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At Rules held at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Smyth county on Monday the 4th day of April 1881.
Peter G. Snavely for the benefit of J. B. Helderby against... Comp't

Elizabeth Musser widow of Peter Musser, dec'd, Jno. J. Musser, Jefferson Musser, G. W. Musser, L. Wright and Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Musser. P. T. C. Snavely and Nancy his wife formerly Nancy Musser, M. Flanagan and Susan his wife formerly Susan Musser now dead, John Emerson and Evelina his wife formerly Evelina Musser, Paulina P. Musser, and O. E. Leonard and Emeline B. his wife formerly Evelina B. Musser (both infants) children and heirs at law of Peter Musser dec'd. Defendants.

In Chancery on Amended Bill.

The object of this suit is to subject the hands formerly owned by Peter Musser, deceased to the payment of certain debts due Peter G. Snavely for the benefit of J. B. Helderby.

And it appearing by affidavit filed in the cause that defendants Jefferson Musser, G. W. Musser, L. Wright and Sarah his wife, M. Flanagan and Susan his wife, Wm. Booker and Fannie his wife, Edward Shores, Jno. Shores & Jas. Shores, infants heirs of Frank Shores and Eliza J. Shores now dead, John Emerson and Evelina his wife formerly Evelina Musser, Paulina P. Musser, and O. E. Leonard and Emeline B. his wife formerly Evelina B. Musser (both infants) children and heirs at law of Peter Musser dec'd. Defendants.

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LABOR AND SUPPLY CLAIMS

Circular Letter of Mr. John S. Wise, Attorney for the Purchasers, in Answer to Messrs. John Lyon and A. M. Keiley.

RICHMOND, April 23d, 1881.
To the Labor and Supply Creditors of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad:

My attention has been called to a circular letter addressed by Messrs. John Lyon and A. M. Keiley, counsel for certain clients, holders of labor and supply claims, against the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, which has been published in the Lynchburg Virginian.

As I am counsel in this strange admixture of personal venom, political harangue, and legal (f) advice as an attorney, suppressing as far as possible any indignation I feel at the many misstatements of facts which it contains and the generally scandalous character of the paper.

It is a duty which I owe to my clients to avoid any personal controversies with the attorneys of those with whom they are treaty; therefore, in their interest, waive any exception to the grossness of this paper, and state the facts of the case—that all may understand them, unclouded by petty acrimony.

I take it for granted that ninety-nine out of a hundred of the labor and supply claimants wish to settle on the best terms they can and feel no interest in the side issues of personal controversy to which this letter of Lyon and Keiley so temptingly invites. As a lawyer, therefore, under duty to his clients, I forbear being led astray in those directions, and state legal facts.

In the month of January, 1881, Col. Wm. W. Gordon and I, at the suggestion of Gen. Mahone, visited New York, with a view to organizing a scheme of redemption of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, and to prevent a sacrifice by a public sale. We were so far successful, that, having interested capitalists in the scheme and demonstrated that it was profitable, Gen. Wm. Mahone joined us there. A syndicate for redemption was formed. The general features of the scheme were:

- 1st. Payment of all arrears of interest due on the consolidated bonds.
- 2d. Payment of all costs of the case.
- 3d. Payment of all labor and supply claims in full.
- 4th. Purchase of the State's lien.
- 5th. Restoration of the road to its stockholders, subject only to such an amount of preferred stock as would give those advancing the money to redeem security for their advances.

In perfecting this scheme, the question of re-organization coming under discussion, Gen. Mahone at once declared that he would not resume the presidency under any circumstances, having long since come to that determination.

Our scheme was apparently perfected on Thursday, February 3d, and I went to Baltimore and obtained the consent of Judge Bond to hear our motion on Tuesday, February 8th, of which notice was given. During Saturday the final papers were prepared. A meeting of the syndicate was held at the Windsor Hotel to execute the documents and as Gen. Mahone, Col. Gordon and I were to leave on the 10 o'clock p. m. train, we went there to take the papers for final action.

These papers had been altered during the day, because Gen. Mahone insisted that they did not sufficiently protect the stockholders and labor and supply claimants; and, as finally drawn, were agreeable to the gentleman with whom we conversed and who had been leaders in forming the syndicate.

As the train was about to leave we bade adieu to our friends in high spirits, promising to meet them Tuesday in Richmond, never doubting the scheme was complete. The parties to the syndicate were able to buy six roads like this.

Col. Gordon and I had time and time again protested with General Mahone, pending the negotiations, against the pertinacity with which he insisted in whatever he did upon protecting the stockholders and labor supply claims to such an extent as to endanger success. All the time we were in New York parties were there controlling large blocks of stock, working in every way in their power to thwart and counteract his plans. Some of them, as I heard, went so far as to say they would rather give away their stock than that he should succeed. It seemed to me, therefore, very unreasonable in him that he should be so exacting in his demands for them, while they were working in every way against him. His reply to such suggestions was, invariably, that he was president of the road, that it was his duty to protect these classes, and that the folly of his opponents should not make him forget that duty.

While we were in New York we were approached by the present

purchasers with a view to securing our co-operation; but Gen. Mahone refused to treat with them, pending our negotiations for redemption, and not the least of the reasons given by him was that the redemption scheme ensured better terms for the old stockholders than the scheme of purchase.

We left New York Saturday night, upon reaching Ashland, Sunday morning, we received a telegram announcing that in the conference of our syndicate, held just after we left New York, several members had refused to accede to Gen. Mahone's demand for the stockholders and labor and supply claimants, and that the demands in those regards as an ultimatum had produced irreconcilable discord; that several members had been informed by adverse parties that the floating debt was five times greater than he had estimated it; and that the result was that several had withdrawn, and the syndicate was dissolved. Every telegram suggested that with a little time it could be reformed, if not with the original subscribers, at least with new members; for many who had been theretofore anxious to join had not been admitted, and a majority of the syndicate were still anxious to carry out the scheme.

I have stated the above facts to show what is undoubtedly true. That the sole and only cause of the failure of our syndicate to redeem the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad was the terms demanded by Gen. Mahone, not for himself, for no demand on that account was ever made (and he had stated that he would not accept the presidency), but for people who were and are still blindly, passionately, foolishly opposing every effort he has made in their behalf.

It being mid-day Sunday when we heard that our syndicate had dissolved, and the case being set for Tuesday at 10 o'clock, it was too late to reform it, or to stop Gen. Butler, who was then on his way here, nor could we return to New York.

Instead of having \$3,300,000 to tender for redemption of the road, as we had every reason to believe we would have when we gave the notice, we had nothing. Instead of being able to aver, as we had done in our petition already drawn, that we had induced capitalists to unite, we were compelled to aver that we believed we could induce them, if allowed thirty days.

Gen. Butler arrived here. After conference, having \$100,000 available as a deposit, we determined (his being put at liberty, to act as we saw best, by our associates in New York) to make the overture of redemption. Not with any strong expectation that our prayer as preferred would be granted, but as a cover to our real movement.

The present purchasers had arrived in Richmond and renewed their overtures for our co-operation, which we were now at liberty to entertain. These gentlemen knew as well as we did that our redemption scheme had failed. They knew also that they had the money in hand and intended to buy. So that they were not dependent on us in any way. But they also knew and recognized Gen. Mahone's ability and influence; his perfect knowledge of the affairs of the road, and the desirability of his support and co-operation with the persons acquiring the road. They were, therefore, anxious to co-operate with him.

The result was a contract between the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Company and the purchaser, assented to by the Board of Directors, as follows:

1. That the company would put no obstacle in the way of the sale, but would facilitate the same and its consummation in all proper ways.
2. That the amount of preferred stock should not exceed a certain amount.
3. That the amount of common stock should not exceed a certain amount.
4. That the old stockholders of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad should receive, without charge, one share of common stock for each share then held by them.
5. That the labor and supply claimants should be offered fifty cents in cash and fifty cents in common stock for their claims, to an extent not exceeding \$200,000.
6. That the purchasers should pay the State \$500,000 for her lien.
7. That the road from Norfolk to Bristol should be operated as a whole in direct conformity with the spirit and intent of the charter.
8. It was mutually agreed that in the event of purchase, both parties would cooperate in every way to re-organize the road in accordance with the above.

This is the substance of the agreement made. It was at first proposed to publish it, but afterwards all parties concluded that it was a private contract with which the public had no concern. It is now in my possession, subject to inspection by any gentleman having an interest in any part of it.

Observe, now: If these purchasers had chosen to do so they could have bought this railroad without any restriction or condition set forth above. They preferred to do so, however, agreeably to Gen. Mahone. And he secured from them all the above concessions upon the simple promise of his co-operation—limited

mortgage; limited stock; stock for old stockholders; provision for labor and supply claims; purchase of State's claim for more than it was worth; and guarantee of the operation of the road as an entirety.

I cannot forbear from suggesting at this point how many years would it have taken the John Lyon's and A. M. Keiley's of Virginia to get such concessions for their support, co-operation and influence!

Col. W. W. Gordon and I were employed by General Mahone, on behalf of the company, to carry out the terms of the above contract, in conjunction with Messrs. Bullitt and Doran, of Philadelphia, and Judge Wm. J. Robertson, of Virginia, in behalf of the purchasers.

At a conference between Judge Robertson, Col. Gordon and myself, we ascertained that the labor and supply claims exceeded the sum of \$200,000, at which they were estimated when the contract was drawn, being about \$225,000 principal; and that Mr. Lyon represented claims amounting to about \$130,000 principal, or \$175,000 principal and interest. So that if he succeeded in getting those claims allowed there would be a mere trifle to be allowed to the balance. The contract had been made for the protection of all, and of all alike, and not with the view that some might litigate and thus try to take the whole \$200,000 to the exclusion of the others, and then if they failed, fall back on the provisions of the contract and share equally with the others. We therefore concluded that Gen. Mahone's attention should be called to this, and that he probably would, and ought to modify the contract so as to give only those the benefit of it who chose to accept its provisions when the offer was made to them by the purchasers. And the contract has been so modified—all parties agreeing that it was not their purpose to offer a premium to the litigious and adverse.

Col. Gordon, although it was not strictly a part of his duty, at the suggestion of Judge Robertson and myself, consented to visit Mr. John Lyon, who represented a large number of these claims, and make him an offer of compromise.

Col. Gordon said him. He did, as he informed me immediately afterwards, make him an offer of 62 cents in money, and 37 cents in common stock, on the principal and interest of his claims, conditioned upon its approval by Judge Robertson and the purchasers. He offered him 62 cents because he had heard that Lyon had bargained with his clients for 25 percent. of all he recovered, and unless we had agreed to bear half this expense it would have taken half the cash we offered to settle Lyon's share of the payment.

Lyon promised to reply to this proposition, but did not. Meanwhile, Mr. Clarke and others arrived, and after conference, it was decided we would not offer any creditor to settle for his interest, and I called upon Mr. Lyon and informed him our conditional offer was withdrawn.

He requested an inspection of the contract, which I politely declined, referring him to the gentlemen I represented—Messrs. Mahone, Boyce, Kimball, and Clark—as I am not in the habit of exhibiting the contracts of my clients to strangers.

Later in the day Mr. Bullitt received the following letter from Lyon and Keiley, which he handed to me:

[Copy.]
RICHMOND, VA., April 5, 1881.
Clarence H. Clarke, Esq., and Associates,
General Counsel—Propositions have been made to us within the last few days by attorneys of Gen. Wm. Mahone to accept a certain compromise of the claims for labor and supplies held by us against the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroads, and now in suit.

That there may be no misunderstanding about the status of these claims, it is our duty to inform you that as to the great bulk of them, we are the counsel of the claimants and have in our possession and control the evidences of debt. We hear of some contract by Gen. Mahone respecting them, but after repeated applications have been made to obtain a view of it. This, however, we know and feel it due to you to say that he has no authority or power whatever to act for our clients or to compromise their claims, and that we alone have such authority. Under these circumstances it seems proper that we should invite from you any proposition you may have concerning this matter, promising to give the same due and prompt consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,
JOHN LYON,
A. M. KEILEY.

Upon consultation, we concluded that if they wanted to see the contract and amendment they might do so; I at the same time concluding that the tone of the letter was such that I would let them seek me thereafter.

That day Mr. Clarke and Mr. Tyler, who is to be President of the Norfolk and Western road, requested me, handing me a list of the labor and supply claims—to make to them the offer of compromise.

My instructions were to make the offer to all. I at once employed a clerk and addressed the following circular letter to every claimant:

APRIL, 1881.
Dear Sir: I have been requested by the Norfolk and Western railroad, purchasers of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, to communicate with you. It appears that you had a claim against the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad for \$—, due you for—(labor or supplies). This claim, nor do they believe it can or will be legally paid from the proceeds of sale of said railroad. But they wish to conciliate all the creditors and employees as well as the patrons of the old road, and have instructed me, as their representative, to offer you fifty cents in cash and fifty in the common stock of the new company for the principal of your claims: If this proposition is satisfactory, I will furnish you forms of assignment and pay you the cash and stock upon receiving the same, with your original evidence of debt. The cash and stock coming to you will be as below. Yours truly,

Cash, \$—, Stock, —.

Immediately after the first of these went out, acceptances began coming in, and within ten days \$20,000 have accepted the terms. As they came in I returned reply in circular as follows:

APRIL 1881
Dear Sir,—Yours received accepting the proposal of the Norfolk and Western railroad.

Please make out your itemized account, and make affidavit that is due, that no part of it has been paid or assigned or garnished, and then send it to me, accompanied by an assignment in blank, as below. Several days will elapse after I hear from you before I can remit, as some little time will be consumed in communicating with the company and issuing the stock.

Yours truly,

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT.

For value received—hereby assign the within claim of \$— to—, having received therefor fifty cents thereof in cash, or— and fifty cents thereof, or— in the common stock of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.—1881.

The assignment is requested in blank as the Norfolk and Western railroad will not be organized until May 3d, and Mr. Clarke is paying the money.

During this time I have been in almost daily communication with Messrs. Bullitt, Doran, and Clarke, in utter oblivion of Lyon or Keiley, until I received the Lynchburg Virginian containing over three columns of their misstatement of facts, and abuse of everybody but themselves.

To the creditors of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, holding claims for labor and supplies, I have a few words to say, and then I will reply to Messrs. Keiley and Lyon.

Above I have told you what the new purchasers of this road are willing to do for you and why they are willing to do it. If you choose to accept, I am, as the representative of the purchasers, prepared to set a with you on that basis.

I think it is a liberal offer, and you are doing pretty well to get that much from people who were not bound to pay you a penny save by their covenant with Gen. Mahone.

Quite a number of those who have accepted have done so through counsel to whom they referred the offer. I sent the offer to them direct, and when their counsel appeared and discussed the matter they not only thought the proposal fair, but took no exception to its having been sent first to their clients.

If you prefer to decline the proposal, do so. You are the best judge of your own business. But understand that the purchasers do not propose to pay you anything, if you prefer to litigate your claims, after you have done so and failed. Understand also that as early as April, 1878, the United States Circuit Court—Judge Bond presiding—decided against the supply, and assigned labor claimants; that the Pennsylvania Steel Company alone appealed from that decision; it is too late now to appeal from that adverse decision, and that if the counsel for these claimants should now succeed, as they are endeavoring to do, in inducing the court to reverse itself, the purchasers will appeal from that decision, and if you ever succeed, of which I have the gravest doubt, it will be after weary years of litigation and expense considerably more than the 25 percent. already contracted for Messrs. John Lyon and A. M. Keiley. I state these facts for your consideration. You may act in the premises as you see fit. Whether you accept or decline is a matter as to which I have no personal concern whatever.

And now a few words in reply to the charges and innuendoes in the letter of Messrs. Lyon and Keiley against Gen. Mahone, his counsel, and the purchasers of the road.

I will pass over the scurrility that marks the letter from beginning to end, by observing that I am sure it has not improved their clients' opinion of their dignity or legal knowledge.

They open their remarkable letter with disparaging remarks about the effort made at redemption. Yet, so long as there was any prospect of its succeeding, they knowing it contemplated the payment of their claims, were not only delighted, but one of them actually sat by, volunteering his suggestions, one of which in writing, is now in my possession—preserved not for its value, but as evidence.

Speaking of the contract made with Boyce & Kimball, they say they "could imagine no inducement to support such contracts, unless, perhaps, the president of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company had agreed to waive the benefit of the exemption suggested by Gen. Butler, and thus quit Mr. Clarke's title." There may be many legal con-

siderations, which could not be imagined by these gentlemen. In the making of this contract both parties had the advice of lawyers of infinitely more reputation and ability than either John Lyon or B. M. Keiley; and I aver that the consideration which they presume to have been the only one, had no weight whatever, except incidentally as part of the agreement to co-operate in the scheme of reorganization.

The statute point made by them that the Norfolk and Western railroad does not yet exist, might be seen by anyone; yet they forgetting their own discovery, would have you think they have found a mare's nest, when they notice that we request assignments in blanks, which are necessitated by reason of that very fact.

The statement that I, as counsel for General Mahone, have filed a petition demanding \$140,000 and more, is utterly untrue. The petition names no amount. It merely states what his salary was, under the terms of his original appointment; what his service have been pending the litigation; what his personal expenditures have been; and prays that an allowance be made to him for those services and expenditures.

I expect to support that petition by proofs. If I fail to establish it, I shall fail to recover. I am confident that my success would inflict infinite torture upon many a pettifogger who besides taking cases on the "no cure, no pay" principle, thinks he is growing great while he throwing mud at General Mahone. It is true that Mr. Bullitt was cognizant of, and did not oppose, General Mahone's petition. He has been engaged in a practice such that a claim for an allowance larger than nine shillings does not throw him into convulsions of rage or envy.

In one breath—Messrs. Lyon and Keiley inform you that the surplus on hand, after paying the consolidated mortgage, will be \$400,000—ample to pay labor and supply claims in full, and the large amount which they falsely represent General Mahone as claiming. This would certainly not put him in antagonism to the labor and supply claimants, but to the purchasers of the State lien who are thereby deprived of that sum. In the next breath—they inform you that he is hand and glove with that purchaser, and that he is your competitor.

Could aught but malignity and personal venom induce a statement so palpably absurd?

In one breath—they imply that the purchase of the State's lien at \$500,000, which he secured, was a job and a fraud. In the next—they demonstrate by their own figures that it cannot be worth over \$250,000, after the costs of suit are paid, and intimate a doubt whether, if their claims prevail, it will be worth anything.

These statements will doubtless impress not only their clients, but thousands to whom their fame as lawyers was heretofore unknown, with the power of their logic and the consistency of their arguments, as well as with the calm judgement on which all legal fame must rest.

Nobody of any legal information imagined that the writing between the Board of Public Works and Messrs. Boyce, and Kimball was, or could be made, a valid contract. But when it comes before the Legislature, as it must, whether a contract shall be made selling them for \$500,000 a claim worth much less perhaps nothing, nobody but a fool, I take it, will oppose it, and nobody but a malignant will deny that to William Mahone alone belongs the honor of saving that much to the State of Virginia—an amount greater, by actual demonstration, than the value of all the claims she surrendered to the company when it was formed.

This is no time to discuss the merits of General Mahone's petition, as was done by this pair of legal gentlemen in their so-called letter; nor will I answer the hyperbole in which they indulge as to his being afraid and ashamed to show the contract, and not daring to face his stockholders, &c., save to say that it is false. The contract is subject to the inspection of any interested. But while indulging in this line they inform you that "he has permitted the suit to go on in a happy-go-lucky way."

When I tell you that the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad and Gen. Mahone, have, in every step taken since this suit was brought, been defended by Judge Wm. J. Robertson, Mr. James Alfred Jones and Mr. Charles S. Stringfellow, with Judge W. W. Crump and Col. W. W. Gordon, in accord and conference, I submit that these names alone stamp this assertion—"happy-go-lucky"—coming from John Lyon A. M. Keiley, as sheer impertinence, if no worse.

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Could aught but malignity and personal venom induce a statement so palpably absurd?

In one breath—they imply that the purchase of the State's lien at \$500,000, which he secured, was a job and a fraud. In the next—they demonstrate by their own figures that it cannot be worth over \$250,000, after the costs of suit are paid, and intimate a doubt whether, if their claims prevail, it will be worth anything.

These statements will doubtless impress not only their clients, but thousands to whom their fame as lawyers was heretofore unknown, with the power of their logic and the consistency of their arguments, as well as with the calm judgement on which all legal fame must rest.

Nobody of any legal information imagined that the writing between the Board of Public Works and Messrs. Boyce, and Kimball was, or could be made, a valid contract. But when it comes before the Legislature, as it must, whether a contract shall be made selling them for \$500,000 a claim worth much less perhaps nothing, nobody but a fool, I take it, will oppose it, and nobody but a malignant will deny that to William Mahone alone belongs the honor of saving that much to the State of Virginia—an amount greater, by actual demonstration, than the value of all the claims she surrendered to the company when it was formed.

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Dear Sir,—Yours received accepting the proposal of the Norfolk and Western railroad.

Please make out your itemized account, and make affidavit that is due, that no part of it has been paid or assigned or garnished, and then send it to me, accompanied by an assignment in blank, as below. Several days will elapse after I hear from you before I can remit, as some little time will be consumed in communicating with the company and issuing the stock.

Yours truly,

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT.

For value received—hereby assign the within claim of \$— to—, having received therefor fifty cents thereof in cash, or— and fifty cents thereof, or— in the common stock of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.—1881.

The assignment is requested in blank as the Norfolk and Western railroad will not be organized until May 3d, and Mr. Clarke is paying the money.

During this time I have been in almost daily communication with Messrs. Bullitt, Doran, and Clarke, in utter oblivion of Lyon or Keiley, until I received the Lynchburg Virginian containing over three columns of their misstatement of facts, and abuse of everybody but themselves.

To the creditors of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad, holding claims for labor and supplies, I have a few words to say, and then I will reply to Messrs. Keiley and Lyon.

Above I have told you what the new purchasers of this road are willing to do for you and why they are willing to do it. If you choose to accept, I am, as the representative of the purchasers, prepared to set a with you on that basis.

I think it is a liberal offer, and you are doing pretty well to get that much from people who were not bound to pay you a penny save by their covenant with Gen. Mahone.

Quite a number of those who have accepted have done so through counsel to whom they referred the offer. I sent the offer to them direct, and when their counsel appeared and discussed the matter they not only thought the proposal fair, but took no exception to its having been sent first to their clients.

If you prefer to decline the proposal, do so. You are the best judge of your own business. But understand that the purchasers do not propose to pay you anything, if you prefer to litigate your claims, after you have done so and failed. Understand also that as early as April, 1878, the United States Circuit Court—Judge Bond presiding—decided against the supply, and assigned labor claimants; that the Pennsylvania Steel Company alone appealed from that decision; it is too late now to appeal from that adverse decision, and that if the counsel for these claimants should now succeed, as they are endeavoring to do, in inducing the court to reverse itself, the purchasers will appeal from that decision, and if you ever succeed, of which I have the gravest doubt, it will be after weary years of litigation and expense considerably more than the 25 percent. already contracted for Messrs. John Lyon and A. M. Keiley. I state these facts for your consideration. You may act in the premises as you see fit. Whether you accept or decline is a matter as to which I have no personal concern whatever.

And now a few words in reply to the charges and innuendoes in the letter of Messrs. Lyon and Keiley against Gen. Mahone, his counsel, and the purchasers of the road.

I will pass over the scurrility that marks the letter from beginning to end, by observing that I am sure it has not improved their clients' opinion of their dignity or legal knowledge.

They open their remarkable letter with disparaging remarks about the effort made at redemption. Yet, so long as there was any prospect of its succeeding, they knowing it contemplated the payment of their claims, were not only delighted, but one of them actually sat by, volunteering his suggestions, one of which in writing, is now in my possession—preserved not for its value, but as evidence.

Speaking of the contract made with Boyce & Kimball, they say they "could imagine no inducement to support such contracts, unless, perhaps, the president of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company had agreed to waive the benefit of the exemption suggested by Gen. Butler, and thus quit Mr. Clarke's title." There may be many legal con-

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1881.

CLAP-TRAP, EH?

The Marion PATRIOT AND HERALD occupies a column in explanation of what it meant in saying "there are but two parties in Virginia," and explains nothing. It is only the old clap-trap about "Bourbon Funderers," &c. Evidently, our contemporaries are prepared to follow its leader into the Republican camp, so that there shall be but two parties in Virginia. We now know just where our contemporary stands. Lynchburg Virginian.

That is the way you Funderers always dodge when an exposure is made of your political inconsistencies and hypocrisy. You call it "clap-trap," when you know it is the solid truth, and cuts deep. In your eager desire to hide the truth, even from yourself, you form and publish false conceptions of the motives and future conduct of those who differ with you politically. Your perverted vision would thus try to place us in the Republican camp; but you can't place us there by the mere expression of opinion, no more than you can put us in the Funder camp. While you would try to make your readers believe that the Readjuster press is subserviently being led by MAHONE into the Republican party, see what the Metropolitan organ of your party says on the subject: "If Mr. Conkling and Mr. Cameron have flattered themselves that Republicanism is becoming popular in Virginia owing to Gen. Mahone's efforts, we ask them to read the Readjuster papers and the proceeding, of the Readjusters, and they will not find one resolution or one editorial admitting that Gen. Mahone is leading his followers into the Republican party, or that he could by possibility do it. Dispatch.

The Dispatch, for once, is correct, when speaking of Readjusters. Neither the Readjuster party, nor MAHONE belong to the Republican party. Our party is an independent organization, formed for the redemption of the State from Funder rule, and we propose to accept the aid of Radicals, Greenbackers, Democrats, and even deluded Bourbons who have had the scales removed from their eyes, in the great work of redemption that has been marked out; and you, we know, will accept the assistance of Radicals and everybody else that you can get. We are frank enough to admit the truth, and you try to misrepresent us. You try to conceal your actions, and are clearly read by all. But the people are well informed as to your motives and principles. They do not lose sight of your various positions on the debt question during the past eight months. First you were for absolute honesty (?), then you were for partial theft, then you were for honesty as a necessity—and now, now your party is winking at absolute theft. This, you know, is Funder morality.

MAHONE'S CONSTITUENTS. WASHINGTON May 1.—Senator Johnston of Virginia said to-day, in answer to a question, that in his opinion Mahone's followers consisted of three classes; the first were the "soreheads" men who were dissatisfied and ready to run after any new leader; the second were those who thought Virginia could never pay all her debt, and that West Virginia should pay her share; and third, the adventurous young men of the State. As to the second class, he declared that many of them were the best citizens of the State and honest people, whose convictions were worthy of respect, for they thought they were right. It was the third class, he feared. The young men seemed to regard Mahone as a Napoleon.—Special to the Philadelphia Times.

SENATOR JOHNSTON is right as to his third class of Gen. MAHONE's constituents, and they are not mistaken as to MAHONE's ability and courage. But these same young adventurers look upon Mr. JOHNSTON as the Don Quixote of Virginia chivalry. He would certainly be more efficient in charging windmills than he is at storming the ranks of the Readjusters.

New industries and a large variety has been the great need of our section. This need is gradually being supplied. With plenty of railroads to develop our minerals and other resources the Southwest is bound to become wonderfully rich and prosperous. Let progress be the watch-word of every one, and development our constant aim.

An organization of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company took place at Norfolk on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The new Company will run the road in the interest of Va.

We invite the attention of our readers to the letter of Capt. Jno. S. WISE, which is published on the first page of this issue.

THE JUST DEBT OF VIRGINIA.

Table with 2 columns: Description of debt items and Amount. Includes items like 'Old registered and coupon debt as of January 1, 1861', 'Total State Debt of Jan. 1, 1861', 'Debt & Interest to July 1, 1871', etc.

THE above statement of the debt of Virginia has recently been placed before the public by the Richmond Whig; and the Richmond State one of the leading Funder papers has the following to say of it.

The Whig a few days ago made a very remarkable, and we must say a very plausible statement of Virginia's debt, which has attracted considerable attention, and which that paper republishes this morning. It is entirely correct, and on the theory that figures cannot lie, there ought to be truth in it. We think this estimate should be subjected to a rigid scrutiny, for it puts a very different face upon the debt question by furnishing us an entire new basis of settlement. But whether wholly correct or not, we think these figures of sufficient importance to produce them in our columns, as we do below exactly as set forth in that paper: Richmond State.

In addition to this the State says much more that should put people to thinking. The Statement of the Whig is not only plausible but we believe is accurate. There is now no doubt but that the State has been robbed and defrauded to an enormous extent. The Readjusters are unearthing these things, and to them all credit is due.

BUNKING. There will not be three tickets if Mahone, his Whig, and the Marion PATRIOT AND HERALD can bunk in with the Republicans. Be sure of that.—Lynchburg Virginian.

Now you are a nice person to be talking about any body bunking with Republicans. Have you forgotten how in 1879 you banded with and hugged these same Republicans! Do you forget how you and your party called upon President HAYES to use the influence of the Federal administration in behalf of Funderism! Have you forgotten how you advised the Conservatives of Albemarle county to vote for E. W. EARLY, a scalawag Republican! Don't you know how you took in your arms "Yankee ALLEN," VAN ALKEN, JORGENSON and all the radicals who would stump the State or vote with the Funderers! But that was all right when done by self-righteous Funderers. When Readjusters propose to have Republicans co-operate with them on the debt question you denounce it as a crime in us, when you considered it a patriotic virtue in yourselves in 1879. But things are altered a little, we confess. It now seems that the Federal administration will smile on the Readjusters, and the bulk of the Republican leaders and party will go with the Readjusters this fall. That is what is hurting you Funderers, and is why you hold up your hands in holy horror. "Voe unto ye Funderers, hypocrites."

Moreover, we will say that there will surely be three tickets in Virginia if the Virginian and the Funderers generally can secure that end by bunking in with the Grip-Sack-Radicals or any other kind of Radicals. Through the influence of WICKAM you hope to put a straight out Republican ticket in the field. You know it!

READJUSTERS remember that you are to have a meeting on the 16th of this month to send delegates to a State Convention. Let there be a full turnout. There is important work to do in the coming campaign and we want true and tried men to lead us.

VOTE for the subscription to the Va., Ky. & Ohio Railroad.

Bentley's Murderer.

MEMPHIS, April 30.—Hayes White the murderer of Sheriff Bentley, was taken to Marion Ark., this morning. When the ferryboat arrived a large crowd had gathered, who were addressed by Mayor Smith and a brother of the dead Sheriff, both of whom counselled obedience to the law and granting to the prisoner a fair trial. White was at once arraigned before the court, which was in session, and was assigned counsel, who asked for a continuance until next Tuesday, which was granted, and the case set for hearing on that day. The assassin was then taken to jail. Public sentiment, although strong against the murderer, will not permit the fair fame of the county to be blackened by the acts of a band of lynchers, and White will accordingly be hanged as the law directs for he will surely be found guilty of murder and suffer the extreme penalty.

Vennor's Predictions for May.

Mr. Vennor, the Canadian weather prophet, makes the following predictions for May: "Toward the end of the first week in May, or about the 5th and 6th snow-falls may be looked for in the lower Provinces, and about May 3rd frosts are probable in Central and Southern Illinois, with rain and snow prevailing in some localities. There will also, in all probability, be snow-falls through the Gulf and the St. Lawrence district about the 7th and 8th after the tenth day, however, hot weather may be expected, and after the 15th bush fires will probably break out in certain districts, although thunder storms are also, probable on the 13th and 15. Between the 20 and 25th there will probably be cloudy weather with rains, and vegetation will have advanced considerably by the 24 of the month. Between the 20th and the 25th the weather probably will be cool. The arrival of snaf-dries in Montreal will be reported about the 27th or 28th. The month will end hot and sultry."

Capt. Frank S. Blair.

There seems to be no sort of doubt that this gentleman will receive the Readjusters nomination for the office of Attorney General. Several of the counties in eastern Va. have instructed for him. The South-west will present his name and will leave the other two names to be presented by other portions of the State. Blair will not be afraid to tackle the Bourbon Senatorial ring when it invades Virginia next fall.—Bristol News.

There is now a double daily mail service North over the Shenandoah Valley railroad. Mr. J. W. Crittenden acting Division Superintendent of Railroad Mail Service in Virginia, was in Waynesboro some days ago arranging it. Mr. Foreman from the Washington and Richmond route says the Advertiser, is in charge of the service.

DR. G. M. PRESTON, Vienna, Austria, says: Gamm's Emulsion is the best preparation of Cod Liver Oil I have ever seen.

Announcements for Office.

FOR CLERK. TO MY FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of your County and Circuit Courts. You will accept my grateful acknowledgments for the favors so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and allow me to say that I have desired and labored earnestly to discharge the duties of my office in the interest of those whom I served, and should it be your pleasure, (which I most earnestly desire,) to re-elect me, my efforts to discharge the duties of the office, efficiently, and in the interest of the people, shall not abate. Your Obedient Servant, W. C. SEXTON.

TO THE VOTERS AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF SMYTH CO.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, and trust that you will give me your votes and influence in the coming election. I elected I shall try to discharge the duties of the office properly. Yours respectfully, R. F. BROOKS.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH.—I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the position of Co. Treasurer and earnestly solicit your support. I elected I will, to the best of my ability, perform with promptness and dispatch the duties thus made incumbent upon me, and will select deputies. If any are needed, after election that will prove satisfactory to the tax-payers of the county, in point of capacity and business courtesy.—Election 4th Thursday in May 1881. Respectfully, JOHN W. RICHARDSON.

TO THE VOTERS OF SMYTH COUNTY.—FELLOW-CITIZENS—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Smyth County. If elected, I will conduct the business of the office myself, and try to do so fairly and efficiently. Yours Respectfully, F. J. WHITEHEAD.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer, the position which I now occupy, and I promise if elected, that the business will be done as heretofore. If you are satisfied with the way and manner in which the business has been conducted I respectfully ask your support on the 4th Thursday of next May. Respectedly, R. T. COHENEAHER.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

Briefs

We have never seen a better growing season than the present one.

Circuit Court is now in session at Abingdon, Judge Kelly presiding.

Candidates have commenced to send in their orders for election tickets.

Capt N. Dodd is now finishing up the interior of the new Presbyterian church building.

A splendid line of Boots and Shoes and straw hats will be sold very low at J. B. RHEA'S.

Your poll-tax for 1880 will have to be paid or you can't vote in the county election this month.

Some of our farmer friends have planted corn, and others are ready to do so as soon as the ground is dry enough.

Work on the streets has been resumed by the town authorities, and some of them were beginning to need attention.

Good and cheap domestics, calicoes, cassimeres, dress goods, collarettes &c can be found at J. B. RHEA'S.

A very heavy storm and fall of rain visited this section on Monday evening, some damage was done to plowed ground by washing it.

The heavy rains raised our streams sufficiently to wash out the fish traps and dams. This is a blessing as there was danger of the fish being exterminated.

It is now time to plant melon seed. Any person can raise nice melons, if they give them the proper attention, and what is nicer than a fresh, luscious melon?

We are now engaged in printing catalogues for Tazewell High School. It has enrolled during the session 182 pupils. That beats anything in this section of the State.

DR. C. W. LAURENCE, Longview, Texas says: Its combination with makes Camm's Emulsion and excellent remedy where a tonic is needed.

Some of the ladies and gentlemen of the town are rehearsing for dramatic entertainments, to be given the latter part of the month for the benefit of the Presbyterian church.

Judge D. C. Miller has purchased twenty-three acres of land from Capt J. P. Sheffey, situated at the southwestern extremity of the town, and for which he has to pay twenty-three hundred dollars.

Pure Candies, (and no adulteration) warranted to be free from all dirt, starch &c, at IRON & CO'S Cheap Family Grocery Store.

Personal

Mr. Peter, Copenhagen called at our office on last Saturday. He was in town for the first time during the past twelve months. His health has been quite bad; but he is beginning to look well and hearty again.

Mr. C. T. Smith, of the Va. Ky. & Ohio Railway, was in town Tuesday, and made a pleasant call at our office.

We had also a pleasant visit at the same time from Mr. B. F. Buchanan, Secretary of said Railway.

IRON & CO, have a nice lot of country Bacon for sale.

Transfer of Stock

Mr. G. H. Fudge went to Petersburg last week and transferred the A. M. & J. O. stock held by Smyth County to R. H. Maury & Co. of Richmond, Va. and received a draft for \$2,400, in payment therefor. A good sale was made by the county, and a large sum has been realized for stock that was valueless at the close of the war.

A Real Remedy

There are many so-called remedies in the market which are really not remedies at all, but serve only to cover up and ease pain for a time. Hart's Anti-Bilious Discovery is a remedy and roots out all the disease and puts the system in a condition to ward off new attacks. Persons subject to headache, costiveness, biliousness, &c., should take a note of this.

Spring goods just received at J. B. RHEA'S.

Religious Services Sunday

There were no services in any of the churches on Sunday, except the Methodist church. In the morning Rev. J. C. Lowe, preached in that church, and at night he preached, by special request, a sermon on "The Evils of Intemperance." The sermon was plain and practical, treating the subject as to our own community in the proper way, we think. The intemperance that is seen in this community is attributable in a great measure to those who call themselves prohibitionists, and the carelessness of parents in regulating the conduct of their children. They have been lulled into a false security by the operations of the local option law, and until they are awakened from this false repose drinking will continue and increase. Moral action and home influence are more essential to the growth of temperance ideas than legal restraints, and so long as the former are neglected the latter will be entirely powerless to do good.

The value of medicines compounded by a thoroughly educated physician and scientific chemist must be apparent to all. As such we take pleasure in commending Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cathartic Pills. Public confidence in them has steadily increased, until now their use can be said to be universal. Great and permanent popularity does not come without great merit. Our experience convinces us that Ayer's Pills are superior to any others in all the uses for which a cathartic medicine is employed. They are pleasant to take, and are perfectly safe, sure and effectual. Ayer's Pills satisfy all the requirements of a reliable family physic and their timely use undoubtedly prolongs many lives and promotes the health and comfort of thousands.—Northern Ohio Democrat.

Cents suits from \$4.00 to \$20, at J. B. RHEA'S.

Circuit Court.

Judge Kelly did not adjourn circuit court until Saturday last. The trial of the trespass case of Horne vs Horne, which was commenced on Monday, the 25th inst., was not given to the jury until Friday evening. After being out four hours the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing his damages at \$250. Counsel for defence made a motion to set aside the verdict. On Saturday morning Judge Kelly set aside the verdict as to R. B. Horne, but declining to do so as to W. B. Horne. This case has occupied nearly all the time of the last two terms of the court. The dockets have become so crowded that Judge Kelly has announced his intention of holding a special term sometime during the early part of summer.

All kinds country Produce wanted, at IRON & CO'S

To the Readjusters of Smyth County.

The State Committee of the Readjuster party of Virginia has called a Convention to meet at Richmond, on the 2nd of June 1881, to nominate a State ticket and more thoroughly organize the party. Under the call Smyth County is entitled to 6 delegates. The Readjusters of Smyth are requested to meet at the Court House on Monday, the 16th day of May, 1881, that being court day, to choose said delegates.

Very Respectfully, WM. L. RICHARDSON, Chairman Readjusters of Smyth Co.

PROF. CHURCHILL, of Paris, says: When used in time, every patient may be cured of Consumption by the use of the Hypophosphites.

Heavy loss by Fire.

We are sorry to hear that the store house, and all its contents, of C. W. Venable & Co. located at Cascade, Pittsylvania Co., Va. was destroyed by fire on last Friday night. The firm is composed of C. W. Venable and A. N. Venable, both formerly citizens of this place. They had just gotten in their spring stock of goods, and the value of the same was \$3,000. Nothing was saved, we are informed, but their Journal and Ledger. They had an insurance of only \$2,700 on stock and building. They have suffered a heavy loss, for which we and all their friends are heartily sorry.

The cheapest groceries, Queensware, and Tinware ever brought to Marion will be found at J. B. RHEA'S.

Large receipts of Freights.

As a freight receiving, as well as shipping point, Marion is one of the leading depots along the line of the Norfolk & Western Railway. The freights received during the few weeks have been so heavy that the agent at this place, Mr. Cowden, has been pushed for room in the depot building. It is now crowded and crammed, goods being piled up to the joists. We hope the new company will give us a larger and more comfortable depot building.

Lecture

A Lecture will be given at the colored Methodist church on Friday night by Maggie Nicholson, colored, who was kidnapped and carried to Cuba, where she was held in servitude 16 years. The admission will be 15 cents, and she will give a story of her life.

To Teachers of Public Schools.

I call your attention to the circular of Dr. Ruffner in regard to the Normal School to be held at Abingdon on 26th of July. Teachers should not neglect this opportunity to attend a Normal school and names of those who propose to attend should be handed in to me by the 20th of May. The attendance of a teacher at this school will go for towards securing a certificate to teach school in this county next year. The cost of attending this school will not exceed \$20. Send in your names.

A. G. PENDLETON, Sup. of Public Schools Smyth Co.

Go to IRON & CO., for fresh Lemons and Oranges.

Notice.

I hereby notify all parties that they must not hunt, walk, or otherwise trespass on the Henry Sprinkle and Fountain Prater farms which I now have in my possession, as I will certainly enforce the law in all such cases. May 5th, 1881. D. C. MILLER.

The Niagara Fire Insurance Company.

We call attention to the advertisement of this company; which is represented at this place by Pendleton & Richardson, as local agents. It is a splendid and reliable company.

IRON & CO., keep the very best Sugar and Coffee, at bottom prices.

Your Attention!

1000 sacks Liverpool fine Salt. 200 bags Rio, Laguayra, Peaberry and Java Coffee. 200 bbls Brown, White and Yellow Sugars. 200 kegs Broom, Soda. 120 bbls Mackerel No. 1, 2 and 3. 100 kits, drums and 1/2 bbl Mackerel. 500 doz Canned Tomatoes and Peaches. 500 bush's New crop Clover seed. 500 " " Timothy seed. 500 " " Orchard Grass seed. 500 " " Evergreen Grass seed. We are always in the market for Field Seeds, Oats, Rye and Wheat, and will pay the highest prices in cash.

LEE, TAYLOR & CO., Wholesale & Retail Grocers, LYNCHBURG, VA. Jan. 6, '81

Gen. Grant is said to have drawn \$5,000 of the New York \$250,000 fund.

On the third anniversary of his coronation Pope Leo XIII dispensed nearly \$3,000 in charity.

Another big blum to an Ohio man—the Brazilian mission. His name is the Hon. James Monroe, ex-member of Congress from the Oberlin district.

Denis Kearney has returned to the sand lots, but he roars now as softly as any sucking dove. In a recent interview he declared that he is about to form a new political organization, the aim and object of which will be to convert the entire country in to a Garden of Eden, and he didn't mention "river of blood" once.

The Hero of a Remarkable Escape.

Alexander McKay, one of the prisoners who recently attempted to escape from an Illinois jail, is the hero of one of the most remarkable escapes on record. Eight years ago he was in the court-room at Toronto, and had been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for burglary, one of the articles stolen being the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup, the property of the Canadian Yacht Club. Just as the officers were about to remove him from the court-room, McKay threw himself out of an open window sixty feet from the ground. He escaped instant death almost by a miracle. The building was enclosed by a board fence, bristling on the top with spikes. McKay's waistcoat caught on these spikes, and half of it was left hanging, while he escaped without injury. The pursuit was unavailing, and he was not heard of for a long time, until in custody at Buffalo for another crime.

The Battle of Cowpens.

Considerable interest has been excited in South Carolina over the approaching centennial of the battle of Cowpens, and the unveiling of the memorial column to the victors in that engagement, to take place at Spartanburg, S. C., May 11. The statue of Gen. Morgan cast in Philadelphia is now being placed in position. On the eve of the celebration a vocal and instrumental concert is to be given at Spartanburg. At the unveiling of the memorial column addresses will be delivered by representative citizens from the New England Middle and Southern States. At six o'clock Governor Johnson will hold a reception, and in the evening there will be a display of fireworks. The town will give a complimentary dinner to the invited guests. The festivities will close on the 12th by a grand ball, given under the auspices of the young men of Spartanburg. The memorial column, which is quite an elaborate affair, has been erected by the old thirteen States and the State of Tennessee.—Baltimore Sun.

Religious Notes.

The 382,920 Congregationalists in the United States gave, last year, for their religious work, \$3,692,922.24 or an average of nearly \$10 per member.

The American Baptist Missionary Union closed its financial year with a debt of less than \$20,000. The Home Mission Society will carry over a debt of \$3,000.

The courts of Hungary have decided that the priests of the Roman Catholic Church have a right to baptize all children without distinction. The Protestants utter a loud protest against such an invasion of their rights.

Among the Commissioners elected to the Presbyterian General Assembly which meets in Buffalo is the venerable Dr. Musgrave, of Philadelphia. He first appeared in the General Assembly in 1831, just fifty years ago.

The Rev. J. S. Inskip, who is on an evangelistic tour round the world, is holding, so recent advices say, a remarkable revival meeting in Galle, Ceylon. It is said that many have been converted and hundreds are at the altar.

Ancient Mexican Mine.

A sturdy miner now at Tucson, Arizona, professes to have discovered the Tumacacori Mine which was worked by the Mexicans under Cortez, and continued in operation until the great rising of the Apache Indians in 1763, when the whole of Southern Arizona was ravaged. The Mexican archives showed the exceeding richness of the mine in gold silver and lead, and time and again search has been made for the old workings without success. The miner who has been so lucky was prospecting lately in the vicinity of the Tumacacori Mission, when he stumbled over the mouth of a hidden cave and came near tumbling into it. He picked up specimens lying around in profusion, and found a mat of lead and silver which had, apparently, been run through a smelter. Some pieces were covered with horn silver an eight of an inch thick, and there can be little doubt that the ancient mine has been discovered. These specimens have been exhibited at Tucson, and further developments will probably open a new district superior to any previously discovered in Arizona.

DAMAGE BY HIGH WATER.

KANSAS CITY, April 30.—The rise in the river during the past twenty-four hours has been about twenty inches, but the waters have made no further inroad upon this city. The ice houses of Fowler Bros. and Wood Bros. are given way, and will probably be lost. There is a great deal of suffering among six or seven thousand people, who were driven from their homes by the flood but active measures of relief have been instituted. The tracks of all the railroads, excepting the Chicago and Alton, are more or less under water, and business with the east is almost entirely suspended.

A man was killed by the government steamer crashing into the house on the balcony of which he was standing.

It is expected that the river will be at a stand by to-day, and that a rapid decline will soon commence.

Dr. R. J. Gating, the inventor of the famous gun bearing his name, was reared in a rough little log cabin in the heart of the North Carolina backwoods. What in time became the Gatling gun is said to have sprung from a boyish attempt to make a corn-planter.

Virginia News.

The Virginia Ministerial Association met in Charlottesville on Wednesday last.

William M. Nickols has been appointed postmaster at Rockbridge Baths.

For the first time in its history the Virginia penitentiary is now self-sustaining.

The Undine boat club, of Norfolk, will soon purchase a \$300 boat for the State regatta.

The crops in the southwestern part of the State are advanced quite far. Wheat in Roanoke county is two feet high.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Edwards will preach the commencement sermon before the Farmville Female College on the 19th of May.

Mr. Wm. H. Haxall has been elected president of the hotel company at Richmond. The capital stock has been fixed at \$200,000.

Salisbury furnace, in Botetourt county, which was put in blast in March, is now turning out 700 tons of iron per month. It employs 200 laborers.

A party of Northern capitalists are reported to have been prospecting in Richmond lately, with the view of establishing there extensive locomotive works.

Charles T. Price has sold the Big Hill ore bank on his farm on James river (Botetourt county) to Messrs. Mason, Lowry and Hughes for the handsome sum of \$8,500.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Petersburg propose to increase their capital stock to \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting a larger hall for the use of the Association.

General Mahone says he is in the Senate to represent Virginia interests, and he does not propose to bind himself in caucuses to measures that are designed to work good to other States and injury to his own. Virginia is an agricultural State. She is not always identified in interest with the cotton growing States. She wants to encourage manufactures. She wants to be relieved at some time of a too onerous tax on her productions. Mahone hopes to be able to do something in these directions. He can never accomplish anything by being tied hand and foot to a caucus.—Woodstock Virginian.

PROF. LENHARTZ, Leipzig, Germany, says: I have used Camm's Emulsion, and find it pure, and recommend it as promoting general nutrition.

ERRORS OF YOUTH.

A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, and for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it the recipe and direction for making the simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience can do so by addressing in perfect confidence, JOHN B. OGDEN, 42 Cedar St. N. Y. Jan 27-60.

PIMPLES.

I will mail (free) the recipe for a simple Vegetable Balm that will remove Tan Freckles, Pimples and Blemishes, leaving the skin soft, clear and beautiful; also instructions for producing a luxuriant growth of hair on a bald head or smooth face. Address, enclosing 3c. stamp, Ben. Vandell & Co., 5 Backhook St. N. Y.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge) with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma Bronchitis &c. Parties wishing the Prescription, will please address, Rev. E. A. WILSON, 194 Penn St., Williamsburg, N. Y.

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Yellow, fancy..... \$50.00 a 600 00 good..... 45.00 a 50.00 common..... 10.00 a 15.00 Light, leaf..... 10.00 a 15.00 lugs..... 4.00 a 6.00 Dark, leaf..... 6.00 a 10.00 lugs..... 3.50 a 5.00

GRAIN, HAY AND SEEDS

Wheat, Lancaster..... \$1 25 a \$1 30 Fultz..... 1 20 a 1 25 prime white..... 55 a 60 prime mixed..... 55 a 60 Oats, winter seeds..... 48 a 60 Western seeds..... 48 a 50 Virginia..... 48 a 60 Rye, prime..... 1 20 a 1 30 Hay, prime Timothy..... 1 10 a 1 20 prime Clover..... 1 00 a 1 10 Oats, baled..... 1 00 a 1 10 Shucks..... 70 a 75 Straw..... 50 a 60 Clover Seed..... 5 00 a 5 50 Orchard Grass..... 2 25 a 2 50 Timothy Seed..... 8 00 a 9 00 Flax Seed..... 1 00 a 1 20

FRUIT, VEGETABLES &c.

Apples, green, per bbl..... 3 00 a 3 50 dried, per lb..... 3 a 5 Oranges, per bbl..... 7 00 a 8 00 per box..... 4 50 a 5 00 Lemons, per box..... 2 50 a 3 00 Cranberries, per bbl..... 8 00 a 9 00 Peanuts, prime per lb..... 2 1/2 a 3 Peaches, dried (peeled)..... 4 a 12 unpeeled..... 4 a 5 Cherries pitted..... 12 a 14 unpitted..... 5 a 6 Potatoes, Early Rose per bbl..... 3 00 a 3 25 Peerless per bbl..... 2 75 a 3 00 Blue Grass, 14 lbs to bus..... 1 50 a 1 75 Evergreen Grass 11 lbs to bus..... 65 a 80 Randall Grass..... 1 75 a 2 00

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Onions, Bermuda crate, Cabbage, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Butter, Eggs, Turkeys, Chickens, Live grown, Lard, Hogs, Veals, Lambs, Hides, Wool, Tallow, Honey, Rags, Cotton, and Groceries.

LYNCHBURG MARKET REPORT

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY NOWLIN BROS. & CO.

Wholesale and Retail GROCERS, LIQUOR DEALERS COMMISSION MERCHANTS No. 61 MAIN STREETS.

LYNCHBURG, April 27, 1881.

Attention is invited to the numerous changes in our report for this week, many of which are of interest to the farmers and produce dealers.

Rye—Scarce in demand at quotations. FRESH BUTTER—In very active demand. POTATOES—Quite dull.

GROCERIES.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Coffee, African, Laguayra, Choice Rio, Prime Rio, Common and Fair Rio, Coal Oil, Cheese, Cream, Corn Meal, Pineapple, Cotton Yarn, Cement, Candles, Patent Paraffin, Adamantine per sett, Cider, New York, per bbl., Cigars, per 100, Cigarettes, per 1000, Fish, Medium No. 3 Black'ed No. 2 per barrel, No. 1 per barrel, Eastern Herring, p. b., N. C. Cut Herring, do.

WINE AND LIQUORS.

Table listing wine and liquor items and prices: Apple Brandy, Angelica Wine, Catawba Wine, Ports and Sherry, Rye Whiskey, Virginia Whiskey, Common Whiskey, Ging'rberry & Cognac Brandy.

PRODUCE.

Table listing produce items and prices: Apples, Green per bbl, dried per lb, Bacon, sides country, shoulders country, H. R. per lb country hams, per lb, West clear sides, shoulders, Beef, fore quarter per lb, hind quarter per lb, Butter, prime per lb, common, per lb, Beans, per lb, Bunkwheat Flour, per lb, Beans, white per bush, colored, Blackberries, dried per lb, Chickens, dressed per lb, Cabbage, per bush, Corn, white per bus, mixed, Corn Meal, per bus, Cherries, pitted per lb, Ducks, dressed apiece, Eggs, per dozen, Flour, family per bbl, extra superfine, superfine, fine, Feathers, per bus, Flax Seed, per bus, Geese, dressed per lb, Ginseng, per lb, Lard, choice per lb, common, Oats, Spring per bus, winter, Baled, Oflal, rib, backbone, faces, Onions, per bus, Peaches, peeled, per lb, unpitted, Potatoes, Irish per bus, sweet, Peas, Blackeye per bus, Pork, Gross per 100, net slaughtered per 100, salt per 100, Raspberries, per lb, Rais, per lb, Sassafras Bark per lb, Senecca Root, Sumac, per 100, Tallow, per lb, Turkeys, dressed, Venison Hams, green per lb.

SEEDS.

Table listing seed items and prices: Clover Top, Red Top, Orchard Grass, Timothy, Herds Grass, Blue Grass, Evergreen Grass, Randall Grass.

READ AND REFLECT

We quote below prices of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Ready-made Underwear, which will be found in the variety of prices, styles and quality, equal to the best in the country:

The cheapest are as well made as the best. The Hand-made Embroidered goods are made in the Nurseries in Europe.

LADIES' CHEMISES.

Good Muslin, full size, at 25c; better grades, trimmed nicely, at 45, 50, 65, 70, 75, 95c and \$1. Very fine material and handsomely trimmed at 1.15, 1.25, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.75, 1.85, 2.00, 2.50, and \$3.25. Imported hand embroidered at 1.15, 1.25, 1.35, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.50 and \$4.00.

LADIES' DRAWERS.

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 Mr. John Lyon was some years ago saved from death at the hands of General Mahone, by the fact that General Mahone's pistol was struck down just as he discharged it; this doubtless accounts for the malice apparent throughout the letter. I confess to some surprise that Mr. Kelley should have lent himself to the outrageous assaults contained in it.
 Mr. Lyon seems to have gone out of his way, also, to say a kind word for Judge Bond—much more charitable towards General Mahone. Those who have witnessed the bearing of Judge Bond towards Mr. Lyon in this case throughout, will admire the charity and forgiveness in the disposition of Mr. Lyon.
 The ideas of these gentlemen as to the value of these claims and the rights of their clients seem also to grow as the years roll by. Within the past five years Mr. Lyon visited me, telling me he represented these claims, with a contingent fee of 25 per cent, on what he recovered, and wanted me to buy a half interest in his fee for the modest sum of about \$4,000, and be associate. I respectfully declined, as it was not in my line of business. Shortly thereafter Mr. Kelley appeared as his associate. I know not and care not whether he entered the case on terms so flattering or advantageous as those offered me.
 But as I have been thus complimented in the past, I venture this suggestion in conclusion: That if they expect to maintain a respectable position at the bar, it cannot be done by attacks of this character, not only against their adversaries, but their professional brethren.
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