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Mr. J. FRANK DAVIS is authorized to receive subscriptions for the "Staunton Spectator."

TO BUSINESS MEN AND ADVERTISERS. The "Spectator" furnishes one of the best means for advertising in the State.

DON'T LEAVE VIRGINIA.

We are sorry to see that some of the citizens of this State seem to be contemplating emigration to Brazil. As the rights properly due to them as citizens of the United States are at present denied to them, it is natural that they should feel dissatisfied and desirous to emigrate to a country where they believe a greater degree of liberty can be enjoyed.

We would caution the young, ardent and imaginative against the flattering tale which the sirens, Hope, pour into their willing ears, like a "leoprons distillment," wooing them but to betray.

Upon that land of great rivers and great mountains—of golden-tinted fruits and dark-eyed maidens—of waving pampas and roving steeds, the eye and the heart of thousands of our new Jansons are fixed.

ENCOURAGING MEN.

The most encouraging sign we have yet seen for the South, says the Lynchburg Register, is the telegram of President Johnson to the Mississippi constitutional Convention.

The "Weary Heart" was received too late for this issue. It will appear in our next. We would be pleased to be favored by the author frequently.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONGRESS.

The only restrictions upon eligibility for members of Congress, imposed by the Constitution of the United States, are embraced in the 2nd paragraph of the 2nd Section of the 1st Article of that instrument, which reads as follows:

"No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen."

It will be seen that all persons who have attained the age of twenty-five years, been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who are inhabitants of the State in which they may be chosen, are Constitutionally eligible to Congress.

The 5th section of the Constitution makes "each House (of Congress) the Judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members."

That is, each House is to judge whether or not the persons chosen have the qualifications prescribed in the 2nd section of the Constitution as given above. The Constitution does not invest "Congress" with the right to prescribe qualifications of eligibility, but only to judge whether the persons chosen have the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, and whether the "elections and returns" are in favor of the applicants for seats in that body.

In a word, in judging of the "elections, returns and qualifications of its own members," Congress exercises a Judicial and not a Legislative function.

It is we are still out of the Union, we have no right to have Representatives in Congress at all; but if we are in the Union, (and President Johnson very properly maintains that we are) then we are entitled by the Constitution, the supreme law of the land, to choose our Representative any one who has attained the age of twenty-five years, been a citizen of the United States seven years, and is an inhabitant of the State in which he may be chosen.

PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY.

We clip the following just remarks concerning the "good people" of this noble Valley of Virginia from the Editorial correspondence of the Central Presbyterian:

"The good people of the Valley are living in that quiet, orderly manner, for which they have always been so well known. They mean to act, under the circumstances in which they are placed, in perfect good faith, and would have done so just as well, if not better, without the presence of a single Federal soldier."

The Editor of the Lynchburg Virginia

having recently paid a visit to Washington City, in an editorial in his paper of September 1st, says:

"A public functionary in Washington, whose acquaintance thousands of Southern men in quest of pardons will have occasion to make—made the writer a few days since that he 'would keep Virginia under a provisional government for fifty years,' and would never consent to her representation in Congress unless she adopted the principle of negro suffrage."

This will doubtless be the position taken by many members of Congress, and it will serve to strengthen the opposition to Southern representation under any and all circumstances. We throw out the words now with the single purpose of guiding our people in a decision of great moment—the choice of their representatives to Congress. They cannot be too careful in the matter."

Who is this terrible "public functionary" who will "never consent" to allow Virginia representation in Congress unless she adopt the principle of negro suffrage?

"On what meat doth this, our Caesar feed? That he hath grown so great?" He would "keep Virginia under a provisional Government for fifty years!"

NEW DRESS.

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WASHINGTON COLLEGE.—GEN. LEE.

The authoritative announcement that Gen. Robert E. Lee has accepted the Presidency of "Washington College," at Lexington Va., unanimously tendered him by the Trustees of that Institution of Learning, will be hailed with universal satisfaction.

CAPTAIN WIRTZ'S TRIAL.

After the adjournment of the Military Commission, in Washington, on Monday, the 28th ult., Wirtz had a long interview with his counsel. As soon as he understood they were about to abandon the case a look of pain overcame his countenance, and for a moment he scarcely seemed to comprehend the state of the case.

The "Winchester News" publishes a list, showing the number of times Winchester was occupied by soldiers from Nov. 9th, 1861, until Sept. 19th, 1864, when Gen. Early was driven out of the Valley by Sherman. The table shows it to have been occupied by Union troops 48 times. Rebel " 27 " Total " 75.

ERROR CORRECTED.

Not having been at the public meeting at the Court House, which made nominations of candidates for Congress, the Senate and House of Delegates, in the brief notice we made last week, we committed the error of stating that Hon. A. H. H. Stuart was nominated by the committee, whereas, he was nominated by acclamation in the meeting before the committee, which nominated candidates for the Senate and House of Delegates, was appointed.

We call attention to H. M. Stoddard's advertisement of "American Fashions."

TOURNAMENT AT STAUNTON.

On Thursday last, the ladies and gentlemen of this place and vicinity had the pleasure of witnessing a Tournament in the meadow in front of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

Quite a large number of ladies were present whose fair faces, cheerful hearts, and pleasant smiles added increased interest to the occasion.

The "Staunton Band" favored the assemblage with stirring music. Twenty-six Knights entered the lists, each hoping to have the honor of selecting and crowning the "Queen of love and beauty."

The pastime in which you are about to engage merits a more dignified consideration than it sometimes receives, and may be made to point a graver moral than is ordinarily extracted from it.

Equestrian exercises have been held in high repute among men in all ages. In the most enlightened and refined States of Greece, from a period of four antiquity, sacred games existed, which were solemnized with a pomp and splendor, which modern times might indeed rival, but which scarcely surpasses.

There is a noble and ennobling spirit in the pursuit of the noble art of horsemanship, and it is a noble and ennobling spirit that distinguishes the noble art of horsemanship, and it is a noble and ennobling spirit that distinguishes the noble art of horsemanship.

There was in Virginia, in 1850, as shown by the census, 123 Iron Works, employing 3,322 hands, and capital to the amount of \$1,732,771.

IRON WORKS IN VIRGINIA.

As remarks the Lynchburg Republican, "their number and value have doubtless been greatly increased within the last fifteen years, but they are still far behind their full development."

IMPORTANT CONCERNING FARDONS.

The following letter, addressed to the Governor of Virginia has been furnished by him for publication. It explains itself:

The Albany "Argus" calculates the cost to the Government of providing sustenance for freedmen now without employment at 200,000 rations daily [small estimate, probably] at a cost of about forty cents each, or \$80,000 a day—over half a million of dollars per week, and nearly thirty million dollars per annum.

MEXICO.

The pacification of Mexico is not yet completed, although the Imperialists are masters of all the most important strategic points in the country.

PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including flour, coffee, sugar, and other commodities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce JNO F. LEWIS, Esq., of Rockingham county, as a Candidate for Congress in the 6th Congressional District.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Fellow Citizens: In response to the calls of my Fellow-Citizens of Bath county, and of my friends and neighbors of my own county, I have accepted the nomination.

TO THE PEOPLE OF AUGUSTA.—Having been nominated at a meeting held at the Court House on the 28th of August, by a respectable portion of the voters of the County, as a Candidate to represent you, in part, in the next House of Delegates of Va., I hereby accept the nomination, and, if elected, pledge myself to serve you according to the best of my ability.

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DIED.

In Remembrance on the evening of July 14th, FLORENCE BROWNLOW, infant child of Wm. E. and M. A. Tamm.

From a wound received at Winchester, September 18th, 1864, JOHN B. McUFFIN, aged 37 years and 4 days. The writer of this notice was intimately acquainted with the deceased, and can say of a truth that he was kind, honest and affectionate in all his relations.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEW STORE IN CHURCHVILLE.—The subscribers are now receiving and opening at Churchville, Va., a general assortment of NEW AND FRESH GOODS, selected with care in the Baltimore market, to which the attention of the public is invited.

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YOU REMEMBER IT, DON'T YOU?

You remember the time when I first sought you... When a single, not a word, was the summons to come... When you called me a friend, till you found, with surprise...

WIT AND HUMOR.

Most heads diffuse less light than a pumpkin shell with a tallow candle in it... An audacious newspaper writer speaks of doctors as gentlemen of the turf... At the circus women jump clean through hoops...

A MASS MEETING IN RICHMOND.

A "mass meeting of the citizens of Richmond," convened for the purpose of testifying to the loyalty of the citizens of this county to the Constitution and laws of the United States... The meeting was held in the Capital Square, on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult.

POLITICAL MATTERS IN OHIO.

CINCINNATI, August 25.—The Democratic State Convention assembled at Columbus yesterday, and organized by electing Rufus P. Ranney, President... The following ticket was nominated: For Governor, General George W. Morgan...

WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This Institution has been in operation during the whole period of the terrible war through which we have just passed, and in the midst of unprecedented difficulties, has not only successfully sustained itself...

First National Bank AT STAUNTON, VA.

F. SCHEFFER, PRESIDENT. PRED. FULTZ, CASHIER. CAPITAL \$250,000.

WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This Institution has been opened for the purpose of selling cheap goods to the citizens of Staunton and the adjoining counties... Their goods have been purchased entirely for cash...

Clary's Photograph Gallery.

J. W. CLARY would respectfully inform the citizens of Staunton and the adjoining counties that he has opened an elegant...

SKY-LIGHT PICTURE GALLERY.

In the old Barrett Building, (Room formerly occupied by H. H. Barney, and now to W. H. Barney & Co., Grocers and Provision Merchants...)

Photograph, Ambrotype, OR THE MELANOTYPE.

In the highest style of the art, and with all of the latest improvements. Being determined to make the best of the BEST PICTURES...

VIRGINIA FEMALE INSTITUTE, STAUNTON, VA.

The next session of this Institute, will open on the 1st Wednesday in October... The buildings were occupied, during the war, by the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind...

Confectionaries, Fruits, &c.

A WORD TO MY OLD FRIENDS, AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY... I have now on hand a well selected stock of CONFECTIONARIES, TOYS, PERFUMERY, SOAP, PICKLES, CANNED FRUITS, RAISINS, FIGS, CITRUS, GUINNESS, DATES, AND ALL KINDS OF NUTS, NEGARS, CRACKERS, SARDINES, &c., fresh and dry...

VIRGINIA LIVERY STABLE.

Board, with furnished room, at English course, \$200 in specie, or its equivalent, for the annual season. Address: Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Jr., principal, Staunton, Va. August 1st-Oct. 31st.

BANKING HOUSE OF ALLAN & CO., STAUNTON, VA.

THE undersigned will hereafter occupy the Central Bank Building and have the use of the Vault and Safes of the Bank. Advantages facilities will be afforded to regular depositors...

GOOD MATCHES.

I take this method of informing my old customers and friends, and the public generally that I am now making and will keep constantly on hand a large lot of superior...

Friction Matches.

which I propose to sell lower than they can be purchased elsewhere, by the gross or single box, for cash. June 20—47 D. R. BLACKBURN.

WESTERN LUMINATING ACID.

has been decided by the authorities of this Institution, to change the mode of supplying it with Fresh Meats, as Steward, desires to purchase BEEF CATTLE and SHEEP.

CHEAP GROCERIES!

"I have undertaken, respectfully, to call the attention of the friends, and the public generally, to the fact that he keeps constantly on hand and for sale a general assortment of GROCERIES, consisting in part of the best quality of Green Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses, Hops, Mustard, Herring, Tobacco, Beans, Dry Goods, Flour, &c., which will be sold at very SHORT PROFITS FOR CASH...

CANDY! CANDY!

THE best CANDY in the market will be sold by the Wholesale and Retail. Staunton July 16—74

PROSPECTUS OF THE SOUTHERN ARGUS & CRISIS.

THE publication of the SOUTHERN ARGUS AND CRISIS will be resumed in a few weeks. It will be published weekly, and contain every column of interesting reading, comprising Editorials, Letters, and Miscellaneous Matter, and a general variety that will be acceptable and profitable to every reader...

THE NEW YORK NEWS.

DAILY AND WEEKLY. The New York Weekly News, A GREAT FAMILY NEWSPAPER. BENJAMIN WOOD, PROPRIETOR.

To the People of the Valley.

Wm. J. STEVENS, respectfully announces having received a full and complete stock of Ladies Fine Dress Goods, Cloths, Cassimeres, And indeed every article requisite to make a first class DRY GOODS STORE.

Frank Prifer BOOKBINDER and Paper Hanger, STAUNTON, VA.

Respectfully informs the Public that he is again prepared to execute orders of every description, in his line of BOOK-BINDING, MUSIC PORTFOLIOS, LADIES' SATCHELS & JEWELRY CASES, POCKET BOOKS, ETC.

Virginia Central Railroad.

NOTICE TO PARTIES SENDING FREIGHT TO AND FROM STAUNTON.—The Va. Central R. Co. will furnish cars at Staunton, as far as they can, to receive loading on the track destined for Staunton...

DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, &c.

I have received a large stock of pure MEDICINES, PAINTS, SPICES, OILS, DYE STUFFS, PERFUMERY, PATENT MEDICINES, &c. In fact a full and complete assortment of all articles incident to the Drug and Apothecary business...

STAUNTON MALE ACADEMY.

THIS Institution will be opened on the 1st of September, 1865. It is located in the new building, as usually taught in Academies and High Schools. The undersigned having received their education at the University of Virginia, the course of study pursued will be such as to prepare students for that Institution.

HEAD Q'RS. SUB. DIST., AT STAUNTON.

District of South-Western Va. July 26, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

In obedience to Orders from Headquarters, Department of Va. I hereby assume command of this Sub. District, composed of the following named counties: Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

The following named officers are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Sub. District, Commander and will be charged with the duties of their offices: Capt. John H. O'Neill, 56th P. V. Provost Marshal. Lieut. E. M. Overizer, A. A. General.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3.

Captain Newton B. Banker, of the 56th Regt. P. V. is hereby appointed to the command of the Post at Lexington, Rockbridge County, Va. Capt. Banker will be Provost Marshal at this post. By Command of O'NEIL CLAY, Lieut. Col. 56th Regt. P. V., Commanding Sub. District, Staunton, Va. August 1—65.

HEAD Q'RS. SUB. DISTRICT, District of South-Western Va.

Staunton, Va., July 24, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

The following named officers are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Sub. District, Commander and will be charged with the duties of their offices: Lieut. Col. O'NEIL CLAY, Commanding Sub. District, Staunton, Va. August 1—65.

THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN RECORD.

A DEMOCRATIC AND FAMILY WEEKLY, CONTAINING EIGHTY COLUMNS.

DOCTOR A. M. FAUSTBERG.

of Staunton, Va., and in vicinity. Cases of nervous debility will be attended to at his office, or at the home of the patient on the condition of the payment of the fee by the patient. A limited number of office attendances will be received who will be examined daily at their offices, and will have the advantage of his literary and practical knowledge. Opposite the Court House. Aug 2—61

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT AT THE VIRGINIA HOTEL.

F. SCHEFFER. Aug 23—64

FROM MISSISSIPPI.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 24.—A special despatch from Jackson, Miss., dated the 23rd ult. to the New Orleans Times, says:—"In the State Convention an ordinance has been passed ratifying all laws and official acts passed since the act of secession not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or Mississippi, prior to January, 1861, except the law concerning crimes, and the acts authorizing the railroads to pay money borrowed by them. It repeals all laws authorizing the paying of dues to the State in Confederate scrip, and the distillation of spirits on the State account; ratifies all official accounts, proceedings, judgments, decrees, &c., of the several Courts, with all the sales made by administrators and others acting in a judicial capacity; authorizes executors and others to compromise with persons against whom they hold notes, as to the real value of the property for which such notes were given; authorizes parole testimony to be taken to prove whether or not the contracts contemplated specie or currency; ratifies all marriages consummated since January, 1861, whether celebrated with the new form and ceremonies or not.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 24.—A special despatch to the Times, dated today, says:

Gen. Sharkey has received a communication, by telegraph, from President Johnson, congratulating the Convention on the progress it is making in paving the way to re-admission into the Union. All obstacles will soon be removed, and he says he will restore the writ of habeas corpus, and remove the troops at the earliest moment when the State makes sufficient progress to have entirely returned to its allegiance. He hopes the example of Mississippi will soon be followed by other States.

Judge E. Fisher was nominated for Governor, and the Convention then adjourned sine die.

Speech by Montgomery Blair.

BALTIMORE, August 27.—Hon. Montgomery Blair made a speech at Clarksburg, Howard county, yesterday, regarding the President's reconstruction policy, in the course of which he made some bitter attacks upon Secretary Seward and Secretary Stanton, charging the former with having played for and against the Union before entering the cabinet of Mr. Lincoln, and afterwards, by his dalliance with the Confederates up to the fall of Fort Sumter, prolonged the agreement made with Jefferson Davis by order of Buchanan, before the termination of his administration. It was apparent from the whole course of public affairs, that Mr. Seward acted in concert with Buchanan's Administration during the last three months of its term.

A letter from Charlestown, S. C.

"The accounts which are received from the interior of this State are cheerless in the extreme. Old systems have been swept away—new ones have not been created, and the dreary future, in store for our people, seems to check all enterprise, and weigh like a pall upon their spirits. Those who have been away during the war have returned to their homes to find their hearths desolate and their families scattered, and now that they have succeeded in getting the latter together, are anxiously considering how they are to provide bread for their mouths. In parts of the country where corn grows and potatoes sprout, individual exertion accomplishes something; but in the rice districts the plantations are so completely in the hands of the negroes that the planters can not obtain possession of the land to till, even had they the force to cultivate it. In some few instances the rice fields are worked on shares, the negroes engaging to deliver one half of the crop to the owners of the soil, when it is ready for market."

ONE WAY TO TELL.

A traveler called lately at nightfall at a farmer's house in Alabama; the owner being from home and the mother and daughter being alone, they refused to lodge the stranger. "You are very kind," said the lady, "but you must be it to a house where a stranger can get lodging." "I will do it," said the traveler, "if you will give me a room."

THE COPY THAT EITHER CHEERS OR LACRIMATES.

the blis-er.