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Aunt Hannah's Hearing.

I think it was Carlyle who said 'Against stupidity the gods are powerless.'

My husband is an Englishman, solid, practical, with a stock of common sense that is inexhaustible, and a fervent belief in the capability of a very stupid little wife.

I am a Yankee girl, and fond of domestic life. That suits Caspar, and we have as cosy a little home as any two people in the world could desire to have who possess only a modest competency.

But I may as well admit it—I am very ambitious, and was only too anxious about getting on in the world in a financial way—in fact, I wanted to be rich.

Caspar and I had little encounters of wit occasionally, about what I called the English and be the Yankee, of our habits and peculiarities, but as he had left London when a mere boy, his Cockney dialect was not very pronounced, at least, not more than mine was in the other direction, for if he said 'beg pawdon,' when he fell over the cat, I said 'I guess, a dozen times a day, instead of the 'I presume so,' of Britain, and we managed to average our virtues and defects in a manner satisfactory to both.

One morning Caspar referred to a letter he was reading and said: 'Lottie, my aunt Hannah is coming to visit us. I forgot to tell you, and she will be here to-day.'

'How provoking,' I answered. 'Fate saved me from ill-nature. Caspar just posed I referred to the fact of her not telling me sooner.'

'Yes, it quite slipped my mind, but I will order a joint at the butcher's, and you can make a pudding or tart, and do try and amuse the old lady, for she is very low-spirited. She writes that she lost her hearing in the South, and is much dejected over it.'

'Deaf! Good gracious, this was worse than all! Then I remembered that Aunt Hannah was very rich. What was to prevent her leaving us all her money—or better yet, setting Caspar up in business with a portion of it at once? I had never seen any of Caspar's relatives, who had only recently come to the United States, and I determined to show her what a treasure of a wife he had. I would be ears for her, and she would learn to depend on me, and what more natural than that she would make him her heir, and leave me a legacy. I would invest it in diamonds—no, I would buy stocks—or loan it out at a big percentage!'

The clock striking ten roused me. Caspar was gone. The maid—I only kept one—was finishing the morning's work, and I hurried up stairs and made a careful toilet—a subdued morning negligee, neat and tasteful—and not too extravagant. Then I sat down and began to dispose over again of my prospective fortune.

The sound of the stage coach stopping at the door recalled me from my castle in Spain, and I flew to the steps and spread my hands out in welcome, as a small, dark, spiteful-looking old lady, with a wrinkled face and a false front, got cautiously out and stood on the pavement.

'Dearest aunt,' I shrieked in a high falsetto voice, 'I am delighted to see you. Caspar could not be here, but he left his love and welcome for you.'

The driver of the coach looked at me curiously, as if he thought I was talking to some one in the next township. One or two of the neighbors raised their windows and looked out to see what the disturbance was, but my new relative did not appear to hear my voice even at that awful altitude. She was looking after her boxes and bundles, and merely frowned in answer to my stentorian welcome.

'Allow me, aunt,' I shouted in her ear as I took her hand bag and shawl. Then I paid the driver and dismissed him, and, followed by Aunt Hannah, entered the house. As deaf people talk very loudly themselves, I was surprised to hear

the visitor say in a somewhat sharp voice. 'So this is Caspar's house? Very nice, I must say—quite elegant. I wish it was a thousand times nicer, for your sake,' I exclaimed, or rather shouted. 'Take off your things, aunt, and make yourself at home.'

'What are you screaming at?' asked Aunt Hannah, petulantly; 'any one would suppose I was deaf.'

I was not surprised at this remark, for it is a distinguishing trait with deaf people to dislike any notice taken of their infirmity; so I began in an even higher key that she must not be offended, that loud speech was a peculiarity of mine, and I begged her not to notice it.

But by afternoon I was so exhausted that every word I uttered was a torture of the keenest description; fortunately a friend called, and as my aunt was not inclined to talk, I lowered my voice, moistened my fevered lips, and gasped in my natural tones:

'Oh, Julia, it's positively awful. She's a deaf as a door-post, and has come to stay a month. I shall die, I know I shall!'

'I wouldn't try to talk to her,' said my friend; 'let her amuse herself. You'll only make yourself ill. You look as if you had a fever now.'

'But I must be civil to her,' I said, looking straight at my respected aunt-in-law, and using my natural tones. 'She's immensely rich.'

'What's that?' asked Aunt Hannah, with sudden interest. 'Who is it that has the itch?'

'There,' I said, 'that is just as much as she hears—deaf as a stone—or an adder, but full of curiosity. Don't go, Julia; keep me company till Caspar comes. I shall have diphtheria—my throat is raw now—if you leave me alone with her.'

I had tried to be very English in order to make a good impression, and had remarked more than once, apropos of the weather, that it was beautiful, and had alluded to my dress as a 'frock,' and called all the pitchers in the house 'ewers,' while I denounced everything that didn't suit me as 'nasty.' I could not tell how my doubtful English was received, for Aunt Hannah made no sign, and I told my friend Julia, in utter despair, that I didn't care.

'I even feel,' I continued desperately, 'that her money could never pay for the strain of keeping up a conversation with her. It is positively wicked in her not to carry an ear trumpet.'

When Caspar came home he dutifully embraced his aunt, who had been perfectly silent for an hour or two, and said to me:

'Well, my dear, how have you and Aunt Hannah enjoyed yourselves?'

'Not at all,' I answered shortly, in a voice I did not try to moderate, for I was tired and cross. 'I might as well have talked to some one in the next county. My voice is ruined, and I don't believe she heard half what I said, as it was.'

'Oh, yes, I heard you perfectly,' said the old lady, vindictively; 'I thought you said that was your natural voice, and she smiled grimly.'

'Good heavens! can you hear?' I gasped. 'I could have heard you if I had been dead,' she snapped out.

'What does this mean?' asked Caspar, staring from one to the other. 'Your wife imagined I was deaf,' retorted Aunt Hannah.

'Imagined! you told me she had lost her hearing,' I said, faintly. Caspar laughed; nay, more, he roared.

'It must have been my cockney pronunciation that got the better of me for a moment. I meant her hearing, my dear.'

'Yes, yes,' I said, hysterically, 'that is what you said.'

'Lottie, don't be stupid,' said my husband; 'can you spell hearing?'

'Earing, there! It was a valuable diamond solitaire, not easily matched, and she naturally felt sorry about it.'

'Was there ever such a blunder! I could have given Caspar a good shaking for placing me in such a false position, but then it occurred to me that I was the one to be shaken for an actual want of principle in speculating upon the wealth of Aunt Hannah before her very face. Much good did it do me! She went away the next day, telling Caspar she was sorry he had such a fool for a wife,

and we have not seen or heard of her since. I still contend that he was to blame, as it was the cockney proclivity that put an 'h' where it had no business to be, that caused the trouble in the first place.

A Village Gossip.

I write this from a country village containing about 1,000 inhabitants. It is a lovely little town, nestled on a side hill to break off the raw wind of winter and the hurricanes of summer. When I arrived this morning it seemed to me as if there could not be a bad man or a wicked woman in the village; but four hours have passed, and I am a wiser man. I came here to see old Mrs. Brown about a pension she wants from the government, and when we had finished our business, I said:

'I see you have four churches here.' 'Yes, but we never have any sermons worth listening to.'

'The men look very intelligent and smart.'

'Humph! They are regular pokes! There isn't a man in Farmville who knows enough to ask boot in a horse trade.'

'But the women look happy, I protested.

'Then they look what they ain't,' she answered. 'I don't believe there is a happy woman in the town. If you knew of the awful carryings on here you would not look for happy wives.'

'What awful things do the men do?'

'You had better ask what they don't do. It is a wonder to me that Farmville hasn't shared the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.'

'Do they drink?'

'Do they? Didn't I see old Deacon Harris weaving this way and that as he climbed the hill last evening? It's a slippery path, of course, but sober men don't climb a hill side ways.'

'Do they gamble?'

'Gamble? What did Mrs. Potts tell me that her brother's wife told Mrs. Davis not a month ago? Four of the leading men in the town were caught playing checkers for the soda water. That's nice example?'

'Isn't Mrs. Potts nice?'

'Nice! Why, she's the worst gossip in the town. It is a wonder to me men do not duck her in the mill-pond.'

'And Mrs. Davis?'

'She's a hypocrite! She'll talk sweet to your face, and abuse you behind your back.'

'Mrs. George is well spoken of?'

'By whom? I've known her for fifteen years, and I never heard a human being speak well of her. She eats opium and lies like a trollop.'

'Isn't Mrs. Henry all right?'

'All right? Why, no one can live in the house next to her.'

'The Postmaster seems like a good man, I ventured to remark.

'Good man! My husband always believed he was the very man who threw a yaller dog down our well. I don't say that he steals letters, but I know that when I sent two three cent stamps to my daughter in a letter in Illinois, she never got it.'

'But there must be one good man here.'

'There must, eh! Well, I wish you'd pint that one out to me. I'd like to polish up my spectacles and take a good look at him.'

'And isn't there one faultless woman?'

'Well, I don't want to seem vain and conceited, because none of us are long for this world, but I expect I'm the faultless one you are inquiring after.'

I think I shall go out on the evening train. Mrs. Brown says that every house and lot is mortgaged, every business man is ready to "bust," and every family has at least one scandal about them. On my way over to the post office an hour ago I asked a grocer if he knew old Mrs. Brown.

He that is choice of his time will also be choice of his company, and choice of his actions.

Good taste rejects excessive nicety; it treats little things as little things, and is not hurt by them.

A great name is like an eternal epitaph engraved by the admiration of men on the road of time.

Education is at home a friend abroad an introductor, a solitude in solace, in society an ornament.

Love, that has nothing but beauty to keep it in good health, is short lived and is apt to have ague fits.

It is not till we have passed through the furnace that we are made to know how much much dross is in our composition.

Uprightness in all our dealings with one another is a matter not of human convenience, but of divine requirement.

Associate yourself with men of best quality if you esteem your reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

Any man may do a casual act of good nature, but a continuation of them shows it as a part of their temperament.

In all the superior people I have met, I notice directness, truth spoken more freely, as if everything of obstruction, of malformation, has been trained away.

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THE CONVENTION, AND ITS WORK.

According to announcement a large and enthusiastic Convention of the Readjusters and Republicans of Virginia was held in Richmond on the 23rd ult. Those persons who had indulged in the fond hope that the opposition to Bourbonism in the State had been scattered and disbanded forever by the defeat of last fall were suddenly aroused to the convictions that the Bourbons were again confronted by a strong and resolute organization. The people have evidently been thinking since the disaster of last fall given to Liberalism. They have been watching closely the reckless conduct of the Bourbon party, exhibited by the workings of the recent General Assembly. A reaction has surely taken place, and with the proper concentration of all the forces opposed to Bourbonism the result next fall will be a telling one against the party in power. Elsewhere we publish the platform adopted by the recent Convention of Readjuster and Republicans. It will be seen that hereafter the party will be known as "the Republican party of Virginia." The platform is liberal and declares for everything that is necessary for the protection and advancement of the producing and laboring classes of the Commonwealth. Its call for "the earnest and hearty co-operation of all who are opposed to Bourbonism and its rule" will make a deep and fruitful impression upon all thinking men.

If the Republican party, by its Convention at Chicago, will only give to the people a broad and liberal platform and a worthy candidate, there can be no doubt as to the result in Virginia.

Those Democrats who are opposed to "tariff reform" (free trade), at this time are only opposed to it from policy. They say "wait till we get entire control of the administration and then we can go to work and make the necessary reforms. To undertake to do so now would alarm the public mind, and make the protective tariff Democrats vote with the Republicans." Thus would these reformers, or free traders, sneak into power, if possible. Why don't they stand bravely for or against a protective tariff.

It is noticeable that the Democratic Meetings held in the various counties to send delegates to a State Convention, fail to pass resolutions endorsing the actions of the recent Bourbon Legislature. In counties represented by Bourbons no resolutions have been passed endorsing the course of their representatives.

The debate on the Morrison bill still goes on in the House of Representatives. The Free Traders are still hopeful of carrying it through to a successful vote.

THE PLATFORM Adopted by the Readjusters and Republicans of Virginia, April 23rd, 1884.

Whereas, Government is ordained among men to secure the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,—sacred rights, only to be secured in a Republican form of government, established by the people, for the people, through a full, free and honest expression of the popular will at the ballot-box; and

Whereas the stability, honesty, and purity of government depends largely upon the intelligence of those whose voice shapes its administration and whose sovereign will dictates its policy; and

Whereas the development of the unbounded natural resources of this Commonwealth, the increase of her manufacturing interests, and the diversification of her industrial pursuits are only to be accomplished under a tariff that shall protect and foster American resources, interests and industries, with deliberate preference for our own capital and labor against the foreign capital which would force us to a ruinous competition with pauper labor; and

Whereas the Republican party of the United States has been and now is the steadfast advocate of the principles and policy here declared,—the National party whose organization has given countenance, encouragement, and support to the cause of Liberalism in Virginia,—a Liberalism which seeks a real Republican form of government for that true spirit of Democracy that aspires only to the greatest good for the greatest number;

Therefore, We the Representa-

tives of the people comprising the Coalition party of Virginia, in convention assembled, do declare:

That, from and after this day, our party shall be known as the Republican party of Virginia; that in National affairs we shall follow the banner of the National Republican party and shall support with zeal and fidelity its nominees for President and Vice-President.

That we cordially invite the earnest and hearty co-operation of all who are opposed to sectionalism; all who desire the revival of cordial feelings and fraternal relations between the sections of our common country, with unwavering loyalty to a Union, one and inseparable; all who believe that the South, by reason of her geographical extent and her population, her resources, her productions, her varied industries, her contributions to the Federal revenue, and her constitutional representation in the Congress, should enjoy equitable participation with other sections of the Union in all departments of the National Administration, and all who concur in the justice of the principles here announced and in the spirit which resolutely undertakes to carry these principles into full effect.

That we pledge our best efforts to secure to the people of Virginia free and unrestricted suffrage, an honest ballot, and a fair count, and to promote these great objects in every part of the country.

The we favor free education for all classes of the people, and liberal appropriations of the surplus revenue of the Government for this purpose, as the surest means of giving the greatest stability and the largest security to free government.

That we demand a protective tariff, so that the manufacturing and mining industries of Virginia in common with those of other States of the Union, may continue to grow and prosper, and that agriculture may find a ready and remunerative home market for its products, while our free labor may receive that reward which will be denied it if brought in competition, through free trade, with the servile labor of other countries.

That we arraign and denounce Bourbonism for its hostility to the most sacred rights and the dearest interests of the people,—a hostility which it has demonstrated by recklessly trampling under foot the Constitution and the laws of the State; by denying to the people the right of representation in the Legislature through the men of their own choice, and putting in place of these men others whom the people overwhelmingly rejected at the polls; by diverting the Executive Department of the Government of many of its time honored constitutional and statutory powers, rights, and prerogatives; by systematically endeavoring to prevent (as it did prevent at the last election) an honest expression of the will of the people, and now seeking under an unconstitutional act, to control the popular will by placing all machinery of election in the hands of a privileged class among its own subservient partisans; by depleting the State Treasury and squandering the people's hard-earned money in needless and malicious partisan investigations and wasteful appropriations under false pretenses of public service; by the injudicious interference with the free-school system, whose school houses the Readjusters had opened wide for all the children of the Commonwealth; by its failure to pass any important measures for the benefit of the people; by lessening the taxes of those who live by trade and speculation, while the farming, mechanical and laboring classes are left, in effect, unrelieved of their heavy burthens; by enacting laws deeply affecting the public welfare, when it had denied constitutional representation to one-tenth of the State; and, above all, we arraign and denounce Bourbonism for a hostility to this State and people demonstrated by unscrupulous frauds and shameful methods, by lawless outrage and organized murder and by bringing upon the fair name of this Commonwealth and its inhabitants a reproach which it is the high duty of patriotism to remove.

That we proudly welcome a National alliance in matters of Federal and popular concern that makes freedom and justice possible for all in Virginia.

That, cordially endorsing the administration of President Arthur as conspicuously National and conservative, challenging the respect and confidence of Nation, we give emphatic expression to our preference for his nomination at Chicago.

The Committee further reported the following:

Delegates at large: Hon. Wm. Mahone, Col. James D. Brady, F. S. Blair, Hon. J. S. Wise, Hon. Samuel M. Yost, A. A. Dodson. 1st district—Hon. Duff Green, L. R. Stewart. 2nd district—Hon. Harry Libby, Jordan Thompson, colored. 3rd district—W. C. Elam, Anderson Taylor, colored. 4th district—W. E. Gains, A. W. Harris, colored. 5th district—Col. Wm. E. Sims, Wingfield Scott. 6th district—James A. Frazier, James M. McLaughlin. 7th district—L. S. Walker, J. L. Dunn. 8th district—T. G. Popham, Robt. L. Mitchell. 9th district—Col. D. F. Houston, H. C. Wood.

Electors: Lewis C. Harvie, John F. Lewis, S. Brown Allen, Bailly Brown, C. H. Causey, R. T. Hubbard, J. H. Van Anken, T. R. Carter, E. W. Hubbard, R. J. Walker, Carter M. Lauthan, H. W. Holdway.

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A Fearful Cyclone.

DAYTON, OHIO, April 23.—Shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon, the most destructive cyclone ever known in this part of the country passed over the southern part of Montgomery and Green counties, devastating everything in its course. It appears to have originated near Woodburn, a small town ten miles south of here, and an eye witness describes it as appalling in its fury. Authentic statement is that the cyclone was formed by the union of two light storm clouds from the south and northwest, which immediately assumed the form of a water spout, rising and descending like sea waves, and destroying everything in its way. E. Best, of this city, who was near enough to observe it accurately, says its path was fully one-eighth of a mile wide, the storm moving over the country like a cloud of smoke, while everywhere in its course the air was filled with trees and ruins of houses. The forests were mowed down like weeds, fences destroyed for miles, and it is estimated that in this county alone at least twenty residences are in ruins, to say nothing of the loss on other buildings, live stock and farm property. At Alexandersville, six miles south of here, several persons are known to have been injured, and one lady is reported killed, while saw mills, barns and other buildings were destroyed. At Carrollton Friend's paper mill and other buildings were badly damaged and it is reported that a number of residences were destroyed.

Telegraph lines are down in all directions, and the roads are impassable. Near Woodburn residences and other buildings belonging to Edward Wheatly were destroyed with other property. Two farm hands are reported missing. A brick schoolhouse was nearly destroyed, and the roof was carried 500 yards. A Mr. Harris' house and barn were destroyed, and his child was caught in the cyclone, carried 200 yards and dropped to the earth, slightly injured. Mr. Mitchell's house and barn were partly ruined, and Mr. Ridenour's property was badly damaged, and Abner Harris' barn and other buildings were destroyed.

A New Telegraph System.

A Boston telegram says: A new telegraph system, by which the present code is simplified, has been exhibited here. Chemically-prepared paper, moved by clock-work, receives the record of signals sent over the lines, which are represented by dots and dashes as in the Morse code. On the moving strip of paper rests the points of six fine iron wires, or styluses, and the chief feature of the new system consists in enabling the operator at the transmitting station to make a signal through whichever one of the six styluses he may choose, although only one line wire is used, and in this way to make the position of the mark which is recorded in the chemical paper play a part in determining its meaning. The new system is the application to telegraphy of the system of notation employed in music. Just as the pitch of a half-note is determined by the bar in which it occurs, so a telegraphic character is by this method given six different meanings, according to the stylus through which it is sent and the position in which it is recorded. The bars of the staff are ruled by copper styluses, which make a red line on the receiving strip as it is moved forward, a constant current from a local battery being passed through them for this purpose. When a message is to be sent by hand six keys are used at the transmitting station, each corresponding to one of the styluses at the receiving station, or one key pivoted to swing easily over six contact points may be employed. As each signal has six different meanings, according to the bar on which it occurs, only one-sixth as many are required as in the Morse system, and for these the shortest and simplest are selected. Thus, a dot is used for the six letters which occur most frequently. In this way the actual time occupied in making the signals required to send a message is reduced fully one-half from that required by the Morse system, so that the speed of transmission is doubled.

Among the advantages claimed by the new system are the readiness with which it is learned, the ease with which a message can be translated after it is received, and the impossibility of stealing it from the wires during transmission by the use of a sounder. The process of sending messages has been still further simplified by a machine just completed, in which each letter is given a separate key, by the depression of which the proper signal is sent over the wire automatically, thus requiring no more skill to send a message than to operate a type-writer.

Marns Johai is about to write a book on the ethnography of the Austrian Empire at the suggestion of the Crown Prince.

French artificial diamonds, made of a variety of flint glass and graded to conform to carat sizes of real diamonds, are called "helolas."

The France system of boilers without furnaces has been applied to the towage of boats on the Rhine and Marine canal for a length of five and a half miles, of which more than a half is in tunnel.

It is expected that the Arlberg tunnel will be finished by the end of May, and the Arlberg railway by the end of October. The total length of the tunnel is found to be 5,68 metres

less than was estimated before the boring was completed.

Boots and shoes may be rendered waterproof by soaking them for several hours in a thick, soapy water. The explanation is that the compound forms a fatty acid within the leather which then acquires the property of resisting the penetration of moisture.

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Public Meeting.

At a meeting of the citizens of Smyth county held at the courthouse at Marion on April the 30th 1884. Jas. H. Francis, was on motion made Chairman, and Geo. W. Richardson was elected Secretary.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly at its last session passed an Act setting forth the expediency of establishing an Asylum for white lunatics to be located West of New River, and appointed a Commission to select the location and report its action to the next General Assembly, and

WHEREAS said Commission has fixed the 4th of June next as the time, and Central Depot as the place for its meeting for the purpose of hearing and considering propositions from the several counties concerned, which may apply for the location of such Asylum, therefore be it

Resolved, by the people of Smyth in public meeting assembled, 1. That Judge D. C. Miller, Gen. W. Palmer, Jas. H. Gilmore, N. L. Look, D. B. Hall, Jno. P. Sheffey, Dr. Jno. S. Pendleton, Dr. Jno. S. Apperson and Dr. S. W. Dickinson, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, whose duty it shall be to appear before said Commission at its said meeting and present the natural and other advantages claimed by us for the immediate vicinity of the town of Marion, for the location of said Asylum over all other localities in the Southwest.

2. Said committee is especially instructed to urge said Commission to visit our town and examine the several sites around it, suitable for such an Asylum, believing, as we do, that by so doing the question of location will be settled.

3. Greatly desiring the establishment of such an Asylum at our county seat for many good and sufficient reasons, we believe that the people of Smyth in their corporate capacity will donate, as said Act of Assembly contemplates, any property that may be selected by said Commission, and our county and town authorities are accordingly so instructed.

4. That the action of this meeting be published in our county newspapers, and a copy thereof be sent to each member of said Commission by the Secretary of this meeting.

THE COMMISSION.

The members of the Commission are as follows: Dr. Harvey Black, Blacksburg; Dr. S. H. Moffett, Harrisonburg; Dr. R. H. Cox, King William county; Chas. P. W. Sutherland, Lynchburg; Ferdinand Roth, Roanoke City; E. W. Nichols, Lexington; Thos. F. Goodie, Little Springs, Mecklenburg county, and Emory Barnes, Portsmouth.

On motion the meeting then adjourned. Jas. H. FRANCIS, Chairman.

G. W. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Briefs.

Spring fever is now very prevalent. Without a future disaster in the shape of a freeze or frost, there will be a good many peaches in this section.

AS NICE A STOCK of Spring goods, as WILL BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN TOWN, has just been received, and WILL BE SOLD VERY CHEAP BY J. B. RHEA.

Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Sallie J. Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Sarah A. Williams of this place were married at Pittsburg Kansas, on the 16th of April.

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Gen. James A. Walker, Judge Holbrook, Joseph W. Caldwell, Esq., and C. B. Thomas, Esq., of the Wytheville bar, were in town yesterday attending Circuit Court.

J. B. Rhea respectfully invites EVERY ONE to go and SEE his goods. He offers no bait, but will sell his goods AT A SACRIFICE, before he will suffer any one to undersell him in any goods of the same quality. April 10-3m.

A meeting of the citizens was held in the courthouse on yesterday, which passed resolutions and appointed a committee to look after the interests of Marion as a proper location for the proposed new lunatic asylum.

I have just received a lot of fine Panama, Wool and Straw hats of all grades, suitable for gents and youths, prices ranging from 5cts. to \$1.25. I have also received a lot of Misses fine summer hats. Call and examine them.

R. M. GOODELL.

Norfolk and Western Railroad: The gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for March were \$220,298, and expenses \$134,083, leaving net earnings of \$86,215, being a decrease as compared with the corresponding month of last year of \$27,769. The net earnings for three months of this year were \$247,593, a decrease of \$9,272 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

A large lot of Ladies and Misses, Spring Hats at, G. F. CRUSH & Co.

Dedication of Church.

On last Sunday the Rich Valley Baptist Church, near Mr. Worley's was dedicated. Rev. Dr. Kinkanon, of Bristol, preached the dedicatory sermon to a very large congregation. A collection of three hundred dollars was taken up and the church thereby made entirely free from debt.

Notice to the Traveling Public.

A. C. Hill, represents two different lines of Rail-way to the West. He can give you the very best rates, and will send you through to where you want to go, on regular fast Mail trains. Call on or address:

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Off for Nebraska.

Yesterday Andrew Pruner and Robt. D. Scott boarded the western bound train for Nebraska, where they go to seek their fortunes. We are sorry to see these boys leaving; but hope the change will be best for their future interests. They are both clever young men. Bob Scott has for several years been in our office as a type, and he has always been kind, courteous, dutiful, industrious and efficient. What more can we say of him as a printer. We wish him and Andrew much success in their new home.

JUST IN THE MARKET.—A large Stock of Gingham, Dress Goods &c., at, G. F. CRUSH & Co.

Store-House Robbed and Robbers Captured.

The store-house of Mr. A. Poff, at Chatham Hill, in this county, was broken open on Friday night, the 18th ult., and about one hundred dollars worth of goods stolen therefrom.

Suspicion rested upon two colored men of this town, John Mills and Early Boyd. On Saturday, Deputy Sheriff Wilmore, arrested Mill and on Sunday Boyd came in and surrendered. The are both now confined in jail at this place. Search was made at their homes and some of the stolen goods recovered.

The Only Thing That Will Stop It.

Old Spire Ramsey, of Blue Gap, wrote to a friend in this city last week: "The continued rains and damp weather has made us all sick with Rheumatic Pains and Neuralgia. My wife was not able to walk for a time, and the only thing we could find that would stop it was 'The Genuine Dr. Hart's Relief. It has cured us all. Don't buy any imitation stuff, but if you have Rheumatism, Neuralgia or any pain, see 'The Genuine Hart's Relief."

Wythe County Locals.

A Normal Institute will be held in Wytheville in June.

Over three thousand people attended the circus at Wytheville on last Friday.

Judge McTeer has sold his house to the Norma Iron Co., for the sum of \$3,500.

The Abingdon Presbytery will hold its Spring session on May 7th, at Monk's corner, in Wythe.

Capt. F. S. Blair is now on a visit to his family in Wythe, and will spend some time with them.

Dr. S. R. Crockett and family are now in the county, and it is the universal wish of their many friends that they will again take up their residence in the county.

Capt. Robt. Blair, brother of Attorney General Blair, is dangerously ill at Glade Spring, Washington county. He is suffering from a wound received during the late war.

As a little son of Mr. Sam Wilkersons was returning from the bank recently, where he had been to have a check cashed he was met by another boy about 10 years old who snatched a two dollar bill from his hand and made good his escape.

A very important enterprise has recently been started at Wytheville by S. R. Huffard & Co.—that of making brick by machinery. On last Tuesday we visited their brick-yards and found everything moving on smoothly and successfully. They have a machine that is run by a fifteen horse-power engine, that turns out about twenty thousand splendid brick daily. The clay that is being used is of excellent quality. The bricks are taken from the machine, rolled on barrows to the yards and immediately backed up, thus saving handling of the brick one time as required by the old hand method of manufacturing. In a few days the brick are dry enough to be put in a kiln. Everything is conveniently arranged by Messrs. Huffard & Co. They are near the reservoir and get an abundance of water therefrom, to run their engine and water the clay before it is placed in the machine. The bricks are of uniform weight, size and quality, which is a great advantage in building, and for all purposes for which brick are used. With the superior facilities they possess Huffard & Co., will be able to furnish first-class brick at greatly reduced prices.

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THE NIGHT SHIFT STOPPED. "I went through the mines and gave orders for all the men to stop work of a night, except those running entries. I told L. M. Hampton, foreman, to stop all the rooms of a night, and tell the men to come in at 7 o'clock in the morning and work the day shift in the rooms. I also stopped the engine from being run into the mine at 4 o'clock in the morning and bring out all the loaded cars, so that the room hands could go to work at 7 o'clock. So run the mines on this plan until Capt. Lathrop returned.

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THE POCAHONTAS HORROR.

The Particulars and Truth of That Wholesale Murder Coming Out.

CORPORATE GUILT ONE CAUSE—TERRIBLE ARRANGEMENT BY THE MANAGER OF THE MINE—CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY SOMEWHERE. [Correspondence New York Herald.]

RICHMOND, VA., April 25.—Recent intelligence from Pocahontas is somewhat of a startling nature, and encourages the hope that the truth as to the responsibility for the explosion which killed so many workmen will at last be brought to light. The latest report placed the number of bodies recovered at 103.

THE MANAGER'S ARAIGNMENT.

Mr. W. H. Cocking, the day manager of the mine, has made a full and complete statement in regard to the disaster as far as knowledge of the facts go. His experience in coal mining is limited, and, though made the manager of the mine by the present superintendent, he acknowledged to the Herald correspondent that he was not a gas expert, and had never worked in mines subject to gas or freddamp. The following is his statement as made and revised by himself:

"I was bank boss of the Pocahontas coal mines at the time of the recent explosion, and having to wear the blame of the disaster by Captain W. A. Lathrop, superintendent. I intend the people shall know the facts. What I am going to say shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I came to Pocahontas in 1881 to open up the mines and work them for the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company. I went to work as foreman and manager under Captain Lathrop. I could not work the mines on my own plans, but had to run them as Captain Lathrop ordered me to do. I was furnished men of no experience, and found it a hard matter to do the work with them. They were good men, but did not understand the work. Many times I have gone to Captain Lathrop and told him I was afraid to go into the mines where there were so many men at work who did not know what they were doing. They knew nothing about blasting, and would blast on solid coal and use too much powder. That made it much more dangerous. I went to Captain Lathrop many times and told him it was not safe to work the mines with these men, and requested him to get men who knew more about mining.

"MUST USE CHEAP LABOR. "Captain Lathrop would say, 'Cocking, we must work these men; we must run these mines with cheap labor; we will have none but Hungarians and colored men to do the work.' I insisted that it would not do without men of more experience in mining. I told Captain Lathrop it was not safe even to go through the mines from one room to another. The men were so inexperienced in blasting down the coal, and with so much powder in the mines, they being a full keg in each room the first of every month.

"THE FATAL 'NIGHT SHIFT.' "Captain Lathrop told me that I must run the night shift. I told him that the men would not work the night shift. He said if they would not to send them to the office and he would pay them and get men who would. I would send the men to him, he would talk to them and they would come back with a note to me from him to give them work. I was all the time opposed to work in the night shift. As the mines were worked with a full force through the day, I wanted them to cool off during the night. I knew there would be less danger. The men kept on complaining, and I went to Captain Lathrop different times about it. His reply to me was that he would have the night shift run, that he could get men who would work it. He ordered me to fill up the rooms and entries with 'back hands, and if the men who were running the rooms would not work other rooms who would—that I must get out more coal. He said, 'I will send for more men right away.' He sent and had fifty more men brought who knew nothing about mining.

"RUN IT FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH. "When the men came Captain Lathrop came to me and said, 'Here,

Cooking, are fifty men; you must work them, and that to our interest.' I told him we had too many of that kind of men already. He said, 'That does not matter; you must work them. I said to him I was afraid to go through the mines now. "Captain Lathrop said: 'Oh! the devil! Cocking, you are the first man to complain when you should be the last.' I told him that the engine and the powder smoke would kill all the men, and it would not do to work the mines night and day. Captain Lathrop said: 'That is nothing. Run it for what it is worth. I want coal out, and must have it.' He then sent for me to come to his office; he told me he was going North, and he wanted me to get out all the coal I could in his absence. I worked some two days and nights and found the mines were getting too warm and dangerous.

"THE NIGHT SHIFT STOPPED. "I went through the mines and gave orders for all the men to stop work of a night, except those running entries. I told L. M. Hampton, foreman, to stop all the rooms of a night, and tell the men to come in at 7 o'clock in the morning and work the day shift in the rooms. I also stopped the engine from being run into the mine at 4 o'clock in the morning and bring out all the loaded cars, so that the room hands could go to work at 7 o'clock. So run the mines on this plan until Capt. Lathrop returned.

REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCES.

"I went to him and told him what I had done. He said, 'The devil, Cocking, that won't do! I will run the night shift and every room must be filled up with back hands, and the entries also. He wrote a notice and ordered me to rack it up at the mines. I gave it to J. E. Odell, and he tacked it up at the tunnel, and he ordered the night shift to be run. I am certain if the mines had been run on the plan I was running them when Captain Lathrop returned, we would not have had the explosion we have had. But he changed my plans and filled the rooms and entries to their full capacity. He ordered them worked as rapidly as possible, and to get out all the coal I could possibly get out, regardless of consequences. I am certain if I could have had my way things would have been entirely different from what they are, and the men would all be here now that were lost in the mines.

PRACTICAL MINERS ALWAYS DISCHARGED.

"When a man came here and went to work in the mine who was a man of experience and said anything about the mine being dangerous or gas being in them Captain Lathrop would discharge him; and men who were practical miners that came here would not work at the wages they were paying. I often talked with Captain Lathrop about having a shaft sunk from the top of the hill which would have made the mine perfectly safe from an explosion. But he would not have it done. Any man acquainted with the mines here knows that one little fan was not sufficient to keep the mine safe from an explosion, which has been proven by the one we have had. The hands that it took to run the mine did not number less than four hundred men and from five to ten mules. There and the locomotive engine running in and out of the mine all the time, and a blast being set off about every minute, with over two hundred lamps burning all the time, would soon manufacture a vast amount of gas and bad air, with such little way of escape as there was. There should have been a shaft sunk from the top of the hill to have drawn all of this out. There is more danger of a night than in the day, because men and boys are more liable to go to sleep. It is also said that mines are more liable to explode of a night than in the day, from some cause I am unable to explain.

WILL NOT BEAR THE BLAME.

"I have given these facts about the mine, and could and will give many more before the blame of this explosion shall be placed on me, as Capt. Lathrop is trying to do. I have been here ever since the work commenced; and well acquainted with how things have been run. I shall state nothing but facts, and what can be proven by the men who worked under me. I do not wish to do any person in the company any harm, but I think it is right for any man to let the facts be known rather than let such a charge rest upon him."

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