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J. F. PENDLETON, M. D., MARION, VA. FULL SUPPLY OF DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, warranted First-Class, kept constantly on hand and for sale at reasonable rates.

Also has for sale TOILET ARTICLES in great variety: A full stock of PERFUMERY, SOAPS, STATIONERY, CIGARS, SMOKING and Chewing Tobacco, Spices, TEAS, Fine Liquors and wines for medicinal purposes.

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Also all articles usually found in a first-class Drug Store. Laudanum, Paregoric, Bateman's Drops and Essences carefully put up by myself, according to formula.

These will be found much superior to the adulterated articles manufactured North, which are mainly put up to sell.

Give me a call and examine my stock.

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THE Subscribers offer to consumers a pure and FINE GROUND article of this valuable fertilizer for grain and grass, and in a condition WARRANTED.

Loose, \$8.50 per ton; or sacked at additional cost of sacks.

To parties who buy five tons or more at one time, we will make a deduction of 5 per cent.

Buyers should have reference to the fact that this plaster is PURE and FINELY GROUND, and from the Pearson bank.

WANTED! 250,000 BARREL STAVES 50,000 HOOP POLES

Within the next 60 days.

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I have just received a large and carefully selected stock of Spring and Summer Goods which I offer to my friends and the public at very low prices for cash or produce.

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, NOTIONS, Clothing, LADIES' DRESS GOODS, HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, and all articles usually found in a retail store—all of which will be sold cheap for CASH OR PRODUCE.

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I make the various kinds of Boots and Shoes, such as the fine "Richardson" Boot with steel shank and the kinds of Gaiters and leather Boots. I make the Congress pattern of the best leather and elastic; the uppers are cut and fitted up in my own shop, and put together with the best silks. I make the LADIES' BUTTON BOOT of all kinds—Kid, Morocco, Lasting & Serge.

I make a very fine line of ladies' Shoes of all kinds; also a large gauge of gentlemen's Boots and shoes; of all which the uppers are cut and fitted up in my own shop.

I will take great pains to fit ladies who wish their shoes made to their measure.

I use the celebrated Beckwith Lasts, which being made on anatomical and pedagogical principles, conform exactly to the shape of the foot.

Those who have once worn a boot or shoe made upon this last will never wear any other. Try it.

I will say to the people of Southwest Virginia that I have spared neither trouble nor money to make my shop the finest of the kind in the State, fitted throughout with the finest CUSTOM SHIP MACHINERY ever invented for the manufacture of fine Boots and Shoes.

So, ladies and gentlemen, call and see the pretty boots and shoes made by me. There is nothing in the way of dress that adds so much to the appearance as a nice shoe or boot.

All the young ladies and gentlemen who buy my boots and fine shoes get married soon, and don't live to be old maids and bachelors. Let those who doubt this test it.

I have just gotten one of the celebrated Excelsior BOOT & SHOE STRETCHER, which is one of the greatest inventions of the age for the relief of those who have corns or bunions.

If your boot or shoe hurts at any point I can make it "easy as an old shoe" for the small sum of 50 cents.

You will find me in the west end of Marion, at the red flag. J. GREGORY, sept 17.

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Respectfully solicit the patronage of the public. We guarantee that all work entrusted to us will be promptly attended to and executed in a workmanlike manner.

We are also Agents for Mahan Democrat's patterns. Send to our Richmond Office for Catalogue of Styles and Prices.

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WHAT I LIVE FOR. BY G. LINNEUS DANKS.

I live for those who love me, For those I know are true, For the heaven that smiles above me, And awaits my spirit too;

I live to learn their story, Who've suffered for my sake, To emulate their glory, And follow in their wake;

I live to hold communion With all that is divine, To twist Nature's heart and mine; To profit by affliction, Reap truths from fields of fiction, Grow wiser from conviction, And fulfill each great design.

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There was a hurried scramble toward the metre, and in another moment the whole place was enveloped in darkness.

Harry heard a quick bound or two, and something whizz sharply in the air. The devil meant to make sure of him after all. He dodged and sprang nimbly to one side just as a bludgeon of some sort came down on the floor with crashing force.

"That's your game, is it," he cried, and pushing Eloise behind him struck out blindly to the right and left.

He could see nothing distinctly; but his fist flattened against somebody's nose, and there was the sound of a precipitate retreat.

The next instant heavy footsteps came rushing up stairs, and through the anteroom and several dark lanterns flashed their light upon the scene.

It was wild beyond description. Harry Blaisdell, with his precious charge, stood leaning against the wall, so faint and weak, now that the welcome sight of blue coats and brass buttons met his gaze, he could scarcely stand.

Three of the gamblers lay upon the floor near Van Alstine's body, weltering in their blood. The other had escaped by means of a secret entrance at the rear.

From the appearance of things Harry knew that an effort had been made to bear away the bodies of those who had been wounded, but the police came too quickly upon the scene, and frustrated the attempt.

While he still stood glaring around him in a somewhat bewildered manner, Eloise stepped out of his arms and staggered to the spot where Van Alstine lay.

"Dick, Dick!" she screamed, suddenly, and burst into a hysterical sob of joy. "Oh, thank God! thank God! He is not dead!"

It was true. Van Alstine had been knocked senseless by the blow upon his head, but was now slowly regaining his consciousness. In a very few moments he was well enough to sit up.

It would appear that the gamblers had discovered Eloise's sex before Van Alstine was decoyed into that inner room. What their purpose was we are unable to say.

But two of their number sprang upon Van Alstine and securely gagged him before he could make an outcry.

It continued to struggle, however, and when one of them left the apartment for a moment, succeeded in breaking away from the other. It was then he uttered the exclamation that had reached Eloise's ears as well as Harry Blaisdell's.

The rest is soon told. Dick was Eloise's brother—the locket held the picture. For months he had been leading a fast life, and this night his loving sister had resolved to make a desperate effort to reclaim him. Hence she had followed him in disguise to the gaming den.

Dick Van Alstine never sought the farable after that night. Our story would not be complete unless Harry fell in love with Eloise. Six months later she became his wife, and he longed then why that night in upper Broadway was a turning-point in his destiny.

THE LONG WINDED TALKER. Men are often talked to death. It is a hard death to die. It is often the case that they have to die standing.

The long-winded talker is wiser than a drouth if the month of June; he settles down on you like a swarm of red-hot musketeers and ackts just as tho he intended to stay.

He never has enything of importance to tell; if he had he could do it in a minnit.

While he is talking to you he is always looking the other way, hunting up his next victim.

He'll hold you by the button and talk you for 3 hours and 4 quarter; and when he is thro' you'll feel as weak as tho you had just come out of a hot bath.

Long-winded talkers are the very vains of mortals; they don't never talk to interest you, but to amuse themselves.

They are as cheerful and as flighty as a bladder blown up with wind.

You kant escape one of these phellows enny more than you kant an east wind.

They are the wust theifs in the world, for they steal time, a thing that kant be replaced.

I had rather be attacked by a 2 inch auger and a dozen of gimlets allat once than to hav a long-winded talker git after me.

They are wuss than a femal community or 5 of miss mummy to whitewash the basment of the church with distemper.

You kant not only git rid of the wimmen, but make them all respect you, by sicker, bing 7 dollars, just about twice what it will kost to do the whitewashing, a good one-cent job.—Billings.

Revival of the Iron Trade. The indications of a revival in the domestic iron trade continue to multiply.

The Virginia Educational Society, which has been in session at Norfolk for several days, adjourned on Friday to meet on the second Friday in July, 1875.

DREAMS. The most contradictory theories exist in the minds of different persons in regard to their own dreams; yet science and observation have reduced the phenomena to a few simple and definite rules.

Suddenly awakened out of a sound sleep, a person is generally impressed with the vividness of an important dream. A brief period thereafter, and it is difficult to relate what the dream was. This arises from the fact that dreams flash through the mind in the waking moments, after the awakening cause has transpired.

Kant says that we can dream more in a minute than we can relate in a day, and the rapidity of thought in sleep is the reason why we so imperfectly remember dreams.

It is a well-known fact that the story of a man who dreamed that he had enlisted as a soldier, deserted from his regiment, was arrested, condemned to be shot, and marched out to execution. The gun was fired which was to take his life, when he awoke to learn that the cause of his alarm was the falling of a book from a shelf.

Dr. Quincey says that a sleeper who is awakened by a sudden rap; experiences a long train of events between the rap and his thorough consciousness, which would require days for their enactment. It is unnatural for the mind to appropriate, and not one in a thousand but will believe they have been laboring in the dream for hours. He recites an experiment tried by sprinkling drops of water upon the face of a sleeper who was frequently alarming his household by the revelations of his remarkable and alarming dreams.

When he came down to breakfast, he said that a new life had been pictured to him—one full of vicissitudes, of pleasure and sorrow—that he was finally drowned upon the borders of a lake, by the treachery of a friend, who plunged him into its waters.

When he awoke, "The incidents of this life, of friendships and treachery, of death and water, had all passed through his mind in the few seconds between the sprinkling and his full awakened consciousness.

Dreams are naturally the result of recent events, and particularly if under excitement. Bolcridge composed his poem of "Kubla Khan" in a dream. He fell asleep in his chair while reading of a palace built by Kubla Khan. He woke, sat down and wrote three hundred lines of the poem as they were composed, or at least by him in his sleep. At that point he was called out to attend to some business. When after an hour's absence he returned to his library, the incidents had passed from his mind to such an extent that he was unable to finish them in the style first commenced.

Condorcet says that he had been baffled for days in a mathematical calculation, which came clearly and distinctly in a dream after a day of intense labor. We know of an instance where an accountant had spent fifteen days examining his ledger for an error in his balance-sheet of 16 cents. Leaving his office after midnight, in the sleep which followed it came to him that an 8 cent entry in a long ledger and a 6 cent account had been placed in the wrong column. This amount, changed to the other side, balanced the books.

A lady known to us insists that she was visited in the night time by the physical form of a deceased relative, with whom she held absolute conversation. She describes the entrance, the position, her own sitting up, the words of warning, the exit, her getting up to close the open door, &c. Singularly, however, she did not call any other member of the family or follow the ghost into the street. It is quite easy for people to dream that they are awake as it is to dream of any other incident. Persons who have such dreams can never be convinced that they have dreamed at all. It will be quite sensible of them not to relate their dreams.

The senses and reasonable faculties are lost in sleep. Nothing but the imagination remains. Hence, incongruities of dates—changing the past to the future—making the long buried friend a natural companion, &c., are opposed by no external objects, but to amuse the mind. When awake, if a gold chronometer in our hand is a gold chronometer, why sleep we dream that a tree is laden with diamonds, or that a distant friend is by our side, reason does not come to our rescue to suggest impossibilities, or the laws of nature interfere with the widest riot of imagination. The laws of gravity, of time, and of space, being suspended, there exists no obstacle in the moment of dreams to our seeing cannon balls dancing in the atmosphere, of our participating with Moses in his pilgrimage in the wilderness, or of our dining with dragons, or even dead friends. The fact of dreams, and that the mind never rests, we know. Why the mind never rests, and why it is more active when asleep than awake, we do not know.—Brooklyn Argus.

Gen. Robert Ransom, of North Carolina, has bought the Drewry farm in Chesterfield county, and will become a citizen of Virginia.

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"O, George, your sister is a nice girl; but she dresses her head up so."

"Yes," said George, "but it is the fashion; there's nothing in it, you know."

A farmer gives this bit of advice, which contains a good hint: "If you want the boys to stay on the farm, don't bear too hard when the boy is turning the grindstone."

A timid man wants to know how to tell a mad dog. We don't know what he wants to tell him, but the safest way would be to communicate with the dog in writing. Send the letter from a gun in the shape of a bullet, followed by small shot to see if gets it.

The Hartford Courant is a model of gentleness and courtesy. "We regret to say jealousy has risen in the breasts of the Hill trout fishers in regard to the alleged catch of 200 trout in the mountains."

We are requested to make a trifling correction in our statement. The fish was a jacks trout, which fact was left to be inferred. It weighed only fifteen pounds. It was not caught by Mr. Dunham. We will make any other corrections desired.

A New Virginia Book.—Lippincott will shortly issue from his presses "The Recent Origin of Man," by Mr. James C. Southall, of Albemarle county, formerly editor of the Richmond Enquirer.

He combats the theory of the preadamite origin of man, and stands square on the teachings of the Bible.

No doubt you have received full and glowing accounts of the visit of the young base-ballists of Marion to Bristol and their signal triumph over the club of that town.

From information given to the Bristol boys, by parties unknown to us, they were sanguine of an easy victory, but the play had not progressed very far till they saw they had encountered more than a match.

Our boys soon came to the conclusion that they could win without much effort, and the result was careless playing on their parts, especially fielding, which came very near defeating them.

The last inning the Marion Club was known to be considerably ahead, and the bystanders, whose sympathies of course were aroused for the boys of their own town, made such demonstrations that they confused the Marion boys, and seeing the result of such conduct, continued it, which our boys bore with great patience.

The treatment and hospitality of the Bristol Club was of a character in keeping with the refined and polite young gentlemen who composed it: but we think the bystanders were very rude and discourteous to our boys, and did not hesitate to say so on the occasion.

The trip was a pleasant one for our young men, and we do not think it can result in any harm to them. Base ball is an active, manly sport, and better calculated to give temperate habits to our young men than any other game we know of, as intemperate habits will disqualify a person for playing well: but enough of this. I left the boys at Glade Spring, on the 23rd, and went over to Saltville the next morning, at which place I took Higginbotham's Hack for his Thornleigh House, at Liberty Hill, in this county, where we arrived the same evening without any adventure, except encountering a large rattlesnake, whose presence was first made known to us by the beautiful notes of warning he gives to those who are approaching too near.

A gentleman from Richmond was my fellow-traveler, and he and I remained in the hack very bravely encouraging the driver in the fierce attack he made upon the snake. After he was killed (good), we descended from our place of safety and robbed him of his rattles.

We afterwards succeeded in making the Richmond gentleman believe every locust we heard singing was a rattlesnake.

Thornleigh House is one of the nicest hotels it has been our pleasure to visit. The fare is really splendid, and Mr. J. C. Higginbotham the kindest and most attentive host we ever saw. There are several families of visitors from the South and elsewhere, now stopping at the Thornleigh House, and there are ample accommodations for many more. Those who wish cheap, comfortable and pleasant boarding should go there. My friend from Richmond says that he will fill that city with his praises of Mr. Higginbotham and his house on his return. The drought has done more injury in this than in our own country. It has been ruinous to the grass crops. Many of the farmers tell me that they will not make one fourth of a crop of hay, and they are fearful of not being able to keep their cattle through the coming winter; but they are having an abundance of rain now, and the corn crops promise to be very fine.

A very distressing accident occurred in this county about six miles below the Court House on last Friday. A little son of Mr. George Deskins, one of our subscribers, and one of the most prominent citizens of the county, was drowned whilst bathing. The little fellow was about ten or twelve years old and went into the dam of his father's mill, it is supposed to bathe, as no one was with him. He was missed by his friends and search being made his clothing was found on the bank, and at once fears were entertained. After searching several hours his body was found, of course in a lifeless condition. The sympathies of the community are very much aroused for the bereaved parents and family.

THE papers are doing their "level" best on snake stories this season. That Tennessee Irish woman and her rattlesnake progeny are ahead so far, with a good prospect to win the prize for the toughest yarn of the season.

It, as is rumored, all the railroads north and east should make arrangements to do their own express business, the Richmond Dispatch will be in despair. All its beautiful writings about the folly of railroad companies running their own express will be wasted. What a pity!

The Richmond Enquirer says that Granville Montelle and Lucien Beard, the noted horse thieves, "have been more lied about than any two men in the Commonwealth." Maybe so; Granville and Lucien have done a good deal of "lying about" themselves—waiting to steal somebody's horses.

A NATIONAL LOSS.

Dr. Francis T. Stribling, Superintendent of the Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia at Staunton, died in that city last Thursday. Dr. Stribling has filled the position of Superintendent of the Western Asylum for more than thirty years, and his reputation as a physician for the insane was world-wide. His loss is a serious calamity to our State and to the whole country. From a notice in the Staunton Vindicator we extract the following sketch:

Dr. S. was born in Staunton January 20th, 1810, and was in the 65th year of his age. He was a son of Branshan Stribling, the clerk of the county court. He was educated at the University of Virginia, and was the first medical graduate of that institution, and afterwards graduated at the Medical College of Philadelphia. In 1836, at the early age of twenty-six years, he was elected Physician to the Western Lunatic Asylum by the Board, of which the late John H. Peyton was President, taking the place of his old preceptor, Dr. Boys, the first physician, who was a distinguished graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1840 the office Superintendent was united with that of Physician and Dr. Stribling elected to fill both, of which the venerable Samuel Clarke was President. His professional services, which from his success, had been in great request in the vicinity being thereafter limited to the Institution.

When Dr. Stribling was first appointed to the position there were 75 patients in the Asylum and to-day in those vast buildings there are nearly four hundred.

Dr. Stribling's last illness was of short duration, and at one time his friends hoped for his recovery, a hope which he himself did not encourage. He had set his house in order, and for that "house not built with hands" his whole life had been a long preparation.

Of his professional character, the celebrated Dr. Kirkbride, of Philadelphia, lately said that "he stands at the head of his profession in America," and of his character as a man, it may only be said that he was a public benefactor, whose life was crowned with good acts springing from a generous heart and religious convictions. He fell short in no relation of life, and closed a life full of usefulness with a death full of hope. In the great crowd that will follow him to the grave to-day, there will hardly be a heart that does not beat quicker with some kindly personal recollection of this great physician and Christian gentleman.

It seems to be generally conceded that Gov. Gilbert C. Walker will receive the nomination as the Conservative candidate for Congress from the Richmond District.

The Marion Patriot and Herald expresses its views on the contest in this district, which it concludes by stating it does not charge a cent for. We congratulate it on few editors on a place so just an estimate on their own articles. Richmond Enquirer.

Come, now, Mr. Brevities, don't measure our cloth with your yard-stick. "What the Republican party has done for the country" is the pretentious heading to the address recently issued by the Radical members of Congress. They have failed entirely to give an account of the stealing—which is by all odds the biggest thing the Radical party has done for this country.

HENRY Ward Beecher has always been eager to create a sensation. Mr. Tilton has helped him to get up a bigger noise in the world than he ever did before, and we suppose he is correspondingly grateful to Theodore.

An Important Rumor. Very important information has reached us from what is deemed an authentic source, to the effect that overtures have been made by the Mexican Government to that of the United States to cede all territory of the former lying north of the mouth of the Rio Grande to the Pacific Ocean, and that the matter will engross the attention of Congress at its next session, with the greatest probability of its acceptance. What are to be the considerations of this session of territory we are not informed, and it is likely that the point has not yet been settled. One thing is positive; a number of our heaviest capitalists and bold operators have very recently been actively in pursuit of mines lying in the territory to be ceded. Several in Lower California have already changed hands, and mining engineers have been dispatched to Sonora and Chihuahua. It is evident to us that much commotion exists about this matter in certain circles, and that there is good foundation for the report. By this arrangement the United States will acquire Nueva Leon, Coahuila, Chihuahua, Sonora, Lower California, and portions of Sinaloa and Durango. It is probable that the postponement of the final decision by the Mexican and American Joint Commissions was based upon this consideration, and it is not unlikely that the Mexican Government has been influenced by the attitude taken by the United States Government in reference to Mexican intrusions upon our territory. Mexico has need of money, the States named are distant from the capital, and there are no railroads or other even moderate means of connection; they cannot be controlled by their Federal authorities, and are almost constantly in an uproar. In these and similar reasons may be found the inducements which have actuated the Mexican Government.

A Chapter of Tragedies. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.—Eastern Kentucky mails bring accounts of several terrible tragedies. In Montgomery county, and Sunday last, Mrs. Stevens met a woman named Eveline Hubbard in the fields and attacked her with a hatchet. Mrs. Stevens suspected Eveline of too great an intimacy with her husband. In Breathitt county, recently, Jerry Little attacked two brothers named Jett, killing one and severely wounding the other. The difficulty grew out of a family feud. In Morgan county, on Wednesday last, Johnson Oakley shot and killed Wesley Richardson and severely wounded one George with a stray bullet.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Professor W. H. Donaldson made an ascension in the balloon Barnum from the Hippodrome this afternoon for the purpose of testing the easterly currents. He was accompanied by newspaper representatives. The departure was witnessed by thousands of spectators. The party took up provisions and will remain up taking observations for forty-eight hours.

A pretty woman hugged Mr. Edwin Dolan on Pearl street, in New York, on Friday. He was too polite not to reciprocate, and she walked off with his \$350 gold watch and chain to hide her emotion.

SAMOKIN, PENN., July 24.—A little girl was yesterday killed yesterday at Bridgewater, by a stone thrown by a blast in a stone-quarry, five hundred yards distant from where she was standing.

SAMPLES OF OUR CIVILIZATION.

HARRFORD, CONN., July 24.—Elith Spears killed Charles Davis in West Sulfield last night by striking him with an ax, nearly severing his head from his body. Spears afterwards cut his own throat, but is still alive. He was attempting to kill his wife and Davis interfered.

ST. LOUIS, July 24.—A special to the Democrat from Seneca, Kansas, says that Charles Cook, a merchant of Ball City, Osborne county, who has been deranged for some time, thrust a knife blade through the brain of his infant child last Friday, then beat his own head with a hatchet inflicting mortal injury. Pecuniary trouble is said to be the cause of his insanity.

A Baltimore dispatch reports the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Wiltman in Talbot county by two negroes. Mrs. W. was killed by a club and the negroes were tried before Charles Cook, a merchant of Ball City, Osborne county, who has been deranged for some time, thrust a knife blade through the brain of his infant child last Friday, then beat his own head with a hatchet inflicting mortal injury. Pecuniary trouble is said to be the cause of his insanity.

Mrs. Jane Love, of New York, has a lovely way of doing things. She broke three panels out of her landlord's front door, and when his agent demanded payment of damages she bit his thumb off. She armed herself with an axe against further incursions, and it took a skirmish line of policemen to capture her.

Mrs. Mortimer, of New York, has complained eleven times since the first of January of her husband for hammering her over the head with his fist. Each time she appeared on the next morning and withdrew the complaint. Last Friday he varied the operation by using a good sized hammer. This was too much of a good thing. Mrs. Mortimer was unable to appear to withdraw the complaint, and the brute of a "manlier" went where he ought to have been from the first, to the tomb.

Boston, July 25.—At South Farmingham Mass., yesterday, Wm. A. Bates was tried and convicted of brutally treating and starving his three children, all girls, the two oldest (twins) aged ten, and the youngest six years old. Justice Waterfield said the case was one he never saw equaled in barbarity, and he believed that had the Legislature which enacted the law supposed that a case of the kind would ever happen, they would have made the penalty six years instead of six months. The Justice sentenced Bates to six months in the house of correction on each charge. Bates appealed. The sentence gives entire satisfaction to the citizens.

Rape and Murder.

RUTLAND, Vt., July 27.—A horrible case of rape and murder was revealed in St. Albans yesterday. The victim was Miss Marietta M. Ball, a teacher in the district school, three miles east of this village. After closing her school last Friday, she set out to visit a friend living a mile distant, her course being over a lonely road, partially through woods. She was missed by her friends on Saturday evening and search was made for her. Her body was found Sunday morning about one o'clock. It had been conveyed about four rods into the woods, leaving traces of blood on the way. Miss Ball was a girl of uncommon muscular power, and appearances indicate that she made a desperate resistance. Two men have been arrested, but the real perpetrator is probably still at large. Intense excitement prevails here.

The Third Term Platform.

Since it is said that General Grant intends to run for a third term, it is time that the platform should be announced. It will be as follows: I. Grant to be re-elected as many times as he desires. Or, if he should conclude to be President for life, that shall be arranged to suit him. II. His salary and perquisites to be doubled immediately after each four years.

III. Mileage to be allowed him at the rate of \$5 per mile for all his journeys while in office, and for his passing and compelling all railroads and steamboats to transport him free, and all hotels to entertain him without charge. IV. Every horse that can trot in 2:20, or under, to be his property without paying, as a token of public and private gratitude.

V. Lieutenant Colonel F. D. Grant to be General of the Army in place of W. T. Sherman, dismissed.

VI. The financial policy of the country to be based on alternate principles of resumption and inflation, at the discretion of the President. Thus we shall move toward contraction and specie payment until the price of gold is brought low; and then we will have a burst of inflation until it is up again. By applying the one and the other of these measures with prudence, the President will be able in time to do something handsome, as he ought.

VII. To the new Cabinet, Babcock to be Secretary of State; Boss Shepherd, Secretary of the Treasury; Kellogg, of Louisiana, Secretary of War; and W. H. Kemble, Postmaster-General—Delano, Laundret Williams, and Secor Robeson to remain as they are.

VIII. No more high offices to be degraded by being conferred in return for paltry gifts of \$1,000. The ready-money States paid in Nevada for places in the Senate to be adopted. The value for these great honors for the Government. All receipts from such sources to be the personal property of the Chief Magistrate.

IX. All newspapers that do not praise President and his personal friends and relations to be instantly suppressed, and their editors, publishers, reporters, and correspondents to be imprisoned for life time in the county jail by Washington city.

X. With a candidate so popular as Grant, and with such principles and policy honestly and frankly presented, there can be no doubt of the result. He will be triumphantly re-elected, everybody will be happy, and reform of the civil service will then commence.—New York Sun.

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Dangerous Counterfeit in Circulation.

Washington, July 25.—A dangerous counterfeit having appeared upon the \$5 notes of the Treasury National Bank of Chicago, the Treasury department offers one half per cent. premium for the return of the genuine \$5 notes of that bank to the Department for destruction. The notes should be stripped separately, and may be included in packages of national bank notes returned to the Treasurer for redemption, and may be returned at the expense of the Department. All genuine \$5 notes of this bank should hereafter be refused, and notes of that denomination thus driven out of circulation. No more notes will be issued by the Comptroller of Currency to that bank. The attention of bank officers is specially called to the necessity of promptly retiring these notes, of the counterfeit being very like the genuine. A description of the counterfeit says: "The general appearance of the note is such as to deceive, although a close examination betrays many essential points of difference, as follows: Under the letter O in the word 'Chicago,' on the face of the note, the last shade line runs into the top of the first letter in the word 'pay,' which is directly under it, while in the genuine a distinct space intervenes. In the date of the year '1865,' under the right-hand end of the 'five dollars' in the body of the note, the numerals 8 and 2 come closely together. In the counterfeit there is a much wider space. The panels in the border surrounding the face of the genuine note have numerous marks of the drapery; in the counterfeit the marks are fewer and less distinct. On the reverse of the note the most distinctive point of difference between the counterfeit and the genuine appears in the lathework enclosing the figure '5,' at the lower right and left-hand corners of the note. The counterfeit being nearly round and very distinct in the counterfeit, and much more eccentric and less clear in the genuine. The kneeling figures in the left hand of the vignette on the back of the note are much less distinct than the genuine, and the work generally is coarser. The paper upon which the note is printed is inferior in quality to that used by the Government, being much coarser; but the entire bill is liable to deceive even an expert at the first glance."

"As We Go Marching On." We have shown in previous articles how the great political revolution going on in this country has turned Legislators topsy-turvy and is effecting changes quite as remarkable in the houses of Congress. We have still another illustration in the list of the Governors of the 37 States of the Union. In 1870, only four years ago, there were but six Democratic Governors in office, viz: Haight, of California; Sausbury, of Delaware; Stevenson, of Kentucky; Bowie, of Maryland; Randolph, of New Jersey; Hoffman, of New York. Those were the Democratic party, as sneeringly said that the Democratic party was "dead." To-day there are seventeen Democratic Governors, not counting Booth, of California, and Baxter, of Arkansas, who may be classed among the opponents of the regular Republican organization. The Democratic officials are Ingersoll, of Connecticut; Ponder, of Delaware; Smith, of Georgia; Hendricks, of Indiana; Lewis, of Kentucky; Groome, of Maryland; Woodson, of Missouri; Bradley, of Nevada; Weston, of New Hampshire; Parker, of New Jersey; Alton, of Ohio; Grover, of Oregon; Brown, of Tennessee; Coke, of Texas; Kemper, of Virginia; Jacob, of West Virginia; and Taylor, of Wisconsin. In 1870 the list stood 6 Opposition to 31 Republicans. In 1874 it stands 19 Opposition to 17 Republicans, and the Central Government, who was not elected Governor, and who exercises power now only by the protection of the Administration bayonets. And yet the so-called "independent papers" babble about the Democratic party being dead. The Republican papers have got over that hallucination.

San Francisco, July 25.—A dispatch from Eureka, Nevada, says a terrible water-spout burst in the mountains yesterday, swept through the town, killing twenty persons, and causing great destruction of property.

Another dispatch from Elko says the water-spout crossed the Central Pacific railroad and track between the Humboldt and the town, injuring it so that the western bound emigrant train can't get through to-day.

Particulars of the Disaster.

San Francisco, July 25.—Another dispatch from Eureka gives the particulars of the storm yesterday. It had been raining with great violence from early in the morning till noon, when the cloud burst on the lofty range of mountains to the eastward at a vast volume of water was let down the canon where the town is located. The eastern part of the town was flooded in ten minutes by a fearful rush of water, which constantly increased in violence, depth and impetuosity. The people were hemmed in and every moment houses were torn from their foundations and swept away with their occupants. Ropes were procured and a line formed. Brave men, thus protected, dashed into the town, rescuing many lives. Only a few women and children were lost. The Scintilla office was swept away, and Roger Holcomb, reporter of that paper, was drowned. The bodies are being brought to the court house as fast as they are recovered.

Three Chinamen were lost, 30 houses swept away, and all that part of the town in which is situated the dance-house, and other places of amusement is gone. The flood lasted only half an hour. It is believed the total loss of life will reach 25 or 30.

Death of the Sister of Edgar Allen Poe.

Miss Rose Poe, the last surviving sister of the late Edgar Allen Poe, died early yesterday morning after a lingering illness, at the Epiphany Church Home, on H street, near Fourteenth, in the 18th year of her age. She came to this institution from Baltimore, where she had been living for some time with distant relatives, and she died at a violent attack of congestive chills, and though every effort was made to strengthen her, she sank visibly, and expired quietly and without pain as above stated. Her funeral will take place from the Home this morning at nine o'clock, and the remains will be interred in the Rock-Creek Cemetery.

In the death of Miss Poe it is believed that the last of the family, indeed of the immediate relatives of the gifted young poet, Edgar Allen Poe, has passed away.—Washington Chronicle of Friday.

Disastrous Rain Storm.

PITTSBURG, PA., July 27.—This city and vicinity was visited by a disastrous rain storm last night, doing immense damage and causing severe loss of life. The rain fell heavily for several hours, accompanied by a terrific gale of wind. Streets in this city were flooded, and the immense fall of water caused a rapid rise in the Monongahela river. Many of the vessels moored at the wharves were swept away and several were swamped. The country is inundated for miles. The damage to property cannot be estimated—it is reported that sixteen lives have been lost.

Eleven bodies have been recovered and six are missing on the south side. The destruction of life and property was fearful. Up to this time eight bodies have been found and there are twenty missing. One block of ten buildings was swept away. The west end of the works of Tenifer and Cirelli gone, and is now a complete wreck. Deputy Mayor Green and Squire Martin, are holding an inquest on the bodies at Soho.

Thirty eight bodies have been recovered in Butcher's Run District Alleghany City. The havoc at the Woods Run was fearful, and nine bodies have been recovered there thus far, and five or six are still missing. In the Saw Mill Run District, eight have been recovered. Thirty-seven are still missing. A whole block was swept away in the latter district, and fifty persons perished.

The distinguished Confederate General, to whom the President intended to tender the Russian mission, proves to be General Maney, of Tennessee. He led the first Tennessee Regiment to the field and served gallantly throughout the war. The field of his service was chiefly in West Virginia. He has the honor of having been the second citizen of Nashville who will be thus honored. Hon. Neil S. Brown having represented this government at St. Petersburg during Fillmore's administration.

NEW YORK, July 24.—James Coughlan, a wealthy contractor of Hoboken, who has been on trial in this city for the past few days on the charge of bigamy, has been found guilty. Coughlan left the court-room yesterday after the charge of the judge and has not been seen since.

Levy Brothers.

THE LAST REDUCTION OF THE SEASON.—No further changes in prices will be made, so delay not, but make your purchases at once. Japanese Poplins at 12 1/2, 15, 16 1/2, 20, 25, and 30c. All just about half their value; Black-Ground Colored-Striped Grenadines at 10c. per yard worth 20c; Black-Ground Grenadines with colored stripes at 12c. per yard, would be cheap at 25c; Side-Bandings-Glaze Suitings at 20c. per yard worth 30c; Striped Chinese Grass-Cloth at 15c. worth 20c. per yard; Lenos at 12c. per yard worth 25c; Striped Silk at 50c., 60c., and 81 per yard—all bargains; Black Silks from \$1 to \$3.50 per yard; Linen Rates for Dresses at 25c. worth 35c. per yard; Black Grenadines from 20c to \$1.25 per yard; Colored Iron Grenadines, all wool, at 40c. worth 75c. per yard; Lancaster and Pacific Printed Cambrics at 25c. per yard; The best Printed Percales at 20c. per yard; Fast Colored Lawns at 12c. per yard; The latest style Side-Band Lawns and Calicoes.

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"At no time since the outbreak of the war has the mercantile indebtedness of the country been so small as now, and at no time has prudence and economy entered more largely into business and every-day life calculations. All the bubbles which have been threatening to explode for years have exploded. The worst, it is hoped and believed, has come to light, and by being made apparent to every one, thus, during the past six months, had its full effect in causing the widespread depression which has prevailed. People know now, so far as overwrought enterprise are concerned, exactly where they stand. When they have the same precise knowledge as to the instruments of exchange, the currency, which is gradually being adjusted, the last element of uncertainty will be removed. The crops are all looking favorably. With good crops the agricultural producers will have the means wherewith to supply their wants, and the want of the self-denial, which has been the cause of the depression for months past, are larger than usual. Supplying these wants will involve manufacturing interests, and the various intermediate stages of trade, from the producers to the consumers, will all be improved, including transportation interests. Our foreign trade relations are, as for months past they have been, exceptionally favorable. We have had ten years of expansion, which took the form of railroad building, and have had the collapse and its effects, which so far as legitimate trade is concerned, have been incidental although severe, and are now in a position where all influences tend to recovery.—Philadelphia Ledger.

EVANVILLE, July 25.—A boat was capsized on the Wabash river, near Grand-Chain, Thursday, and six out of fifteen men were drowned. They were laborers on the improvement of the river.

B. T. BABBITTS' PURE CONCENTRATED POTASH OR LYE. Of double the strength of any other Saponifying substance. Have recently perfected a new method of packing my potash, or Lye, in an iron packing tin only in Balls, the coating of which will separate, and does not injure the soap. It is packed in boxes containing 24 and 48 one lb balls, and in no other way. Directions in English and German for making hard and soft soap with this Potash accompany each package. B. T. BABBITTS, July 30-2m 64 to 84 Washington st., N. Y.

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FORT WAYNE, IND., July 25.—Workmen while digging a well at New Haven, Ind., yesterday struck a vein of oil at the depth of eight feet. The fluid is equal to the best coal oil.

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Fourth round of Quarterly meetings for the Wytheville District, Holston Conference.

Wytheville Station, August 1-2. Marion ct., at Greenwood, August 7-8.

Watauga ct., Valle Crucis, Aug. 15-16. Jefferson ct., at Helton C. G., Aug. 22-23.

Newbern ct., at Reed Island, Aug. 20-23. Wytheville ct., at Asbury C. G., Sept. 5-9.

Jacksonville ct., at Jacksonville, Sept. 12-13. Grayson ct., at Providence C. G., Sept. 19-20.

Hillsville ct., at Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 26-27. Dedication of the church at New River Bridge, Pulaski County Va., Oct. 3-4.

Geo. W. Miles, P. E.

Funeral notice. We are requested to give notice that the funeral of the late Nathaniel Harris will be preached at Greenwood church on Sunday, August 31st, by Rev. G. W. Miles.

Bridge Washed Away. Last Monday a small bridge on the A. M. and O. railroad near Martin's Station was washed away by high water.

Captured and Escaped. Frank Moss and Crabtree, two notorious characters living near Laurel Fork in Rich Valley, were arrested last week on a warrant from Wythe county, but before they were gotten into safe quarters Moss knocked his guard down and escaped. Crabtree is in custody.

New Advertisements. We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Levy Brothers, Richmond, Va., who announce another reduction in the prices of their goods.

See the advertisements of Babbits' Concentrated Potash; Kingsford's Silver Glass Starch; and Pulverized Corn Starch.

Free Postage. The new postal law, by which newspapers are allowed to circulate free of postage in the counties where published went into effect July 1st.

Important Medical Students. The Trustees of the Louisville Medical College, (Louisville, Ky.), appreciating the impoverished condition of the whole country, have determined to grant a Beneficiary Scholarship to any young man, who, sufficiently educated to study medicine and of good character, is unable to pay for his education.

Base Ball. Last Thursday the Marion Base Ball Club played a match game with the Bristol Club, on the grounds of the latter.

Public Speaking. During court day, the "dear people" were treated to several speeches which were listened to with great interest.

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The junior editor is absent on a business and pleasure trip to Tazewell.

A party of good old Ike Walton's disciples captured fifty-two bass in the river below town last Friday.

There are three cures coming through the Southwest, and many one of them will stop at Marion. Let us give thanks.

The early varieties of peaches are beginning to ripen. The crop is a short one in this section, owing to the late frosts.

If you want to find out how many friends you have, get into a lucrative office; if you want to find out how many friends you haven't, get into trouble.

We had the pleasure of a visit Tuesday from Mr. C. E. Irons, of the Russell Progress. He represents the Progress as in a flourishing condition.

When you want a thing done well, do it yourself; when you want it half done, ask somebody else to do it. This rule applies to everything except eating.

If the individual who is in the habit of purloining our exchanges from our office will make himself known to us, he will hear something to his advantage.

One of our exchanges the other day contained an article headed "Why do men become baldheaded?" Our devil thinks it is because their hair comes out.

Mr. A. A. Banks, formerly of the Southern Patriot, of this place, has taken charge of the Virginia House, Abingdon, as business manager. These Virginia editors are always getting promoted.

The "katydids" have begun their musical festival. The believers in signs and things say that there will be frost in six weeks from the time the katys commence singing.

Josh Billings says that if you work hard all the time, save all you make, and live on what you can't sell, if you don't die rich and go to the devil, you may sue him for damages.

The dog question will be the prominent feature in the next election for members of our State Legislature. "Are you dog or sheep?" is a conundrum which aspirants for free tickets to Richmond will be called upon to answer.

Boys are getting wonderfully sharp at a. A pompous looking fellow accosted a youthful American in one of our eastern towns with, "Hello, boy, are there any fools in this place?"

We used to hear some talk of building a road from this place to Tazewell; but since our Tazewell friends commenced building Imboden's Elliptical Double Acting Four Horse-Power Trans-Alleghany Narrow Gauge Railroad, we hear nothing more on the subject.

There were religious services at all our churches last Sabbath. Rev. R. B. Boatwright preached at the Baptist church, Rev. D. Forrest at the Episcopal and Rev. G. W. Miles at the Methodist, and Rev. Mr. Groves, of North Carolina, at the Presbyterian.

Two tired youths rested their wearied limbs on the brick pavement in front of Brown's hotel last Saturday night. Brown doesn't like it because they went away next morning without settling for their lodging, and didn't even make up their bed.

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Hillsville ct., at Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 26-27. Dedication of the church at New River Bridge, Pulaski County Va., Oct. 3-4.

SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA.

At a private party, given at his London House during the past week, Sir Charles Wheatstone exhibited some curious electrical experiments for the amusement of his friends which would seem to throw some light on certain so-called "spiritualistic manifestations." In a dark room, by a stamp of his foot, Sir Charles produced a brilliant crown of electric light in mid-air while musical instruments seemed to be played by invisible hands, whereas the sounds really came from an adjoining room in which the players sat, and were made to appear to be produced by the instruments before the spectators by an ingenious contrivance. A contest between science and the "spirits" in their own chosen seats would be almost as memorable as the celebrated competition between Moses and the magicians.

A BRILLIANT TUNNERS.—At the Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., says the Evangelical Advertiser, a student is each day detailed to watch beside the tomb of General Lee. Every morning one of the students is posted at the tomb in the memorial room of the chapel, built under the supervision of Lee. He is styled a "watcher," and his duty is to remain there during the day and to receive visitors, showing them the proper courtesy and attention. As there are nearly three hundred and fifty students, no one is on duty more than once a year. Thus the entire southern people, through their representatives in the University, are watching at the tomb of Lee, and their sons improved in manner and bearing by the sacred duty they perform, and their minds and hearts benefited by thoughts of the noble dead.

A MAD WORLD.—The world is fairly under way to get stark crazy. On the one hand pictures and statues work miracles, and derange the brains of tens of thousands of the people otherwise in good health. Elsewhere people run stark mad with Sabbath laws, prohibitory laws against the sale of whiskey, God in the Constitution, proselytizing and baptizing, if possible, everybody and his wife. Again, in other places, they rattle into our ears civil rights bills, social equality of the races, destruction of the public schools to carry out an abstract idea, and the people still claim being sane and sound.—American Israelite.

The Lynchburg News states that the manager of the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, a day or two since discharged a servant who had resided here a short time, when a number of others informed the manager that they would not remain if the discharged servant left. Thereupon the guests of the place said to the manager that they would stand by him. They urged him to let them all go. They would wait on themselves for a time rather than his authority should be successfully resisted by the servants. They went, and their places were soon supplied.

LOOKING FOR GOLD.—CUSTER'S EXPEDITION.—A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun, from Dakota Territory, dated July 15, says: "General Custer's exploring expedition to the Black Hills of Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, arrived at this point on the Little Missouri river, latitude 45 degrees 29 minutes, longitude 103 degrees 46 minutes on the 14th instant. The command is in good health, and has had no fighting yet. Indians have been seen several times on the banks in the distance. The camp is near the line dividing Dakota Territory from the main group of the famous Black Hills, where so much hidden mineral wealth is supposed to exist.

DEATH OF A REMARKABLE OLD COLORED MAN.—Samuel Jones (colored) died near Turleytown, in this (Rockingham) county, recently, at the advanced age of one hundred and thirty-three years. The fact of his age is well established, and he was probably the oldest human being living. He was not a genuine African, and it is supposed he had a mixture of Indian blood in his veins. He remembered many historical events happening long prior to 1800, and was said to have been a man of considerable intelligence.—Old Commonwealth.

A few days ago a little girl near Lincoln Nabraska, sat down among the grass in a field where her brother was mowing, and he not noticing her decapitated her with his scythe.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Marion, Va., July 21, 1874.

To W. H. McDonald and A. Battle, complainants, and John T. Johnson Trustee in a trust deed executed by Wm. and Geo. W. Killinger, W. V. Killinger, Geo. Killinger, Peter Killinger, Jos. J. Holt, George Killinger, A. P. Scott, Sarah Buleton, John Anderson, Isaac C. Anderson, Abram Goodman, Jno. Copenhaver, Adm. pot Henry Copenhaver, and George Copenhaver, J. S. Lampe, P. H. Pickett, J. W. Buchanan, G. W. Buchanan, A. T. Buchanan adm'r of W. Buchanan, Geo. E. Thompson, John Young, John Barnes, P. C. Buchanan, Abram Smokey, A. F. Buchanan, Walter Thompson, James L. McClellan, McClure, and Jacob Cassel, Defendants.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed on the 20th day of August, 1874, to take and settle, at my office, the account of John T. Johnson, trustee, of the trust fund and property conveyed to him as trustee by Wm. and Geo. W. Killinger, and the disposition of said fund, &c., required to be taken by the decree of the Circuit Court of Smyth county, rendered on the 30th August, 1867, and by subsequent decrees, in the chancery suit depending in said court, in which you are parties, complainants and defendants, at which time said place you are required to attend. Given under my hand as Com'r of said court. W. C. SEXTON, Com'r. C. C. S. U.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Marion, July 22, 1874.

P. B. Snapp vs. Thos. H. Spratt et al. IN CHANCERY.

By a decree of the Circuit court of Smyth county, rendered at the April term of said court, 1874, in the above case the undersigned, as special commissioner, was directed to take an account showing the judgment liens or other debts due by lien or substitution against the real estate of the defendant, T. H. Spratt, as trustee, and to allow an attorney's fee for the said Spratt to collect in and prove his debt. Notice is hereby given that I have fixed upon FRIDAY, the 14th of AUGUST, 1874, as the time and my office in Marion as the place to discharge the duties imposed upon me by said decree; at which time the parties interested can file before me, such proof of their debts as may be necessary.

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