



THE NEW REPUBLIC.

Fourth Effort in Central America to Form a Confederation.

Terms Upon Which the Various States Seek to Unite - Population and Resources of the Separate Sections.

The new confederation composed of the states of Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua, recently recognized by our state department under the title of the Greater Republic of Central America, is the fourth attempt to unite in political brotherhood the small republics of Central America. The nucleus of the present alliance is to be found in the treaty entered into in May, 1895, obliterating the commercial barriers between Nicaragua and Honduras. In that convention it was stipulated that the two republics should exert their influence upon the other Central American states to bring about a union of all of them. The movement will not be complete, therefore, until Costa Rica and Guatemala are in the fold. In that event the new nation will be known as the Republic of Central America. These states were embraced in the empire of Mexico under Iturbide. When Mexico became a republic, in 1824, they dissolved the Mexican alliance and formed a federation which existed three years. Another federation was formed two years later, in 1829, which had an uncertain life of nine years, expiring in 1838 by a revolt in Guatemala. Another federal republic was organized in 1842. In 1847 a union was effected between Honduras, San Salvador and Nicaragua, and this union met its fate in the war with Guatemala. In June, of last year, the presidents of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua agreed upon terms governing the external, political and commercial relations of these states. These relations are to be regulated by a diet composed of one representative from each republic, and foreign ministers are to be appointed by the diet.

The temporary compact or constitution provides that it shall be the object of the diet to preserve harmony among the nations composing the federation and ratify all treaties to that end; and the congress shall pass upon all questions arising between foreign nations and the confederated republics. The new nation has no capital city, but the diet will meet annually in each of the capitals of the republic, the order of the sessions to be determined by lot. The autonomy of the respective republics in the compact will be preserved, and local laws will remain operative unless in contravention of the constitution. An important feature of the constitution is the proviso that all treaties of friendship, ratified by the diet, shall contain a clause providing that all controversies shall be settled by arbitration. Happily, the recognition of the new confederation by the United States will create no friction with another nation, and the delicate controversies likely to arise between this country and Spain, by the recognition of a Cuban republic, will be avoided in the present instance. It was only necessary that our government should be convinced of the permanency of the greater republic of Central America to grant the desired recognition. There are some outstanding controversies between Costa Rica and Nicaragua as to boundaries, and Guatemala claims some concessions to her greater size before she will join the union, but it is to be hoped that these two states may soon find it to their interest to unite with the other states.

Salvador has an estimated population of 800,000 of aboriginal and mixed races, among whom are 209,000 white or persons of European descent. The revenue is about \$2,000,000 annually. Honduras has a population of 450,000, descended mainly from Indians, with a small contingent of Spanish origin. Its annual revenue is about \$1,500,000. The population of Nicaragua is estimated at 250,000, and, including uncivilized Indians, 420,000. The great mass of population is composed of aboriginal Indians, negroes and mixed races, with a small infusion of Europeans. The annual revenue is nearly \$2,000,000. The admission of Guatemala would greatly strengthen the confederation. Its population is 1,800,000, and its revenue in 1894 was \$11,831,815. - Philadelphia Ledger.

Fitkeworth Bannock.
The proportions of butter, sugar, flour and rice flour are the same as for shortcake, with the addition of a quarter of a pound of almonds (blanched and minced fine) and two ounces candied orange peel, chopped very small. Make up exactly the same as for short-cake; mix the fruit and flour together before adding to the butter. As this cake is rather more troublesome to make than shortcake, on account of being more brittle, one egg may be added just at the last to make the mixture adhere better. Proceed exactly the same as for shortcake, but do not make the bannock quite so thick, and do not prick the top of it, but sprinkle over it, before baking, a small quantity of finely-chopped almonds and orange peel. - Ladies' Home Journal.

The Car as a Wheelman.
The car is fond of exercising on the bicycle and is said to be a good wheelman. While staying recently at the royal chateau of Bernstorff, in Denmark, he one day, in company with Princes Valdemar and Christian, took a spin along a highway that led through the forest. He had distanced his companions, and had practically lost his way, when he met a man whom he supposed to be a peasant. He asked him in Danish to be directed to the main highway, and was stupified to hear the man answer him in excellent Russian. He was a Russian detective, whose duty it was to follow his majesty in all his wanderings. - Troy Times.

THE COMMONPLACE.

Shall we but value what is rare - The flawless gem, the peerless face - And none of our affection spare - For what is only commonplace?
The gifts of God, like words, abound On every page of nature's book; There's something worthy to be found Wherever you may chance to look.
We do rank common things before God's rarer wonders, now and then. As common bread is worth far more Than diamonds to hungry men.
And always in God's common things There's beauty, if we care to seek - The sober brown of sparrows' wings, The wrinkles on a furrowed cheek.
'Tis not perfection icy-cold, In earth beneath, or heav'n above, That can alone our heart-strings hold; Hearts cannot tell us why they love.
God help us all if men should care For only what is full of grace, Least love itself should then be rare And we should still be commonplace! - C. J. Boden, in Chambers' Journal.

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

Characters: Frank Hall, a rising barrister; Molly Lascelles, his fiancée. Scene: Mrs. Lascelles' drawing-room. (Frank enters.)

OLLY (jumping up) - What is it?
Frank - Not guilty.
She (clapping her hands) - O, I am pleased. They were bound to acquit her after your magnificent speech. I can't think how you managed to piece the evidence together as you did. (Solemnly) Do you know I wasn't really quite sure - not absolutely sure - in my own mind, until you had spoken.

He (wearily) - It's hard to be sure of anything, Molly.
She - Until some clever person like you - O, but you are - makes it plain to everyone.

He - I'm afraid that nothing is very plain to the average British jurymen.
She - It seems that you made the case clear, even to him. Your peroration about the punishment of conscience was simply grand. I've been repenting of my little wickednesses ever since.

He (fondly) - Very little wickednesses, Molly. (Kisses her.)
(They sit down on the sofa.)
He - Why didn't you stop for the verdict?
She - I couldn't bear the awful suspense. What must it have been for that poor woman!

He - Well, it is over now. (Pause.)
She - I'm so proud and so glad. Aren't you?
He - "Glad" - O, yes.
She - And proud?
He - No.
She - But it will make you, everyone says.

He - I hope so. They've retained me in the Kensington stabbing case already.
She - And you are not proud! Most modest - or megalomaniac - man! Why are you not proud, my learned brother?

He (dejectedly) - O - because - I don't know, Molly. (Suddenly) I'm sick of the trial. Let's talk of something else.
She - But aren't you delighted to think that you've saved that poor, pretty, innocent woman from death - from hanging? Why, Frank, doesn't your ice count for anything to a barrister!

He - I suppose it does. (Pause.)
She - You've overtaxed you, self. I must doctor you. Shall I play you something soothing - with no mean ing to bother about - the Largo in G?
He (softly) - It's rest to sit by you, Molly. But - (excitedly) - yet it isn't. You're such a good little lady, that it makes everything wrong seem worse, to be with you.

She - But what's wrong, Frank? (Puts her hand on his shoulder) What is it?
He - Nothing.
She - On your honor? (Suddenly) You don't mean - you can't mean - that she was guilty?
He (slowly) - I don't know.
She (excitedly) - But you proved that she didn't buy the poison.
He - She did not. It was kept in his

old cabinet, as I proved. But she might have used it.
She - But how could she find it the very night they were married and went home? And how could she tell what it was?
He - Unless she knew he had it.
She - But you showed that it was kept in his secret drawer. Why, you convinced everyone.
He - Did I?
She - Did she tell you that she was guilty?
He - No.
(A long pause, during which she draws away from him.)
She (swiftly) - Frank, you knew that woman before the trial.
He (dropping his head between his hands) - I did.
She (huskily) - After you knew me?
He - Not after we were engaged.
She - After you knew me? When you were always meeting me? When you



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was trying to make me like you? (Fiercely) Answer me, sir.
He (unsteadily) - I couldn't break it off at once, I did as soon as I could.
She - But I can break it off, sir, at once. And I will. And I do. (A long silence.)
She (very pale) - I must ask you to relieve me of your presence. You need not fear that I shall put the police on the track of her accomplice.
He (springing up) - Molly!
She - Mr. Hall! Barrister - and gentleman!
He - Molly, you cannot think that. I did not see her for six months before it happened. It was only a foolish circumstance. I didn't really care for her - nor she for me. But I was dull, and she was lonely, and -
She - Spare me details. Doubtless the unscrupulous advocate and the murderer were admirably suited.
He - But she didn't seem bad, Molly. Indeed she didn't. She was very kind when I told her about you.
She - So I have to thank her for my lover - my ideal of honor and uprightness!
He - For mercy's sake, forgive me. She said that she readily forgave me, for she too had known what it was to love. Then she told me how that man - the dead man - had ruined her lover - and he killed himself with poison that he kept -
She - In the cabinet - in the secret drawer?
He - That the dead man took for debt. (Sighs.) She said that, if a wish could kill him, he would have died a thousand times. Then she told me to go to you and be happy. And I came, and I was; God help me!
She (under her breath) - And me!
He - Six months after she married her lover's murderer. And on the wedding night he -
She - Was murdered.
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"Yes, indeed, I did, and I do love you dearly, Miss Greenhurst - Ethel. Don't you care a little for me?"
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She nodded, and he put his arm around her waist and they were very happy.
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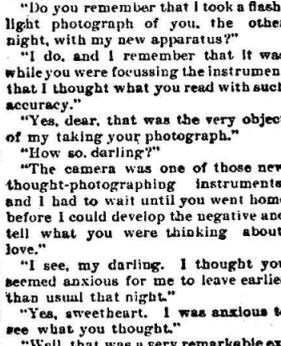
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Concerning Sleeves.
Generally speaking, this winter's evening gowns are more conspicuous by the revelation of arms than they were of last year. Then
"Such a passage
"To Observe Perspiration.
A little dry cornstarch or pulverized soapstone put on the hands in warm weather will prevent any perspiration injuring kid gloves.
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QUEEN IN BLOOMERS.

They Have Been Part of Siamese Female Apparel for Ages.

Pictures of the queen of Siam in her national costume are not only interesting as showing the Siamese fashions but also from the fact that they clearly demonstrate that the new woman in America and England is not the originator of the much derided and caricatured bloomer costume brought into such prominence lately, thanks to the bicycle fad. That Dr. Mary Walker has carried out so long as the "father" (?) of reform in women's dress but carries out the oldstage: "There is nothing new under the sun." At least we can so judge of Siam's fashions, which are not so changeable as our own. The bloomer costume has been worn there for ages.

The manner in which their picture came to be taken is original, and due to the ingenuity of a Yankee and a camera fiend. Such a picture is a rarity, as a Siamese woman, and especially one of high degree, is never seen by a foreigner, and, moreover, a male. But the incident happened as follows, and, thanks to the alertness of our countryman, we have before us an authentic picture of the second queen of Siam, as she really looked standing on the wharf at Singapore.
The steamship Saghellen, running between Chinese ports and Marseilles, was all ready to start on her trip. The returning European passengers were anxiously questioning the officers in charge as to the cause of the delay, for the boat was some two hours behind her scheduled time for starting, and the probability of having to lie alongside the dock all night was a very serious consideration. Their impatience was soon changed to curiosity when they were



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told that the steamer was waiting for the special train bringing the king, nephews and brother of the king of Siam, and also the arrival of the royal yacht having the king and his favorite wife on board.
Finally the train steamed into the station and the royal party disembarked. It consisted of several members of the royal family, notably the young princes Chakrabongse, Rovanath and Den Badhanabongse, the king's sons who were in charge of their education, and two of the king's nephews. The princes were accompanied by two aides-de-camp, a secretary and two English professors. Their suite was composed besides of five young Siamese noblemen, and who, like the young princes, were going to be educated. These nobles and princes were bound for England, where they were to pass five years in order to complete their education. The whole party spoke very fluent English, which they had been taught from their earliest infancy.

The party had hardly settled on board before the royal yacht was steaming toward the river. Chulalong King had made the trip especially to inspect the steamer, which was a new one on the line, and, as the queen was sending her only son to England, had consented to the unprecedented proceeding of allowing her to accompany him and bid her son farewell.
The scene on the quay was a curious one. In the presence of the agent des messageries, acting as French consul, and the commandant of the royal yacht, Commodore Richelieu - a Siamese whose essentially French name set all the genealogists agog - the king, in a very light spring suit, carefully examined all the newest facilities for loading and unloading the vessel. Standing beside her august husband the queen, utterly oblivious to the onlookers, abandoned herself to a very natural outburst of motherly sorrow at parting from her son, and it was at this very moment that the snap shot was taken.
Though the spectators were undoubtedly touched by her maternal sorrow, still the feeling uppermost in all their minds must have been that caused by her strangeness and oddity of her attire. Thanks to the kodak, we can form a very fair idea of this old-fashioned style of bloomers. These classical trousers called "Sampat" are made of a very large piece of silken stuff most ingeniously draped to form a perfect semblance in front of the up-to-date bicycle costume favored by the new woman. Over these is worn a white camisole or species of chemise, which was crossed in front of some royal order, until it was not beautifying, the oriental Siamese queen. I really do not think the photographed resemblance to our majesty will be apt to give any envious feelings in the hearts of our western sisters, or do away the universal adoption of - N. Y. Herald.

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MARION, VA., FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

Mr. W. J. Bryan has stopped lecturing, down in Texas, and gone to shooting ducks.

Mr. McKinley will be inaugurated next March clad in a homespun suit of American woollens. This is an object lesson meant to convey the gentle hint that clothes which are good enough for a President of the United States ought not to be too mean for non-producing dudes.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

Some of our esteemed silver friends are rather unreasonable and impatient, we think. They seem to expect more from a Republican administration than the Republicans themselves. They write and talk as though they expected business to boom from the jump when McKinley was elected. This is remarkable! True, business is on a better footing, business men are full of hope and confidence, and so soon as Republican promises can be fulfilled by legislation, then, we believe, the fruition of all the Republicans have promised will be realized. But it should be remembered that the Republicans never promised to make prosperity under a Democratic tariff law that kills American trade and piles up a revenue deficit of \$40,000,000 a year!

Do you see?—Page Courier.

Mrs. A. M. Darnell, wife of one of the supervisors of Pittsylvania county, died Saturday at her home, near Vance, aged 70 years. She had been twice married. Her husband was Major Robert Williams, a former Mayor and wealthy citizen of Danville, who died in 1860. Soon after the war she wedded Mr. Darnell, who survives her. Among the children of her first marriage are Judge and ex-State Senator Samuel W. Williams, of Wythe; Judge Martin Williams, of Bland county; Captain Thomas N. Williams, of Danville, deputy revenue collector, and Mrs. D. T. Williams, of Richmond.

A Bristol dispatch to the Richmond Times says: There are no new developments in the Deckard case, except that Messrs. Hamilton and Burson, of that city, have been employed to defend Mrs. Deckard, who confessed that she murdered her husband. The case is expected to come up at the next term of the county court at Abingdon, which convenes on the last Monday in February. The plea of defense will be that of justifiable homicide, and it is likely that considerable evidence bearing on this line will be adduced. Mrs. Deckard's lawyers are at least hopeful that they will save her neck.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Judge Sheffey's Remarks.

Remarks of John P. Sheffey, Judge in Washington circuit court, upon reception of the resolutions and report of the bar committee, January 22, 1897, with regard to Judge Ward.

Gentlemen of the Bar: I concur in the resolutions and report of the committee.

I have known Judge Ward for many years.

He was ever kind, courteous and gentle toward me. I do not remember any occasion on which he was otherwise.

He was a genial and pleasant companion, a lawyer of long experience, a good pleader and an honorable judge.

I concur in the view expressed that he was a lawyer of far more than ordinary ability and learning. I have heard him before the court and jury and in cogent reasoning and in eloquent argument.

At the time of his death, as has been stated, he was the judge of the county court of this great county, and had long filled that office, ably, worthily and well.

He was a familiar figure in this community and at this bar.

He had many friends and much influence. He was well known in other counties and perhaps throughout a larger portion of the state.

His faults have been alluded to—he had his faults, doubtless, like the rest of us—but that grim monster, whom we all must meet in our turn, is the protector of his memory. "Nothing of the dead but good," was a maxim of the old Latins, founded in wisdom and in the dictates of humanity.

In his grave all animosities should be laid away; with his body all hatreds should be buried.

Cherish his virtues, extol his merits, and draw the veil of charity and forgetfulness over his frailties—if any existed.

"There is none good but one; that is God."

In that day when the secrets of all hearts, and the hidden things of all lives shall be made manifest, none of us will have a clean record; but those only over the pages of whose biographies the great hand of some authorized angel dipped in the blood of the new covenant shall be laid mercifully, obliterating all that is written against us there.

Let us hope that he and all will be of those whose faults and whose follies shall thus be blotted out.

This death, comparatively sudden, of a member of this bar, brings a warning to each of us. It admonishes us that our own lives are swifter than the flight of birds; more bitter than the thread of the seamstress; more volatile than the dew upon the summer hills that vanishes at the approach of the morning sun.

Let us, therefore, redeem the time and "work while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work."

It has been said by some writer or speaker that "no preacher, on a funeral occasion, is so eloquent as the pale one in the coffin." Let us take to our hearts, as addressed to each of us by his silent lips, the injunction contained in the last lines of Bryant's Thanatopsis:

"So live, that, when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unflinching truce, approach thy grave,
Like one that draws the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Scott County's Wonder.

One of the greatest curiosities in the United States, or in the world, perhaps, is the wonderful ledge of ice which exists, even in the midst of the hottest summer, in Scott county, Va. This natural ice house is situated on the north side of Stone Mountain and about six miles from the mouth of a small stream known as Stony Creek. The marvel is said to have been known to at least one of the earlier settlers, a Mr. Dunridge, who, it is alleged, discovered it while deer hunting away back in 1830. Owing to the fact that the land on which it was situated could not be bought, Mr. Dunridge positively refused to tell of the whereabouts of the ice ledge, and only visited the place when it was absolutely necessary to obtain a supply to be used in case of sickness.

The old man died many years ago, and from that time until 1893 the location of Dunridge's ice mine was unknown, the old gentleman having never even taken his own family into the secret.

In the year last mentioned, however, a party of herb diggers visited the unfrequented region contiguous to Stone Mountain and were fortunate enough to rediscover the lost ice mine.

During two or three months in the middle of summer the ice is only protected from the sun's rays by a thick growth of moss. The formation of the ice layer is similar to that of a coal vein, being thin in some places and thicker in others, the average thickness being about four feet. Persons of some scientific attainments who have visited the place for the purpose of studying the wonder say it has the appearance of having been there since the time of the ice age, which the geologists talk so much about. Another plausible theory is that somewhere beneath the bed is situated a great natural laboratory where either is constantly formed and expelled, and that the process of freezing is now constantly going on. Whatever view is taken of it, it is one of the greatest natural wonders the State affords.—N. R.

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INDEPENDENCE FIRE SWEEP

The County Courthouse and Jail Barely Saved.

Independence, Va., Jan. 30.—Independence was visited this evening by one of the most destructive fires in her history. At 7:30 o'clock the alarm of fire was given, and it was soon seen that the large store-house of Lundy & Dickey was on fire. All efforts to save the building were in vain, and the store building, together with nearly all their large stock of goods, went up in the flames. Loss about \$5,000; partially covered by insurance.

The Central House, owned and managed by Colonel Emory Kirby, was burned, with all the furniture. Loss \$2,000. The house was insured for a small amount. The court-house and jail were saved by timely aid.

OUR JEWISH POPULATION.

Estimated at 500,000, of Whom 140,000 Are in New York.

Baltimore, Jan. 28.—The fifth annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society was concluded to-day. The following officers were chosen unanimously: President, Oscar S. Straus; Vice-Presidents, Menies Cohen, Simon W. Rosendale, and Dr. Herbert Adams; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Cyrus Adler; Treasurer, Prof. Richard Gottlieb.

In a paper by David Sulzberger of Philadelphia in regard to the growth of the Jewish population in the United States, it was shown that in 1812 the total Jewish population of the United States was not over 3,000. Thirty years after the number had grown to more than 50,000, of whom 13,000 were in New York city, 4,000 in Philadelphia, and 1,000 in Baltimore. Mr. Sulzberger estimates the present Jewish population of America at 500,000, of whom 140,000 are credited to New York.

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the nerves and purify and enrich the blood when both become weakened, and to prevent it taken in time, such relapse of physical force. He succeeded to such an extent that Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy has gained a world-wide reputation through its wonderful cures and the benefits it has conferred on the thousands who have used it. In his study of this subject he has also become the leading authority on blood and nervous ailments, and so is sought as physician by people everywhere. He charges no fee for his opinion, and can consequently be consulted, free of charge, by letter or in person.

If you are "worked out," if weak, nervous, run down or you feel "out of sorts," or if you want to avoid the ills, weakness and exhaustion, so sure to come, don't delay. Get this grand restorer of health and strength, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, at once, and it will make you well.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

Marion, Smyth County, Va., February, 4th, 1897.

To F. W. Leonard, admr. of Samuel Wilkinson, decd. Plaintiff, and R. A. Williams Defendant, and all lein creditors of R. A. Williams: You are hereby notified, that I have fixed upon the 4th day of March next, at my Office in Marion, Va., to take and settle the Account of leins against the lands of R. A. Williams in the Bill mentioned, and ascertain what judgements, if any against said land have been paid off and by whom, and if said R. A. Williams is not liable for the whole of said leins what part thereof he should be chargeable with, and who are liable for the remainder. Required to be taken by the decree of Smyth Circuit court, rendered on the 31st day of December, 1896 in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which F. W. Leonard admr. of Samuel Wilkinson decd. is Plaintiff and R. A. Williams is Defendant, at which time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

JNO. R. SEXTON Commissioner.

We will take dressed poultry, corn and pork or any kind of produce from parties owing us on account, and we ask you to kindly favor us in this way when you have the opportunity, as we must insist on our accounts being settled.

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ARION NEWS

Local Items.

The Supervisors were in session last Monday.

For every day or Sunday pants go to Weiler's.

W. M. Hull and Thos. F. Staley were up from Emory Sunday.

Go tell your pipestories to Plumber Francis. He likes to hear them.

Mrs. D. D. Hull left last Friday for Big Stone Gap to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jos. L. Kelly.

The second term of E. & H. College opened Jan. 28th. Several new students have matriculated.

The eclipse last Monday was so completely eclipsed that we could neither see the sun nor the eclipse.

You need Hood's Sarsaparilla to enrich and purify your blood, create an appetite and give sweet, refreshing sleep.

Mr. Kelley, Clerk of the School Board of Saltville, announces that the schools in the corporation will run for seven months.

Judge Cole, who has been confined to his home for the last three weeks, we are glad to report, is improving and will soon be out again.

Mr. Ben Gollehon, formerly of this county, but now of New Orleans, is visiting friends and households in the western part of the county.

W. K. Hancock, of Leadville, Col., stopped off at the Valley House this week on his way to Bland county to visit his old home and friends in that section.

Our old friend Jno. W. Stallard, who has been in a feeble state of health for some time, grew worse this week and his demise is looked for most any hour.

Thornton's Drugstore is the place to buy your family and patient medicine.

N. C. St. John, Esq., of Chilhowie, who has been sick at his home for the last few weeks, is out again and paid our city a visit Wednesday looking after legal business.

Mr. J. B. Rhea, one of the leading merchants of our town, also the proprietor of a large dry goods store in Bristol, Tenn., left for his place of business in that city Monday.

John Williams is agent for the Wonderful Electric Scissors sharpener. Its a perfect little gem for every lady's work basket. Price only 15 cents. Don't fail to buy one when he calls on you.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is known by its works. The experience of half a century proves that no other preparation of the kind stops coughing and always irritation of the throat and bronchial tubes so promptly and effectually as this.

Our city fathers held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 3 p. m. Among the important motions made and passed was one to change the number of months in the year and revise the book of Genesis.

We are reliably informed that one of the resident boarders of the Valley House is furnishing his room and making arrangements to quit the state of single wretchedness. This gentleman's looks are tinged with a silvery hue and we congratulate him that his days of bachelorhood will soon be a thing of the past.

The new plan of easy payments without interest of the Hobbie Piano Co., Roanoke, is the simplest, fairest and safest of any offered. It will commend itself to any intelligent person, as the best and only available safe installment system upon which an instrument can be bought. Write Hobbie Piano Co., Roanoke for particulars.

The memorandum book found on Allen Graham's person disclosed the fact that he had been selling goods of all kinds to a number of people in town at very low prices—cacao at 2 and 4 cents per yard; flour at 35 cts per sack; shoes at 50 cents per pair, sugar 4 cts.; coffee 10 cts. per lb. Sugar, coffee and bacon were his staples. Allen will be missed by customers as well as by the merchants.

We want one good man (having horse) as permanent superintendent for Smyth county, to attend to our business, on salary. Must send along with application, strong letters of recommendation as to honesty, energy and ability. First-class man only. State occupation. Address P. O. Box 1632, Philadelphia, Pa.

PISCO'S CURE FOR WOUNDS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Compound. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION.

Painfully Hurt.

Mrs. Harriet N. Tilson, wife of Stephen Tilson, who lives near Holstein Mills, was on her way to Marion yesterday. When near Capt. D. D. Hull's residence her horse slipped and fell, she was thrown and received such painful injuries as to render her helpless. Mr. C. M. Byars came along with his wagon and brought Mrs. Tilson to the Valley House, where Dr. Atkins was called in and rendered the necessary medical attention. No limbs were broken, but the injuries were painful.

People should beware of riding slick shod horses on icy roads

"The Record" Almanac for 1897 one of the Best.

The Philadelphia "Record Almanac" for 1897 was received at our office some days ago. It is complete volume of reference and will last the whole year through. The Record is one of the first newspapers in our country, giving all the news in clear and compact form. The ability displayed by this great journal is reflected in the pages of the Almanac which is crowded with information sought for by the general public.

Ground Hog Day.

There is no doubt that the ground hog failed to see his shadow Tuesday in this vicinity. February 2nd, according to the popular superstition, is known as "groundhog day," and upon the prevalence of sunshine or cloudiness, the weather for the remainder of the winter is supposed to be forecasted. If the burrowing quadruped find sunshine prevailing upon his debut in the outer world he is supposed to see his shadow, and whether from alarm threat or by some instinctive promotion, he returns to his cavern and continues his hibernation until the middle of March. If the sky be over cast and the sun obscured by clouds, the prophetic woodchuck (by which name the animal is also known) is supposed to regard the winter as ended and to take up his abode permanently upon the surface of this terrestrial ball.

The eye specialist will be at O.C. Sprinkle's Feb. 15 to 17th. Have your eyes examined free of charge.

Sunday Marriage.

Wiley M. Pierce and Miss Lucy L. Kirk, of Sugar Grove, Smyth county, Va., arrived in Bristol on vestibule No. 5, Sunday, and were married at the Nickels house altar, Rev. A. H. Burroughs officiating. This young couple have had a serious time to get to the famous Greta Green, having made an attempt once before, but was forced to postpone their visit on account of the father of the bride, who overtook them.—Bristol News.

New Shoe Shop.

A new and handsome shoe shop has just been erected on the Nickels & Atkins lot adjoining the Seaver Opera House. The shop will be used by the old and reliable boot and shoe maker, Mr. A. D. Cormany, who has on hand a good supply of material for repairing and making new boots and shoes for any who desire them at reasonable prices. Remember you will find me in my quarters at all kinds of work, in my line with neatness and dispatch. Very Resp. A. D. CORMANY.

A New Book, "KNITTING AND BOONING," of 64 pages, over 50 original designs illustrated, beautiful lace patterns, shawls, jackets, etc., has been published by The Home, 141 Milk St., Boston, Mass., and will be sent with a subscription to that paper. The Home is a 20-page monthly filled with original stories, literary and domestic notes and fashions. Its department of Fancy Work is a special feature and original designs each issue. The price of subscription is 50 cents per year and will include one of these books. As a special inducement to trial subscribers, a copy of this book will be given with a 6 months' subscription and the book combination will be sent for only 25 cents. Their annual premium list for 1897 will be sent free on application.

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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

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The Annual Hop Held at the Hotel De Burn's Last Evening Was Quite a Success.

Whirling and twirling in the mazes of the dance—all of the creme de la creme of the city's society was out last night to the greatest ball of the season.

The Hotel De Burn's was magnificently decorated with greens and evergreens.

A number of the town "sports" attended and reported it quite a success, and an evening never to be forgotten.

Refreshments were served at 3:30 a. m. which were served in many courses viz:

1st. "Corn Straight," 2d. "Snow Cream Straight," 3d. "Corn on the Sly" 4th "Corn and Snow Cream" Final orders were given by floor manager "to sweep," and the crowd departed en masse.

Examine our line of Toilet Soaps. You will be surprised at the low prices at Thornton's drugstore.

A MILLION GOLD DOLLARS would not bring happiness to the person suffering with dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many thousands of cases of this disease. It tones the stomach, regulates the bowels and puts all the machinery of the system in good working order to create a good appetite and gives health, strength and happiness.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. cure all liver ills 25 cents.

A Cyclopedia of Historic and Statistic Facts.

We have just received a copy of the Washington Post Almanac for 1897. It is a complete cyclopedia of historical and statistical facts for the office, farm and household, giving also the probable weather for every day, based on the theory and discoveries of the late Prof. John H. Trice. It contains 552 pages of current information on all public topics. Price only 25 cents. The Post is a great newspaper and deserves credit for the skill and labor employed in the preparation of this 1897 almanac.

A WORD OR TWO to sufferers from catarrh will not be amiss if a cura can be offered. Ely's Cream Balm has become a favorite in all sections of the United States. Your cold in the head will be quickly relieved by it, and the severest attack of catarrh will yield to, and be perfectly cured by a thorough treatment. Catarrh is not a blood disease, but an inflammation of the passages of the nose and throat, due to climatic changes.

Notice, Stock Holders Meeting.

MARION, VA., Feb. 4, 1897.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Building & Loan Association will be held Thursday, March 4th, 1897, at 4 o'clock, P. M. at the office of the association, Merchants & Farmers Bank. P. C. MARCH, Sec.

Constipation

Is the most common form of Dyspepsia. Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills (white wrapper), one after each meal, cure the most obstinate cases. They contain no mercury, do not purge nor gripe, and impart a natural healthful tone to the stomach and bowels.

COVE PLASTER.

Cove plaster in good sacks at Look & Lincoln's at \$6 per ton. Only a few tons left. Closing out at cost in order to save moving it to our new building.

THE GUIDE Standard Seed and Plant Catalogue. Contains all that's New and Good. Always Reliable. One packet either Wonderful Brandy, Ing Aster, New Japan, Blue or Pansy Choice. Every Person sending an Order is good for 50 cents' worth of seeds. When ordering state where you saw this ad, and we will send a packet of Choice Flower Seeds free. JAMES VICK'S SONS, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Our Machine.

If you want a first-class machine, come and see the one we are offering in club with THE NEWS. Competent judges pronounce it a first-class article. If you want a machine come around and see ours before buying. Best terms.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association on Feb. 15th at 12 o'clock, court day, in the Court house. Important that each member be present. H. P. COPENHAVER, President. Jan. 29, '97.

To the Public

New Meat Market

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Marion and vicinity to our new meat market, on corner Main street and Iron alley. We expect to keep on hand first class beef and all kind of meats sold in this market, and in addition we will have fresh oysters every Friday, also will keep on hand eggs, chickens, etc.

Prices, best stake 9c. per lb., roast 8c. and down. We have come to stay and ask a share of your patronage. D. ASHBY WILLIAMS, J. C. JAMES.

WANTED Active, reliable men to solicit orders for ELY'S Ophthalmic Remedies. Stock warranted strictly first-class and true to name. Permanent employment; good pay. Business easily learned. State age and occupation. Write at once for terms and territory. Established 32 years. The R. G. Chase Co., S. Penn Square, Phila., Pa.

For the best Overshirts and Underwear go to Weiler's.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand two-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. For a permanent cure to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists price fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, mention THE NEWS and send your full post-office address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

I will take special care in filling your Prescriptions and Family Receipts and charge very low prices for same. Respectfully R. J. THORNTON.

Diamond Dyes, all colors, at O. C. Sprinkle's drug-store.

Letter from Atkins.

ATKINS, VA., Feb. 1, 1897.

Editors NEWS:—Perhaps a few notes from our village would be of interest to some of your readers.

Revival services are in progress at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Moore. He is preaching able sermons and good interest has been manifested.

Mr. J. Brown Wassum met with quite a serious accident last Saturday. In falling from the top of a load of fodder, which he and his brother were hauling from the field to the barn, he ran one prong of a pitch-fork through his right lower limb causing a painful wound. Dr. Atkins, of Marion, was telephoned for immediately. He arrived promptly and administered the proper remedies. The young man is resting well at this writing.

Mr. A. M. Snavely and daughter Miss Ada, were in Bristol last week. Mr. James Ward, of Saltville, is visiting his brother, Mr. R. N. Ward, near this place.

Mr. George Aker, who has been quite ill for some weeks, is better.

Dr. Charles Kethley, our promising young physician, is in good spirits, notwithstanding the severe weather. It is a girl.

Miss Nellie Davis and sister, of Pleasant Hill, visited Miss Ollie Wassum, of this place, a short time since.

A great many of our people are afflicted with colds and grippe.

Our public school, taught by Miss Lizzie Kate Wygal, closed Friday.

MANCREIFF.

For Catarrh, Hay-Fever, Cold in Head. ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply to the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. L. F. BROTHERS, 46 Warren St., New York City.

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FERRY'S SEEDS. There has never been a time when growing should guard against failure with more care than now. Ferry's Seeds were more essential. They are always the best. For a list of seeds, send for a free circular. D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Good Wishes to All! With my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, I again appear before you, thanking my many friends and the public for their very liberal patronage of the past two years, I solicit a continuance of the same, promising to give you the VERY BEST GOODS on the market at the VERY LOWEST PRICES and courteous treatment. With a knowledge of your wants I cater to your trade. Come and see me. R. F. Nickels.

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