the following and handed it to the waiting boy, who bowed and vanished. "Miss de Cook's compliments To Mrs. Wealthy and thinks she is too free and asking more than the cook can take care." "But will give Mrs. Wealthy audience At 5:30 and Consult and advise regarding the repast through Miss de Cook is much To onweed to assist in preparing it."

Iago Knocked Out in the Round.

Baltimore Sun. Four hundred colored people assembled last night at Wilson Post Hall to witness Shaksperian tragedy by colored actors, who were put down on the bills "the brightest stars of the colored race." The third act of "Othello" was given. When Mr. Hurie Bavardo, as the Moor, was discovered upon the stage swathed in a yellow and red-striped robe, cloak and turban, the audience said "Whoop!" and it became evident that he was going to have a hard time before that audience. Contrary to custom Othello's fast color was toned down with white powder. Iago was J. A. Arneaux, and his performance was very creditable. He wore blue tunic, black shorts, slashed with yellow, and black tights. He was of very light color. Othello's acting was fearfully and wonderfully done, and the audience, a class most keenly alive to the ridiculous, laughed uproariously when in his jealous fit he cried: "Why did I marry her," flamed himself down, and almost pitched his head under the table instead of on it, as he intended. No fault could be found with his vigor of action. He treated Iago to one of the most thorough shakings that should have sufficed for the less of a thousand Desdemonas. In the melee Iago's wig was so unsettled as to present for the remainder of the scene an Iago with two foreheads. Contrary to the assertion that Shakspeare never repeats, Othello managed to double up on a long passage to kill time while he worked himself over to the prompter at the right. The latter's arm and book were visible. Iago coaxed him from his wife, but after that he couldn't get him six feet from the prompter. Miss Alice M. Franklin, a very light-colored girl, as Desdemona, showed good practice in elocution, and appeared in a crushed strawberry dress trimmed with white lace and filled out by a bustle. Macbeth was also given in part, Macbeth himself appearing in a tin helmet, maroon smoking jacket, and Venetian red-tights, and on Lady Macbeth's injunction to "look like the times," the audience caught on again. Mrs. Lucy Bragg Adams sang several beautiful solos.

A Girl in Pawn.

A Chicago telegram says: A thirteen-year-old girl held in pawn for a board bill. That is the case with Clara Smith, and the pawnbroker in the case is Mrs. Jane A. Johnson. Mr. Smith, the father, Tuesday filed a petition for habeas corpus in the Circuit Court, and Judge Altgeld has made it returnable Wednesday. The father says that Mrs. Johnson detains the child because of a board bill and subjects her to labors which will not tend to improve her morals. She is under temptations which may yet end in her ruin. Mrs. Johnson, in the mean time, hangs on to the girl, and says she will keep her as long as she can. The parents are well-to-do people in the southern part of the county and abundantly able to take care of her. The landlady says she is not ill treating the child, but, on the contrary, is taking good care of her, but wants her money. Their Story Was True. A New Bedford special says: An instance has occurred here which shows that the old talk of honor among thieves is not wholly imaginary. On the 13th ult., in the Superior Court Thomas Branigan and James Flynn, of Taunton, were found guilty of burglary in the houses of Colonel Frederick Mason, in Taunton, and Spencer Borden, of Fall River. The principal evidence against them was an attempt to sell the stolen property. They said that they had received it from an unknown man, but that kind of statement is so thin and so common that it has little weight with jurors. But when they were brought into court the next week for sentence they said that when the jail prisoners came into the chapel at the hour for religious services on Sunday the 18th they saw the man of whom they obtained the goods. They were allowed to see the other inmates of the jail again and pointed out Thomas Johnson alias Reynolds, who has been noted in the Times as being under arrest for burglary in the house of the Hon. Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford, and suspected of burglary in the North Dartmouth post-office. Johnson has since confessed to Capt. Dayton of the police that he committed the burglaries, and he did not want Branigan and Flynn punished for what they had not done. Among the articles stolen from Col. Mason that had not been found was a clock, and Johnson gave Captain Dayton directions by which he found it buried in Taunton. Branigan and Flynn will not be sentenced for burglary, but they will be tried on a charge of receiving stolen property. Johnson, when arrested, hailed from Poughkeepsie, but now he says he belongs in Gloucester, Mass.

The Trial Trip of the Chicago.

A Washington telegram says: The Secretary of the Navy has received an official report from Captain H. B. Robeson, commanding the Chicago, in regard to the recent trial trip of that vessel. He says the trial began at 9:30 o'clock a. m. on December 16th at Execution Rock. The weather was clear with a strong breeze and moderate gales from the northeast and westward. As far as observed the force of the wind did not affect the speed, the ship having no top hamper whatever. The sea was moderate, except in that part of the sound to the eastward of Stratford Point, where a slight swell from the northwest was experienced. The distance run was carefully noted by bearings of objects on shore by the patent logs and the log-chip, these observations, as far as possible, being taken every half hour. These data, with an allowance for the tide, are given in a tabulated record of speed accompanying the report showing that the distance recorded by the log was slightly below the actual distance shown by the bearings. Captain Robeson says that the run was extended further to the eastward than was at first intended, owing to the temporary disability of the steering engine. One of the eccentric straps became loose and required a change from steam to band, and as it was found desirable to make the run with the steam-steerer a slight delay occurred in the time of running. The steerer again became disabled from the same cause, and the ship was steered by hand during the last hour of the run. The six-hour trial was finished at 3:30, the ship having run 35.50 nautical miles by the chart, or, with the allowance for tides, 90.63 nautical miles. The mean speed obtained during the run was 15.1 knots, and the maximum speed for any one hour was 16.35 knots. The mean horsepower developed was 5,084 and the maximum for one hour 5,248. The machinery worked smoothly for the entire run, and though the water was occasionally used on the journals, the engines were not stopped or slowed down at any time during the trial. The engines worked quickly and efficiently, and all signals from deck were promptly answered. During a temporary adjustment of the steam-steerer the ship was easily handled in the East River by working the twin screws. No report is made of the air pressure, as it was not considered either desirable or necessary to close the fire-rooms. All the steam that could be worked through the engines was furnished by the blower assisting the natural draft. Chief-Engineer Henderson reported that ability of the fire-rooms to maintain the air pressure required by contract was proved by tests at Chester. Captain Robeson says the ship steers well, and that when the steering-engine is properly adjusted and a few minor defects corrected the steam-steerer will give satisfactory results. The steam-captain did not work well, and much difficulty was experienced in weighing the anchor. The reversing gear of the anchor engine does not work at all, and its present condition makes it useless. Captain Robeson says that some arrangement should be made to keep the chain on a level with the barrel of the capstan. The pawls on the gun-deck capstan were all broken, and should be placed with pawls of wrought iron. Owing to the horizontal position of the anchor-chains attached to the lower edge of the main deck, the vibrations in working the engine are excessive. The steam trial clearly showed the necessity of making different arrangements regarding the fire-room hatches. It is probable that the maximum speed corresponding to the developed horsepower was not made on this trial because of the foul condition of the vessel's bottom.

Instantly Killed by a Train.

A Poughkeepsie special says: Mrs. Annie O'Neil, a widow and her little family of three children, two boys and a girl, lived just south of the hamlet of Rhinecliff. She lost her husband about ten years ago. She was janitress in one of the Rhinecliff schools, and also went out at day's work. Her children all went to school regularly. Yesterday she worked all day at the State Dock Hotel. Her children went up to the hotel to go home in the evening with their mother. After her work was done her employer gave her two new dresses for Christmas and the little children some games and toys, and the little family started for home at 8 p. m. They walked along the Hudson river railroad track. When within two hundred yards of Rhinebeck station she evidently heard a freight train which was approaching from the north, and stepped off the down track on to the up track at 8:28 p. m., just as the fast New York express, which left New York at 6 p. m., came along. Michael Burns, the engineer of the train, saw the movement and blew the engine's whistle sharply, pulled the reverse lever over, and opened the throttle wide, but no power on earth could save the mother and children. She evidently saw there was no escape, because she had her arms round both of the little ones, hugging them to her closely, and thus the engine, going at least forty miles an hour, hit all three. All three were instantly killed. The body of the boy was so firmly wedged between the bars of the pilot that it was found necessary to pry it out. The only one of the family left is a boy, aged fifteen, and he was at the station when the bodies were picked up. His grief was uncontrollable and the hearts of the sorrowing people went out to him. Young Girls in London. Charitable people long ago realized the difficulties and temptations that beset the life of a young and inexperienced girl engaged in business in London, as well as the fact that merely to provide a room where she could spend her evenings profitably and pleasantly was not grappling with the whole difficulty. It was not enough to give a girl such a place alone, for, unless she could also be lodged and fed at a price within her means, she would be under strong temptation to eke out her living by immorality. And thus the lodging-house, with its tidy, clean cubicle and its bright club-room, has grown out of the original intention of the founders. Twenty years ago such a work was not thought of; ten years ago it was but in its infancy, and now there are thirty girls' clubs in London and the large provincial towns, and more being organized rapidly. It is difficult to realize the labor and anxiety, to say nothing of the personal responsibility, such a work has entailed, and but for the untiring energy of those who founded it, and at whose heart the welfare and well-doing of these girls lay very near, it would never have attained the position of prominence and influence it now possesses. In this work above all others the personal influence brought to bear on each inmate, the result of which has been the preservation and rescue of many a friendless girl from the snares and temptations which crowd round the path of every unprotected young woman in London. The English board of trade has made a report in which it alleges that the number of paupers in the country now are only 24.7 to the 1,000, and while in 1870 there were 40 to the 1,000, and that the total number has fallen from 90,000 to 697,000, while the population has increased by 5,700,000. In London, it is alleged, there are now only 21 paupers to 1,000 inhabitants. A convention of Virginia and North Carolina is to be held in Danville in February to petition Congress to remove the tobacco tax and to consider other matters bearing upon agricultural interests. A large cotton factory, 300 feet long by 75 feet wide, is being built on top of the Comerland mountain, North Carolina. Virginia is to have a state bureau of labor statistics. There are 60,000 colored Knights of Labor.

Kidnapped on His Wedding Day.

A Chicago special says: Henry M. Hurd, who was to have been married Monday to Mrs. Dora Washburne, and who suddenly disappeared just before the hour set for the wedding; tells a curious story about his adventures. He says that Monday, while at the house of his betrothed, he saw an advertisement in a newspaper for a foreman for the Chicago Retort and Fire-brick Company, and as he was out of work he thought it would be a nice thing to tell his bride that he had a good situation; so he started off to hunt up the place. He was walking along the river front near Twenty-second street when without warning, a heavy hand was clapped over his mouth from behind, a chloroformed handkerchief was thrust under his nose, and he was picked up by a pair of strong arms and whisked around the corner of an alley and thrust into a close carriage. Here he lost consciousness and remembered nothing of what occurred until he woke up in a well-furnished room lighted by a single gas-lamp. He was lying on the bed with his clothes on, trying to collect his wits and locate himself, when three men entered. One of them walked to the bed side, and peering over and scanning Hurd's features closely said angrily: "This is the wrong party." The three then held a council of war, and for two hours they seemingly disputed as to the disposition of Hurd. Finally he was blindfolded and pulled into the street and the carriage disappeared. He found himself at Randolph street and Michigan avenue, and as quick as a cat could take him home he went. Notwithstanding his strange experience he was able to take his place today in the marriage ceremony and was wedded to Mrs. Washburne. Labor unions in all large cities complain of labor bureaus sending men far away to work and starve, the work giving out. A Great National Journal. THE NEW YORK MAIL AND EXPRESS. The advocate of the best interests of the Home—The enemy of the saloon—The friend of American Labor—The favorite newspaper of the people of refined tastes everywhere. For many years the daily addition of the New York Mail and Express has been recognized as the leading afternoon paper of the metropolis, while its weekly edition has been the favorite home paper in thousands of families in every state in the Union. It has attained its great popularity and influence by its enterprise in the collection of news, the purity of its tone, and the ability and courage of its advocacy of the right, on all questions of public interest. For 1888 the Mail and Express will be a better paper than ever, and, as a clean, instructive Home Newspaper, it solicits comparison with any other in the country. It is one of the largest papers published anywhere, and spares neither labor nor expense to secure for its readers the very best in all departments of newspaper literature. Our Politics. We believe the Republican party to be the true instrument of political progress of the American people; and holding that the honest enforcement of its principles is the best guarantee of the national welfare, we shall support them with all our might; but we shall always treat opposing parties with consideration and fair play. Against the Saloons. The Main and Express is the recognized leading journal of the country in the great Anti-Saloon Republican movement. It believes that the liquor traffic as it exists to-day in the United States is the enemy of society, a fruitful source of corruption in the land, the ally of anarchy, a school of crime, and, with its avowed purpose of seeking to corruptly control elections and legislation, is a menace to the public welfare and deserves the condemnation of all good men. 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Blinded by a Cowiding.

A Beecha Falls, N. Y. special says: For over a month the young people of Lodi had prepared for a Christmas celebration in the public hall. Marvin Phillips, a young school teacher in the place, a recent Harvard graduate, was chosen to conduct the exercises. On Saturday the young ladies of Lodi choose Miss Jennie Baxter a prominent society young lady and daughter of the oldest physician in the place, to assist the exercises. Phillips declined her assistance and told several people she did not have a correct moral character. Miss Baxter heard of his words, but kept silent. At the Christmas tree exercises last night Phillips was the sole conductor. The hall was crowded and the scene was a merry one. Phillips arose near the close of the exercises to address the Sunday school children, when Miss Baxter, who sat quietly a few feet away, suddenly rushed forward and drawing a rawhide whip from beneath her cloak beat Phillips unmercifully about the head and shoulders. One of the first blows was across his nose and eyes and he stumbled forward blinded. Miss Baxter hit more severely than. Two men held her back, and her cousin, Miss Lulu Young, snatched the whip from her hand only to beat Phillips more. Phillips was lead away by his friends. There was great excitement in the hall. Women and children screamed and everybody stood up. The Christmas tree was nearly overturned in the excitement. Phillips, who could not see because of the injury to his eyes, was led out to his room, where a physician applied liniment to the cuts and lacerations about his face and neck. Misses and Young were surrounded by young women and left the hall in their company.

Catastrophe.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 2.—Late details of the collision yesterday on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad are to the effect that six were killed outright and fourteen badly injured. The accident took place one mile south of Greenwood on a sixty-foot embankment midway between tunnels Nos. 7 and 8. In addition to these train No. 2, which came North this evening, carried to Cincinnati five or six badly injured passengers. These passengers were in the boudoir car and the railroad officials refused to allow a reporter access to them or to give their names or injuries. Dr. Reddish, of Frankfort, in charge of the Greenwood coal mines, left Greenwood with the wounded and the body of Miss Green, of Cincinnati. Very shortly after the collision a wrecking train left Somerset in charge of Superintendent W. W. Wells, carrying Dr. J. L. Owens and all the Somerset physicians for the scene of the disaster. Two cars, the mail and baggage of No. 1, took fire and burned. At the time of the crash Withrow and Jackson were talking in the baggage car when the car split open from end to end, the mail car and smoke shooting over them; the other cars cutting loose and dropping back on a grade. It is reported that an unknown passenger was crushed and burned in the water-closet of train No. 2. Mr. Avey, of Covington, threw his wife through a window and jumped out after her, both rolling down the embankment. The collision was caused by Conductor Shrum misreading orders delivered to him at Winfield. He mistook Summit for Somerset and hurried his train down the grade at fifty miles an hour to make that point, probably running at that speed when the collision occurred. After the collision Conductor Bennett ran up to Shrum and said: "I'm not to blame for this: read your orders and see." Shrum took out his orders and looking carefully, threw up his hands exclaiming: "Oh, my God, I have made a mistake!" Romance of a Black Cat. A Bridgeport (Conn.) telegram says: Two or three years ago one of the professors at Yale had a black cat, upon which not a hair could be found. Barnum advertised for such an animal, and soon the professor's cat disappeared. Two days after Barnum's winter quarters burned out the black cat came back to her former master's house, and is believed that she was stolen and sold to Barnum. The distance over the road on which puss travelled is about nineteen miles. Pennsylvania has abandoned prison labor, and in one prison 350 convicts are begging for something to do, as without occupation their imprisonment amounts to solitary confinement.

A Temperance Drink.

A fine looking gentleman holding a whispered conference with a restaurant waiter attracted the attention of a neighbor as the same table the other day. With the gentleman's dinner the waiter brought him a cup of tea and half a lemon-juice into his tea and followed it with three lumps of sugar. "Do you drink that because you like it," asked the neighbor, "or because you have to?" "I be an drinking it because my doctor, who is a Russian, recommended it, and now I have become as much a slave to it as a drunkard is to liquor. I was ill last spring. The doctor would not let me have champagne when I was getting well, and I would not drink water. I take the Russian tea three times a day with my meals, and after supper I have it brought to my room. I drink from six to twelve cups of it during the evening. I have gained fifty pounds since I began drinking it, but it is a dangerous drink," he said, buttoning his overcoat up close. "It opens all the pores, and I am tingling from finger to toe. I should catch cold now very easily, but it is the very best thing with which to throw off a cold if you take it at night." Deadly Dynamite. LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—This afternoon about 4 o'clock, while a negro man named Henry Terry was engaged in thawing out dynamite to be used in the tunnel on the Lynchburg and Durham railroad, near the city, the dynamite, which is thawed by means of hot water or sand, became overheated, exploded, demolishing the house in which it was being prepared and throwing the man a distance of thirty feet with such force as to drive a rail into his skull just at the temple. The rail entered so deep that it required two men to extract it, and Terry was killed instantly. The concussion was so great that it shook down articles from the wall in the commissary some distance off, and jarred Mr. P. Taylor Gleaves, engineer, and Mr. Morris, the contractor, who were over four hundred feet from the house in which the explosion occurred. Just a few moments before the explosion the house was filled with laborers, who would all have been killed but for the precaution of the walking-boss, who ordered them out of the house. I could not learn where the negro man who was killed was from. He had been employed for several months to drive a cart on another part of the work, which had been suspended during the holidays. The twenty-second annual convention of the Bricklayers' International union will meet in Boston January 16th, 1888. Among the subjects to be discussed is the further reduction of working time from nine to eight hours.

A Bath (Mo.) telegram says:

On the day of the fireman's muster several clergymen visited a certain Bath hotel. They saw a perfect stream of men pouring in at the front door, across the corridor, and through a door to the right. They watched the movements of the men for some time and then joined the throng and were swept along with it. In a room they went to, lunch was seen spread out equipped with all the usual drinks. The bar-tenders were too busy to notice the presence of the Vigilance Committee, and the crowd evidently did not know the clergymen. Suddenly there dashed through the door the form of the landlord. He was frantic, and when he told who the visitors were, the crowd quickly disappeared. With the escaping frequenters, Rev. Mr. Remick made his exit from the hotel unobserved. The lowering form of the Rev. Mr. Hill absorbed the attention of the landlord and his colleagues, and they held an exciting mass-meeting upon the spot. Mr. Hill was hustled out of the bar-room into the hall, and into another room. "You will ruin my business," said the landlord. "This is the first time I have run an open bar, and it was only for to-day that I throw it open. If you will only let me off this time I will promise that it shall be the last time. I shall not be found in this business in Bath again. Mr. Hill turned a deaf ear. He would not budge an inch from his purpose, and then the half dozen men around him became violent in their manner. He asked them to open the door and allow him to pass out. No attention was paid to his repeated demand. The men in the room with him were intensely excited. They surrounded him, and made gestures which he deemed threatening. He drew himself to his full height of six feet and three inches, and, reaching back with his long right arm, placed his hand under his coat-tail and in the region of the pistol pocket. "Gentlemen, if you mean to use violence I am prepared for you," he said. The landlord and his colleagues fell back to a respectful distance and then came the marshal to search the premises. The bar-room was searched, but no liquor was found beyond a few drops in the bottoms of jugs and bottles, which had evidently been hastily emptied down the spout—few drops and the bottles were brought into the Municipal Court and the two ministers told what they had seen. The judge held that the evidence was insufficient and dismissed the case.

Disappointed Maids.

He was tanned by tempest and foreign sun, and he was the centre of a group of the countries he had visited, so he started: "When I was in Rome—" "Oh, you have been in Rome. How delightful! Did you see the Catacombs?" "Did you see any gladiators?" "What does a forum look like?" "And the baths?" "And the temples?" "When I was in Rome—" "Do tell us about it!" "I always did love Rome." "It is too delightful for anything." "When I was in Rome, N. Y., I caught the typhoid-fever and nearly all my hair came out. Knights of labor petitions are circulating asking Congress to have all convict made goods plainly marked "Convict Labor."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1888.

Parties indebted to us can get the with F. W. Leonard who will receipt for amounts paid him in our name.

1888. On last Sunday morning we stood upon the threshold of another year. The year of 1887 has been numbered with the past; all its joys and sorrows have gone to return no more and we enter upon the new year hoping for more joys and fewer sorrows.

The year 1888 will be one of great importance from a political stand point. The greatest political battle that was ever fought in the United States will soon be upon us. The two great parties are now gathering their forces together for the fight and there will be war to the knife and the knife to the hilt.

The prospects for a Republican victory this fall were never brighter. The present Democratic President, Grover Cleveland has sent a strong free-trade message to Congress and if his views are carried out by the party in power a Republican President will as surely occupy the chair as the sun rises in the East and sets in the West. Virginia will fall in line and her electoral vote will be counted for a Republican President.

In State politics much will be said and done. The Legislature which is now in session with a Democratic majority will have many vexed questions to deal with and it is to be hoped they may do something that will be a benefit to our people.

The development of the mineral resources of Southwest Virginia will depend largely upon the action of the present Congress. If ores and raw material are placed on the free list, Smyth county people will suffer—not only the men who have land but those who work for their daily bread. With salt, plaster and iron on the free list the vast deposits now hidden in our mountains must remain as they are and the mechanics and laborers fall back on the land for a support.

The railroads now being built in our State will no doubt be completed this year. These will give our people better facilities and tend to develop our country. Let each and every man put his shoulder to the wheel and come weal or woe do his best. In politics let every man be a FREE MAN, vote as his conscience dictates and as he thinks will best promote the general interest.

HOME ENTERPRISE.

Why will our people continue to send abroad for articles which are made at home. The only way to build up a town or community is to help one another. Our merchants bring on goods and expect to sell to home people but if the people send off to distant cities for their supplies how can they expect the merchant to cater to their wants. Don't take what little money you can scrape together and send off for goods and then expect our merchants to pay you a big price for eggs, butter and poultry, if you do you will get left every time. Keep your money at home and help each other.

CHOOSE YE!

If the present Congress should place wool and salt on the free-list, what will become of two of the largest industries in the county? The Salt-works by shutting down would throw hundreds of Smyth county people out of employment. Mr. Palmer could no more compete with the foreign salt trade than he could dig gold out of his plaster banks. The Holstein Woolen Mills could not manufacture cloth in competition with free trade England, and would have to go by the board. This is bringing the matter home to our people and it would be well for them to look the question square in the face. Democracy and free trade; Republicanism and protection—choose ye!

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THE NEXT CONGRESSMAN.

On the 6th day of next November the people of the 9th Congressional district will be called upon to vote for a Congressman; and while we do not mean to cast a single slur on the claims of any aspirant, and especially do we disclaim any ill will toward our present member we rise to nominate the Hon. F. S. BLAIR—a man who will be able to meet any opponent the Democracy may place in the field. Capt. Blair is the equal of any man in the State on the stump, and no man the Democrats of the 9th district can nominate will be able to successfully meet him in debate. Capt. Blair has served his people faithfully and well as Attorney-General of the State. In every canvass since the organization of the Read-juster party his voice has been heard in defense of our people, and now that the opportunity presents itself let us as one man make him our standard bearer. Let his friends rally to his support and we will elect him on the 2nd. of next November by a majority that will strike terror to his political opponents.

WHO WILL IT BE?

Who will be the nominee of the next Republican Convention seems to cause the Democratic papers of this State a good deal of concern. On the one hand Blaine is praised and Sherman condemned, while on the other Sherman is praised and Blaine condemned. Now we will tell these papers frankly we do not know which of these two gentlemen will be chosen, if either—but we will tell them that no matter who the Republicans nominate he can beat any free trader they may trot out. The Lynchburg Virginian in speaking of the candidacy of Mr. Sherman uses the following language:

That notorious politician and Radical aspirant to the position of chief ruler of this great American nation—John Sherman—is nothing if not a violent and intractable enemy of the Southern people. While he covets the high office of President for the honor and emolument it would bring him, he does not hesitate to reveal his unfitness for it by manifesting, on all occasions, undying enmity towards one-third of the people constituting the United States of America! He may not intend thus to indicate his lack of fitness for the place of one who should be the elect of the people—to rule in love, and hold the balance with an equal hand between all sections of the country. But this fact appears, nevertheless, and is a matter of calculation with Sherman, who knows that the section which he would represent and stand for in the presidential office is more numerous than the despised Southland, which he would unrelentingly keep forever under the ban of the stronger section.

No one ever expected the Virginian to say a good word of what it chooses to term a "Radical." Such attacks are not arguments and the Virginian should know it. We do not and never will endorse the waving of the bloody shirt either in the North or South. In the Sunday morning Virginian we copy the following from its news columns giving an account of a scene in which Congressman Henderson of N. C., figured as the bloody shirt man.

"After the cloth had been cleared Congressman Henderson arose and gave utterance to expressions which caused the greatest excitement. He told the guests that he gloried in the fact that he had been a rebel, as all those were called who had fought for Southern freedom. Finally he said: 'I am glad to say that I represent a district (the district of Salisbury) where 30,000 Union soldiers rotted within the city limits.'

He was proceeding further when Mr. Tarsney made a rush for the speaker and clutched him by the throat. 'You scoundrel,' shouted Mr. Tarsney, 'I was a Union soldier, and if no one else here will resent your insult I will. Take back what you said about the Union soldiers murdered in your prison or I'll choke the life out of you.'

All such utterances we condemn and they should be condemned by all men irrespective of party. This man Henderson was an ex-confederate soldier and was rebuked by a western Democrat. Had the words been spoken by a northern man every Democratic paper in the south would have had a leader on the outrage.

The Richmond Dispatch is commenting on Mr. Blair, says: 'Mr. Blair has more friends by a long odds than any other Republican aspirant to the presidency, or rather than all of them combined. But if we except Sherman, Mr. Blair also has more enemies within his own party than any other such aspirant has. There are influential men and influential journals all over the country that would like to see him defeated of the Republican nomination for the presidency, though, of course, they will vote for him if he shall be the nominee because they will be compelled to come up to his support after he is nominated.'

Neither the Virginian nor the Dispatch will have a say in nominating

the next Republican President. Whether Mr. Blair or Mr. Sherman gets the nomination, either will receive the support of the Republican voters. These papers will be fully occupied in the next canvass in apologizing and excusing the acts of its own candidate, Grover Cleveland.

Communicated. The following letter occurred in a recent number of the "Grayson Gazette": 'Several of our teachers were at Oak Hill, Saturday, at the meeting, but not much business work was done because of the absence of a leader. Nearly all the teachers report that they have been "turned out," and several difficulties have occurred. One teacher was asked to treat to the amount of four dollars, his students declaring they would take no less. Result—no more school for that set of students this year, and of course no treat. The custom of treating students to candy or something else, is not in keeping with the advanced state of education and civilization of the present day, and should at once be dispensed with. It is only a relic of old fogyism and a backward custom, which benefits no one, but injures many. Teachers, let us all form our schools into a league and set down on this thing and put an end to it. Why spend a part of our already too small salaries in bringing confections for our schools, thereby filling the whole neighborhood with gastric neuralgia, and consequently empty the paragon bottle to cure it.'

This article paves the way for comment. The general dissatisfaction now existing among the teachers of this and the adjoining counties over this invasion of their rights must command attention. They are officers, in the discharge of public trust, and should be protected from such annoyances and interferences as are demoralizing and unworthy of perpetuation. This course of conduct has been unjustly transferred from private subscription schools, where it originated, to our public schools, where it now presages trouble and determined resistance close at hand. It is not honored by men of refined feeling and sentiment, and cannot be the offspring of that peculiar kind of home discipline which trains boys and girls for usefulness in life, and gives them broad and charitable views of the wants and demands of the age. In order, therefore, to preserve harmony and concord in the ranks of our teachers, and thereby promote public interest, we hope the different school boards of the county will take counsel in this matter, and speedily adopt such measures as will remedy the evil for all time—and place our institutions upon such a footing as will make them, in the fullest sense, the pride and admiration of the people. As to the means, it may occur to some that the teacher should be allowed an extra dollar on the month with which to treat at the usual time. In the State we have 6763 public schools, and if such a plan was adopted for the State, it would create an expense of \$83,315, enough to establish more than 300 schools to run five months at a compensation of \$25 per month. It would be nonsense to thus pander to the appetites of children. If any treat is allowed, none but those who pay school tax should share in it. Then, let us not encourage the turning out of teachers, but crush out the practice, and give dignity to the profession and to the character of our children. Respectfully, TIMOTHY.

Pleasant Evening Passed.

A most pleasant evening was passed at the residence of Mr. W. A. Shaver, at Glen Mills, in this county on Thursday night the 22nd of Dec. The young people danced the entire night, commencing at 7 p. m. and continuing until 7 a. m. A most elegant repast was prepared by Mrs. Shaver, and was enjoyed by all present.

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NEWSY LETTERS.

NEWS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

NEWS OF THE SEVERAL NEIGHBORHOODS BRIEFLY RELATED BY OUR CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

White Top.

Fernwood, Jan. 2.—Married on Monday the 26th ult. Killinger Keys of Fernwood, to Miss Phoebe Watson, at the home of the bride's father in Grayson county.

Andrew Penington, who lived west of the Dinken farm on the Hopkins survey, died Aug. 11, '87, aged 87 years. He left a wife 83 years old, eleven children, seventy-nine grand children, and sixteen great grand children.

Christmas week passed off quietly in this place. No disturbance among the people except the killing of a dog. The man will be prosecuted.

Ivy roots are still on a boom. The weather still continues very cold.

Some five or six trees blew down across the mountain road last Sunday night.

Bears have become very saucy in the mountains. On Saturday night before Christmas one came to Thos. Anderson's residence and killed two of his pigs and two of his neighbors. Some parties trailed the bear over Days ridge in the direction of Balsam mountain. It came back the next night and on Monday several parties trailed it to the Bald Rock, north of the Old Fields. Other parties engaged in the pursuit, but they could not get the dogs to run it. On last Saturday the chase was resumed, but the dogs would not attack bruin, and the hunt was given up and the bear is still roaming at will through the mountains.

Rich Valley.

Plastersburg, Dec. 29.—As a few of the silver grays had predicted, we had a white Christmas.

The first quarterly meeting at the Methodist church on Beaver Creek held by the Rev. Bishop, pastor, aided by Messrs. Price and Fraquier closed on Thursday night for the reason that the house could not be kept comfortable by the new plan of steam heating.

Dr. Watson caught a wild cat in a trap a few nights since.

Died, with pneumonia at her residence in Locust Cove, this county, Dec. 23d '87, Margie J. Call widow of F. M. Call.

Mrs. Lora E. Fullen was born in Russell county, Va., in the year 1837, connected herself with the Methodist church and made a profession of religion in her youthful days, married Nov. 7, 1862, died Dec. 19th, 1887. About twelve years ago there was a cancer removed from her breast by distinguished Dr. which weighed nearly three pounds. Since that time there has been no indications of a return of the cancer until about four months ago when it was supposed to return internally. The skill of several Physicians have been baffled in this case. She was not conscious to the last and when she could no longer be heard above a whisper she clasped her hands and thanked God that she had, but a few moments longer to suffer, and assured the weeping husband and loved ones around her dying bed that she had no fear of the most fearful that is death. She was faithful through life and now rests in peace. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

VALLEY VIEW, Jan. 1.—Misses Mary and Myrtle Gwyn, Lizzie Buchanan and Ida Clark, of M. F. College, were at home during the holidays.

Messrs. Jeff Ward and Lee Richardson attended the exercises of the Bazar of the Literary Society of M. F. College on the eve of the 22nd December.

Dancing parties were given at the following places during the holidays. Messrs. Jas. J. W. Sanders, L. S. Campbell, M. R. Ryburns and W. B. Spratts. Juveniles at Mason—Jas. C. and H. S. Buchanan.

Considerable excitement was created over a little fracas which occurred in the house of Mr. Jerome Whitehead, during his absence, between Messrs. Harrison Bushorn and Doc. Totten, on Xmas day, which resulted in Bushorn getting his head badly bruised up with a "billy."

Love's Mill.

Special Correspondent of the Times.

LOVE'S MILLS, Va., Dec. 31, '87.—

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas! Good times, parties, plays, sociables, "sparks," friendships, new acquaintances, and a general good time for everybody, and I believe we all enjoy it. And the Christmas trees—I forgot them—one at St. James, two miles above us, and one at Friendship, three or four miles below—all good, and none here. But we will make it up some way or other and see if we can't compensate for it in a manner at least.

But we, the proclamation "we," want to say that the people of the community show such good taste in the "make-up" of all these fine enjoyable occasions. None of the objectionable features too common in many of the communities; no liquor so far as heard from, and isn't that a good thing? We live at home, take care of ourselves, remain sober, and see the best. And the young la-

dies—aren't they good, and nice and sociable? We thank them for their many graces and the many virtues of their splendid accomplishments.—They make us happy—we can't help it—and while in justice to truth we must admit we have never felt ourselves particularly deserving of their favors and charms and smiles, and they have seemed to fully appreciate that, yet we must say we are happy anyway; it makes us happy to see others so too. It's "catching," you know, and we are glad of it. And the new-comers—we must give them special mention—first, Miss Jennie McCarter, of Grayson county, now at Martha Washington, visiting her uncle, Mr. Andrew McCarter, and her other relatives, the Coles, Loves, &c., all of us other friends and kinfolks she has made now, and who so sincerely regretted to see her leave, but we couldn't help it. "Times change and we change with them," but what a change? But she will have "friends" the next time, won't she? And we suspect she has more than "friends" now, if she only knew it. But rather guess we young gents (some of us, we mean) would be "afraid" to tell it.

And here is Miss Ada Cole, from her school some miles below here; and we guarantee she is a good teacher, at least we could easily be persuaded that way; and to make a clean conscience of it, will say that it would not require any persuading either. That's a settled fact. Some of us may not be the closest observers in the world, but generally when you find a fellow lacking in the most acute observation, you will find him well endowed fortunately with a kind of "instinct" that "carries him through"; and that does as well, just so he gets there. Miss Cole goes back to her school to-day (?)

And here is her brother, Mr. J. C. Cole, from Nebraska, we think. And we must ask him to excuse us, but really he is a good fellow, it seems, and would do well to get some (only one) of these Virginia girls to go back with him. And we don't know, but wouldn't be surprised to learn "of a trouble," that some of them might do well by making that kind of a bargain. But we will leave it to their making to them. They'll have to settle that, especially it seems so, so far as we are concerned, since we have never been able to "settle on our own baste" in that line yet.

Well, there are others; we can't name them all, but we'll mention a few here yet any way, and will have to leave some over to another time, which we will beg to mention by-and-by, if they don't kill us over this. Yes, we must mention Prof. Walter Unberger, who is spending his holidays at home, and is having a good time, at least it looked so to-day from the way he rode off with that young lady for the college. We commend him highly, and want to hold him up as a fitting example for all those who would go in in the way of "right" counts.

With thanks for our patience, and with the hope that you all may have a happy New Year, We are most truly yours, &c.

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Ivy Valley.

Special Correspondent of the Times.

SUGAR GROVE, Jan. 2nd, 1888.—

On Saturday 24th, ult., the Sugar Grove S. S. gave its pupils a nice treat in nuts, cakes, candies &c. There were a good many spectators, and all were waited upon in like manner, and partook of the joy of the occasion.

At 2 p. m. quite an interesting and instructive sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Halsey. The attention of the church was then called to the transaction of business. On motion Prof. J. T. Davenport was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday School for 1888, with brethren E. M. Scott and James F. Hutton assistants.

H. T. James, A. L. Hutton and Hiram Blankenbecker have been quite sick, but are now on the mend. Hunting, quilting and eating occupied the attention of our people during holidays.

N. J. Nelson took in Knoxville and Lynchburg, and reports quite a pleasant trip.

Dr. Dickinson was to see a patient here 27th ult.

On the 29th ult. the thermometer registered 8 degrees above zero. Dickey's Creek was a perfect sheet of ice, and the mail boy failed to put in an appearance to the disappointment of many.

Last week Sherod James killed a hog which weighed 414 lbs. net.

In the last issue of the Times "Z." of White Top reported Edmondson & Son of Washington county dealers in the "Heads of fat Cattle." Several beaves will be killed here soon, and, if their heads can be disposed of to advantage, will our friend advise us whether they should be shipped with horns detached?

The moon "looked forth one still clear night," and Parker whispered to his lass, "my dear, it's quite moony to-night." Somewhat surprised at his sudden eloquence, she modestly replied, "very much indeed." Since, she went to Tenn., the bride of another fellow.

No part of the human body can endure as many blows as the nose. Long and active—A woman's tongue.

One more catamount is out of the way. Creed Welsh, of Tenn., arrived to-day.

On a boom—The school at the Institute. Holidays are over, and it moves off harmoniously with seventy on board and others on the way. Enough and to spare—Messies at Asbury.

"Cage" Phillips, of Grayson killed three fine hogs near here a few days ago. It is said they were stolen by him at St. Clair's Bottom. Our Constable has not returned with the facts of the case, at this writing.

What occurs in this year? Answer—§.

The mail arrived to-day after an absence of four days. The two John's who went to Tenn., have returned. They say there is any amount of land in that country. CAMDEN.

Teachers' Institute, HELD AT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, MARION, VA., DEC. 22ND AND 23RD, 1887.

The Teachers' Institute was called to order at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Superintendent Major A. G. Pendleton. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Allison. R. A. Anderson was chosen Secretary, and the teachers present enrolled. On motion, the chair appointed the following committee to arrange programme—Prof. R. H. Brown, Prof. J. B. Hans and Mrs. D. C. Miller.

After a few interesting remarks by the Superintendent, the committee submitted the following partial report, viz.: "The Benefits and Methods of conducting a Teachers' Institute."

Very interesting remarks were then made by Prof. R. H. Brown, Prof. J. B. Hans, Rev. W. J. Allison, Rev. John M. Scott, and Prof. D. P. Anderson.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Institute reassembled at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The various methods of conducting work in the school room were then discussed by Profs. L. P. Anderson, R. H. Brown and Rev. W. J. Allison. Prof. Hans then conducted class exercise in Mathematics, which resulted in much benefit to all present.

On motion, adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday morning.

SECOND DAY.

Institute convened at 10.30 a. m.

After a few general remarks by various teachers, the subject was then taken up, "Does the teacher teach, or simply hear recitations?" Remarks by R. J. Coppenhaver, R. H. Brown and John M. Scott.

On motion, the department of Grammar was then taken up and discussed by R. A. Anderson, Professor Frank Kelly, Prof. J. B. Hans, R. J. Coppenhaver, L. D. Hancock, Prof. R. H. Brown.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prof. Brown in the chair.

The subject of Reading was then taken up. Remarks by Prof. J. B. Hans and Prof. Charles E. Richardson.

The above is only a mere statement of the work done. Many interesting remarks were made on general topics pertaining to the interest of education, which we do not deem it necessary to report.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the teachers of Smyth county tender to Maj. A. G. Pendleton, county superintendent, their sincere thanks for his interest shown, and efforts made to facilitate our work, assembled and throughout the entire county.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to memorialize the Legislature through the Board of Education, with reference to extending the length of our school sessions from five to eight or ten months. Committee, Prof. R. H. Brown, Mrs. D. C. Miller, R. A. Anderson, Prof. J. B. Hans and N. O. Davenport.

On motion, adjourned.

WONDERFUL CURES.

W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome Ga., says: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salvo for four years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by J. S. Pendleton Druggists.

A WOMAN'S DISCOVERY.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened it clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she congratulated incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a trial bottle free at any drug store.

MINOR OCCURRENCES.

The News of the Week Briefly Told.

Write it 1888.

The holidays passed off very quietly.

If it was a dry Xmas the town was wet.

C. H. Maury was in town during the holidays.

J. L. Thornton and lady were in the Valley last week.

To keep up with the times subscribe for the MARION TIMES.

All the ice houses in town have been filled with fine ice.

Attention is called to the adv. by Maj. A. S. Pendleton.

Six persons were baptised at South Fork church on last Sunday.

Mr. Jas. Rhea of Hamden Sidney, spent the holidays in the city.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. C. H. Carper is reported sick.

Jno. M. Musselwhite and lady were visiting relatives at Saltville last week.

Mrs. Maggie Thompson, daughter of "Squire Iron," is visiting in Marion.

The Times resolution for 1888 is "to issue the best local paper in South-west Virginia."

Wm. Poston, of Saltville, and a hearty supporter of the Times was in the city Monday.

A number of resolutions have been made for the New Year, we fear, to be broken soon.

W. D. Angel and lady left last Sunday for Bramwell, Va. Mr. Angel left the Times follow him.

Mr. James Newman, of Wallace Switch, Washington county, is visiting his father, Mr. Frank Newman, Esq.

We return thanks to Mr. Charles Colley for a nice Christmas turkey he gave us. Mr. C. is next to champion shot now.

T. L. Henritze, of Bramwell, West Va., spent several days with his sister Mrs. Geo. W. Wilmore, during the holidays.

Notice is called to the adv. of J. C. Jones & Co. They offer great inducements to cash buyers. Give them a call.

Special attention is called to the adv. of C. F. Thomas. For good cheap bargains give him a trial before purchasing.

We intended giving a brief account of the parties that were given during the holidays, but we find they are too numerous.

The Methodist church had quite a nice time during the holidays, and the children enjoyed their presents, and exercises.

We learn that Jos. H. Stephenson has been on the sick list for several days. We hope to hear of him improving soon.

Mrs. Mary E. Riller, who has been on a visit to her sister Mrs. Geo. W. Wilmore left for her home in Wytheville, on last Tuesday.

The ponds have been frozen for several days and the ladies and gents have been enjoying skating. Quite a number of the ladies can skate very gracefully.

Mr. Hyran Rollins died in Peachontas on Dec. 25th, 1887, of heart disease. His remains were interred on Cripple creek, in Wythe county, at the private grave yard, on the 27th.

Our circulation did not quite reach the number we anticipated, but we did not miss it far. We can safely say that the Times has the largest circulation of any paper in the county.

The revival conducted by Rev. Maiden and Britton at Fallen Waters school house was brought to a close on last Monday. There were 21 converts during the progress of the meeting.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Peter Killinger which occurred at the residence of Rev. J. J. Scherer's. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, and his remains interred at Royal Oak cemetery. The deceased was about 80 years old.

The following statement was handed us by Jas. H. Francis, Recorder:

Number of persons who died in the corporation of Marion during the year 1887: White males 5, Do Females 9; colored males 11, females 9—total 34. Oldest white male, 75 years, do. female, 71 years, 10 months and 19 days; youngest male, 1 day, female 2 days. Oldest colored male, 82 years; female, 56; youngest male, 1 day, female 2 days.

Whole number of bodies buried in Round Hill Cemetery—White 14, colored 28—total 37. Jan. 11, was the coldest day in 1887, 5 deg. below zero. July 21, was the warmest day in 1887, 98 above zero. Number of days when rain fell in Marion, 136. During these rains it hailed 6 times and snowed 90; sleet, 5 times on days when snow fell.

RENEWS HER YOUTH.

Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay county Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, 50c. and \$1. at Jno. S. Pendleton's Drugstore.

Meeting of Asylum Board.

The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum met at the Asylum building yesterday and transacted the following business:

An appropriation of \$300 was made to the ministers of the town who hold services in the Asylum Chapel. This sum is divided between the Baptist, Presbyterian Lutheran and Methodist ministers. They were also allowed a sum in proportion for their services since last June.

The town of Marion was granted the right of way for their water pipes through the Asylum grounds.

During the month of December 19 patients were received, 9 males and 8 females; 2 patients were discharged; 4 released on bond; and three furloughed. Only one death occurred, that of Miss Ruth Hairston, of Franklin county, of paralysis.

L. B. Montgomery, of Saltville, was appointed night watch.

Robert Buchanan, of Smyth, foreman of the farm.

J. A. Gordon, of Lexington, gardener.

Lee Earheart, of Pulaski, ward nurse.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Pendleton Druggist.

We hereby give notice that Jas. A. Groseclose has been appointed to collect the subscription list for the Lutheran church at Atkins Tank, and will call on the subscribers soon, as the work is being pushed and we will be obliged to have money.

JOHN S. GROSECLOSE, L. J. PICKLE, A. H. ATKINS, Building Com.

Dec. 20th, 1887.

The following market report is corrected every Thursday morning by C. F. THOMAS, Marion, Va. The quotations may be relied on as correct: Eggs—C. F. Thomas, wholesale and retail dealer in general merchandise, and cash buyers of all kinds of produce. Readers of the Times will keep posted by examining the report below, and cash buyers will save money by calling on him.

Butter in demand and sells readily at quotations, old butter not wanted. Eggs wanted at 20 cents and in demand. Butter—Choice 16 @ 20 Chickens dressed 06 @ 07 Turkeys dressed 07 @ 09 Eggs 10 @ 12 1/2 Freshling hams 150 @ 200 Flax Seed 70 @ 80 Tallow 08 @ 09 Beeswax 18 @ 20 Wool—washed 25 @ 30 Unwashed 20 @ 25 Dried Apples 04 @ 05 Corn Meal 50 @ 55 Wheat 70 @ 80 Dried Peaches—peeled 12 @ 14 Unpeeled 4 @ 5 Irish Potatoes 40 @ 50 Apples—green & bus 12 @ 15 Bacon sides 13 @ 14 Hams 100 @ 125 Western R. sides 10 @ 12 Colored 75 @ 100 Lard—country 10 @ 12 Oats & bus 25 @ 28 Onions 65 @ 75 Pork & bus 600 @ 700 Rye & bus 50 @ 60

JERSEY CITY CATTLE MARKET.

Special to the Times.

Favorable weather and moderate offerings helped the live stock trade here to-day materially, and good to choice beefs, lambs, veals and hogs were in demand at rather stronger prices than could be quoted in Friday's circular.

BEEVES—Quotations on the live weight per 100 lbs.: Extra steers, 5 70 @ 5 90; good to prime steers, 5 50 @ 5 65; medium to fair steers, 4 25 @ 4 50; common and ordinary native steers, 3 75 @ 3 15; poor native steers, 3 00 @ 3 70; Texas and Colorado steers, 3 90 @ 4 05; Bulls and dry cows, 2 25 @ 2 50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Quotations on live weight, per 100 lbs.: Good to prime sheep, 5 70 @ 6 30; medium to fair do, 4 50 @ 5 40; common and ordinary sheep, 3 75 @ 4 40; poor sheep, 3 50 @ 4 00; extra lambs, 6 80 @ 7 00; good to prime lambs, 6 50 @ 6 75; common to fair do 5 50 @ 6 25.

CALVES—Quotations on the live weight are as follows: Good to prime veals, per lb., 7 1/2 @ 8 1/2; ordinary to fair do, 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2; common do, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2; grassers and butter milks and "fed" calves, 2 50 @ 3 25.

THEIR BUSINESS BOOMING.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at any Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial-bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

THE VERDICT UNANIMOUS.

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing. Abraham Hall, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only half dollar a bottle at any drug store.

Asylum Items,

Reported for the Times.

Christmas passed off quietly.

Dr. Heron, of Emory, preached in the chapel Sunday.

Mrs. Haller, of Wytheville is visiting at the asylum.

A very large crowd attended the dance Friday night.

The Rag brigade took in the hill on their dress parade.

Mr. Hull Apperson was visiting his father, Dr. Apperson.

A. J. Boyd spent the holidays with his sister in Wytheville.

Mr. Shaver of Floyd county was visiting his son, a patient, last week.

Mr. Chas. White, steward, was in Richmond a few days ago to see Dr. Black.

Miss Essie Oury and Miss Jennie Hoge were absent a few days last week.

Messrs. Galding, White and Hubbard spent a part of the holidays at their homes.

Mrs. Lizzie Crockett is still confined to her bed. We hope to report her better soon.

'Tis said the "magic" entertainment Wednesday night week drew quite a large (?) appreciative audience.

That noted ice pond which we have had so much trouble actually yielded in the recent cold snap forty-two loads of ice three inches thick.

The authorities and employees of the asylum presented Dr. Black a fine invalids chair for a Xmas gift. The Dr. is very much pleased with his present and expressed thanks his to the donors.

We have heard some slightly remarks make about your correspondent, but we take it all in good fun. 'Tis true we don't try to paint the "ruddy coals" in the grate red, or relate about the "water that was drucken at the marriage of Cana of Galilee," nor do we wear the "crimson tide of the maidens cheek," but we get there all the same and have not been drawn over the "ruddy coals" yet.

"GENIUS LOCI No. 2."

Adwolt's Items.

Special correspondent to the Times.

Christmas: Past and gone.

The anomalous season when Foul Murder promotes Peace and Good Will, a reunion, at which we show our aversion to gluttony by punishing the gobblers. And doubtless our opinions on the "Old Eastern Question," is that we agree with Russia, that Turkey ought to be "gobbled."

Christmas day with us was a quiet, but a very pleasant one. The little folks enjoyed the visit of Santa Claus, and there were quite a number of Christmas trees in the community. The young ladies from the neighborhood who are attending college spent their holidays at home. There were quite a number of parties and dinners given for the enjoyment of the young people, and all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely, and especially the ladies who made the occasion delightful by their merriment ways. Many visitors from different parts of the county spent Christmas and holidays in the neighborhood.

On last Saturday night the roof on the store of Holstein Woolen Company fell in, and the rain damaged between five hundred and a thousand dollars worth of goods.

Yours Truly,

FELIX.

Rev. T. J. Crumley will preach at the following places. Marion Circuit: Zion Hill, Jan. 8, 11 a. m. DeBoards, Jan. 12, 7 p. m. Greenwood, Jan. 15, 11 a. m. Clebiate Spring, Jan. 15, 3 p. m. Fallen Waters, Jan. 16, at night Newman's, Jan. 18, at night Cartrree, Jan. 21 and 22. Barne's, Jan. 25, 11 a. m. Ridge S. H., Jan. 26, 11 a. m. Bear Creek, Jan. 28 and 29.

Quarterly conference at Newman's Feb. 4 and 5, Rev. A. H. Ingle, P. E. Rev. A. J. Crumley and Rev. I. N. Pippin will be present to preach on occasion. T. J. Crumley, P. E.

**A Barefooted Genius.**  
To John Ashworth, author and evangelist, poverty was a sore trouble; he was conscious of it. As a boy he had to go up before an assembled company to receive "the first prize," and was unhappy and ashamed that he must go up with bare feet. As he went up to the platform amid the clapping of hands, he says: "I would have given £20, had I possessed it, for something with which to cover my feet." And when returning in triumph to this place: "I cried as though my heart would break, because I was such a poor, poor boy, and I thought some of the other boys sneered at my poverty."  
Weak, no doubt, but weakness is forgiven in the prize-winner, and in John Ashworth's case was intimately connected with the secret of the success of those "Strange Tales" for which it was so difficult, so almost impossible to find a publisher, but of which upwards of 3,000,000 have been sold, and which have been translated into Welsh, French, Dutch, Spanish and Russian. John Ashworth understood the men and women whose stories he told. When he died, at sixty, almost his last request was that all the Sunday-school children in School Lane should have a pair of new clogs and new stockings. The remembrance of that early pain had not died out.

**Mr. John A. McCaull's Injury.**  
A dispatch from Chicago to the New York Times gives the following report of the injury sustained by Mr. John A. McCaull in the accident he met with in that city two or three days ago, previously mentioned in the Virginian:

Col. John A. McCaull hardly knew how many friends he had till to-day, when inquiries about the accident which he suffered last evening began to come in. His New York friends were the first to be heard from. Dispatches of inquiry and sympathy were received early in the day from Lester Wallack, Josh Hart, Marshall P. Wilker, James H. Breslin, George F. Cummings and Mrs. Louisa Edridge. To these and the friends who called on him Col. McCaull said that he was doing as well as could be expected, and was glad it was no worse. His injury is more complicated in its nature than was supposed last night. Two bones in the right ankle were broken, the ankle was dislocated, and there was a consequent strain. During the night he suffered a great deal of pain, but this evening he was comparatively easy, and as chery as though nothing had happened to him. He will not be able to use his foot for a fortnight or more. The accident is explained by the fact that Col. McCaull was on last evening wearing a pair of new boots and the walks were very slippery.

**LAND FOR SALE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that I will on Monday the 10th day of January 1888, in front of the Courthouse of Smyth county proceed to sell a tract of land owned by Joseph W. Blankenbiller, to J. M. Wheeler and G. W. Blankenbiller being the same tract of land on which said Wheeler resides lying in Smyth county, on South Fork of Holston River, containing 98 acres on the same more or less. Cash sufficient to pay costs of suit at law and the Chancery suit and costs of sale including commissions will be required and for the residue bond of the purchase with good security, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months with interest from date.  
A. G. PENDLETON, Com.  
Virginia Smyth county to-wit:  
I hereby certify that bond has been given according to the provisions of a decree in the above named cause.  
Tests: J. B. Gollehon, D. C.

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We have in stock pretty and cheap decorated French China Dinner Sets, decorated German china dinner sets, decorated American china dinner sets, printed dinner sets, decorated French china tea sets, decorated German china tea sets, decorated American china tea sets, printed tea sets, Roger's triple plated spoons and forks, warranted for 10 to 12 years. Rogers' ivory handled knives and forks, chamber sets all kinds. All the above goods sold very low, and will duplicate any bill bought in any section of the country.  
WM. KINNIE & CO.,  
1027 Main street, Lynchburg, Va.

**Norfolk & Western Railroad.**  
TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JULY 24, 1886.  
Trains Leave Marion—Eastward  
No. 2. No. 4. No. 10.  
9:43 A. M. 9:04 A. M. 11:35 A. M.  
WESTWARD:  
No. 2. No. 3. No. 11.  
7:37 A. M. 10:35 P. M. 1:25 P. M.  
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, run between Norfolk and Bristol, Daily. Nos. 10 and 11, Local Freights, Daily except Sunday. Carry Passengers.  
Leave Pulaski 7:00 and 8:10 a. m. daily, except Sunday, for Cripple Creek Ex'n.  
Leave Radford 10:55 a. m. daily for New River Division.  
For further information apply to Ticket Agent, at Depot or to W. V. BEVELL, Gen. Passgr & Ticket Agt. Roanoke, Va.

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**DRY GOODS AND CARPETS.**  
New Fall Goods in Great Abundance.

As an illustration of the goods we are exhibiting, we append a brief summary of the bargains we are offering:

**WOOL DRESS GOODS.**  
36 inch Chevoit and Plaids at 48c. worth 57c.  
36 inch Pin Plaids at 50c. worth 65c.  
34 inch Serge at 48c. worth 63c.  
36 inch Serge at 55c. worth 70c.  
36 inch Fancy Boige at 25c. worth 35c.  
22 inch Plaids at 14c. worth 25c.  
22 inch Diagonal Cords at 25c. worth 31c.  
22 inch Serge at 25c. worth 35c.  
54 inch Ladies' Broad Cloth, for tailor-made suits, at \$1.50.  
22 inch Mixed Suitings at 25c. worth 33c.  
39 inch Cassimir Serge at 50c. worth 65c.  
39 inch Tissue Serge at 75c. worth 95c.  
42 inch Fine French Plaids, very stylish, at \$1.10, worth \$1.25.  
42 inch New designs Combination (small check and large plaid to match), very stylish at \$1.25, worth \$1.50.  
44 inch H. C. Scotch Plaids very fine at \$1.65.  
42 inch Spartan Plaids Suitings, very stylish at \$1.00.  
22 inch French Robroys in plaids and stripes at 50 and 65c.

Our Blankets were bought on last June from the manufacturers, and we guarantee better value for the money than you will find elsewhere. We can supply 500 pairs or more of pairs, just as the demand requires.  
Our Flannel stock is composed of goods sold last summer at at auction by the manufacturer, and prices are far below the present value of same goods.  
Cloaks and wraps, Raglans, Newmarkets and Jackets in many novelties. Also Misses and Children's Cloaks and Havertocks in abundance.

**Look at Our Seal Plush Sacques.**  
We display in our Carpet Department more Carpets, Druggets Rugs and Oil Cloths than the combined stock in the city outside of our house. All new patterns, best goods and at low prices. Orders by mail shall receive prompt and careful attention and guaranteed.

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**Custom Work a Specialty.**  
Will grind any amount from one bushel to a thousand, so customers can have Flour from their own wheat. I have two pair of 34 feet Burrs and all the machinery for same—all first-class articles—which I will sell on reasonable terms.  
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Seven Mile Ford, Va.  
All kinds of  
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