

STAUNTON SPECTATOR.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1865.

Capt. Jas. M. Stevens is authorized to make contracts and receipts for advertisements for the Spectator...

Christmas. We hope all our patrons have enjoyed a happy Christmas, and that the New Year, now so near, may be fraught with rich blessings...

The President's Views. On Tuesday last, the President, in reply to a resolution of the Senate of the 12th instant, communicated a message to that body...

Gen. Grant's Views. In Genl. Grant's report, submitted to the Senate by the President, he briefly reviews his tour of inspection throughout the South...

The Policy of Peace. The Richmond Enquirer maintains that the United States, instead of placing themselves in antagonism to the Canadians, should make it their first duty to secure their good will...

Golden Opportunity Lost. We concur with the Richmond Why in the opinion that, if Congress had made the admission of the Southern Representatives the first measure of the session, nothing would have tended so much to blot out all unpleasant memories of the war...

Freedom Affairs. Major-General Howard, Commissioner, has received a report from Colonel E. Whittlesey, Assistant Commissioner for the State of North Carolina, in which he represents the number of schools in the State as sixty-seven...

England and Spain. The English Government has asked Spain to detail from her fleet a squadron against Chile, but she has responded to Earl Russell's remonstrance with the assurance that Spain has received not a single ship in dignity, economy and gratitude...

Small Pox. The small pox is prevailing very extensively in various portions of the South. At Wilmington we learn that it is raging violently. It is also very prevalent among the negroes on the large Carolina plantations...

The True Policy of Virginia.

In the report of J. W. Garrett, the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, he says: 'The Baltimore and Ohio Company has increased its equipment to about three hundred locomotives and about three hundred passenger cars...

Events of Last Week. The four prominent political events of Monday and Tuesday of last week, says the Richmond Whig, were: the proclamation of the Secretary of State declaring that, inasmuch as twenty-seven of the States, being three-fourths of the States of the Union, have, by their Legislatures, ratified the constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude...

The Test Oath in Congress. The following is the resolution proposing another amendment to the Federal Constitution, adopted in the House of Representatives on Tuesday: 'Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, two-thirds of each House concurring thereon, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as amendments to the Constitution...

Affairs in Mexico. Two important decrees, says the Republic, have recently been issued by Maximilian, one of them extending for fifteen days, from the 29th of November, the time in which the soldiers of President Juarez laying down their arms were to be granted amnesty, and the other ordering a general draft for the army throughout Mexico...

The Pardon List. The following pardons among others were received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth last week: AROVERA COVARRUBIAS—Sam'l Kennedy, Jr., Frank Coizer, W. F. Smith, John B. Woods, B. F. Walker and R. Turk...

The Usury Laws. In an article urging the policy of repealing the usury laws of this State, the Richmond Why says that, 'it is of the first importance to stop the drain of money from the State, which is the flow of the life-blood of the Commonwealth—and not that merely, but to attract additional capital...'

We trust the South will pursue a calm, prudent course; omitting no duty, and amending no prejudice, if avoidance be possible, consistently with honor. This implies no exhibition of mean servility, no abnegation of our 'manhood'...

The hardest lesson for the negro to learn seems to be the fact that he incurred new responsibilities, as well as new rights, by the result of the war. One of these responsibilities is the obligation to perform his contracts. The white man has to perform his, and there are laws imposing penalties if he fails or refuses to perform them...

The Contrast. A Texas editor, on his travels, writes a graphic and very interesting letter to the Galveston News, from which we extract the following paragraph: 'Morning on the Mississippi! The sun is glorious, as the little white fog floats are drunk up by his beams. Look out upon the stately mansions, the great piles of sugar mills and the villages of white cottages where the slaves lolled and grew sleek and happy...

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Auction Sales.

VALUABLE FARMS AT AUCTION!—We will sell, at public auction, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of January, 1866, the 'Home Farm' belonging to the heirs of John Evans, dec'd, lying one mile East of Cross Key, Rockingham county, and containing 250 acres...

VALUABLE ROCKINGHAM LANDS AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—We will sell at public auction, on Friday, the 18th of January, 1866 the Home Farm, belonging to the heirs of Abraham Lusk, dec'd, lying on North River, two miles North of Rockingham county, adjoining the lands owned by Jonathan Miller, J. Root, and others...

THE FRENCH TROOPS IN MEXICO.—A special dispatch to the New York Post from Washington states that the French Minister assured Mr. Seward, while the President was preparing his message, that the French troops would be withdrawn from Mexico in a short time, and asked for patience on the part of our Government.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH. Election, Thursday, January 25th, 1866. TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY.—The Constitutional restriction which forbids a person from holding two offices at the same time, under the title of a Justice, has been removed by the General Assembly, as authorized by the people of the State, I again announce myself a candidate for the duties of the office.

WE are authorized to announce SAMUEL PAUL a Candidate for Sheriff of Augusta county, Dec 26—1865. SPECIAL NOTICES. TRUE SYLLOGISMS. 1st. Persons should advertise in the best advertising medium—the SPECTATOR is the best advertising medium—therefore, persons should advertise in the SPECTATOR.

100 ACRES GOOD LAND FOR SALE.—This land is situated about midway between Mt. Solon and Strabing Springs, being about three miles from either place, and contains a fine tract of land about 100—has as it is comfortable DWELLING and all necessary out-buildings, a good Barn, about 200 square feet, the greater portion bearing fruit-trees, and a good spring of water, and a first rate site for a running mill, or distillery—naturally adapted to Grain, Tobacco, &c. The land is owned by J. E. Subank, and is offered for sale by David M. Kyle, Esq., who resides on the premises, and by E. P. Subank, at Moscow, Virginia, at the shortest notice.

Stanton Advertisements.

Jno. A. & Y. M. Bickle, PRACTICAL CABINET MAKERS AND UNDERTAKERS. HAVE lately received, in addition to the work made by themselves, an assortment of Case Beds, Wood cases of various styles and prices; solid and veneered Walnut, Mahogany and other styles of Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Bases, and Washstands; Dining, Dress, and other styles of Tables. We have also made an arrangement with the best Manufacturers in New York and Boston to receive, in a few weeks, a general assortment of Chamber Sets, in Walnut, Mahogany and Rosewood, varying in price and style from \$25. to \$200 per set; also, all styles of Dressing Bureau, Centre, Toilet, and Card Tables with marble and wood tops, and have such other facilities in contemplation that we are satisfied we can furnish any style of Furniture desired at short notice and at less prices than any other establishment in the city. We have now on hand, a full stock of seasoned LUMBER—Walnut, Cherry and Sycamore. Also, extra good quality of Green Pine, White and Yellow Pine, and can make to order any articles desired in the very best style.

REPAIRING promptly done. Dec 19-21 JOHN A. & Y. M. BICKLE, Practical Cabinet Makers. HOOVER, MASON & CO. are now opening their 2d lot of SUPERIOR FALL & WINTER GOODS, consisting in part of French Merinos, Poplins, (plain and striped) All wool Delaines, Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Sateens, Gents' Fine and Coarse Clothing, Men and Boys' Heavy Boots, Gents', Ladies', and Misses' Shoes.

NOTICE.—We have just received a large assortment of New Goods, Notions, Dress Goods, &c., including all kinds of Dress, Trimmings, Hosiery, &c. in fact all dealers who want great bargains. We can now sell all kinds of Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices, in fact at half prices. We have recently made a purchase at lower figures than formerly, and we are anxious to give our friends the immediate benefit of the fall. Don't forget to call at 'White's Corner,' opposite Bond, Crawford's old stand, and you will find the earnest in what we propose. Nov 25-26

SAVE YOUR MONEY by getting your Watches repaired by BARBARA HAYES, who, for the last two years, has been employed in Europe and in the best Watch-Making Establishments in Europe and in this Country. Persons having fine Watches such as Chronometers, Repeating, Duplex or English Patent Lockers, in fact all kinds of Watches, are invited to give him a call, as he does his work on the best principles, at moderate rates. (37) No 6 Room, Corner of Main and Augusta Streets, upstairs, over Aracastro's Tobacco Store. Dec 2-21

IN STORE AND FOR SALE.—2 barrels Tuxedo Whiskey, 3 barrels Parker Whiskey, 1 barrel Grey—superior article, 20 barrels Marshall Salt, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Bacon, &c. by KEG, STEVENSON & CO. Special attention to buying and selling on commission. K. S. & CO. Dec 12-14—Virginia copy.

W. S. TAYLOR, Dealer in AGRI. SWINE & COUNTRY PRODUCE. Main street, opposite Post Office. STANTON, VA. Keeps constantly on hand a fine assortment of FAMILIAR GROCERIES, which he will sell in cheap for CASH, or give in exchange for a large assortment of other goods, and is especially invited to give him a call. Nov 21-14

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WANTED.—A Farm Hand and also a good COOK. Dec 19-21 R. SUMNERSON.

WANTED.—200 EMPTY BARRELS and FIVE KINS. ISAAC PAUL & CO. Anton's Old Stand. WANTED.—1000 bushels FLAX SEED. ISAAC PAUL & CO. Dec 12-14

WANTED.—A situation, by a lady, as a TEACHER of the English Branches, in some village or country school; or preferred within ten miles of Va. C. Road, between Greenway and Western terminals of Va. C. Road. Apply immediately, stating terms, &c. 'AUGUSTA VIRGINIA,' Nov 28-31 in care of 'Spectator,' Staunton, Va.

WANTED.—TWO GOOD COOPER'S. Constant employment and good wages will be given. Apply at Waynesboro' Mills. H. L. GALLAHER. Nov 28-31

WANTED.—1000 BURELS OF OATS, 50 TONS OF NO. 1 TIMOTHY AND 50 LOADS OF GOOD STRAW. F. SCHREFFER. Aug 29-31

Strayed or Stolen. \$50 REWARD.—Stolen from the subscriber, on 'Sunday night, the 24th instant, a BORN BELL MARE, 4 years old, 15 hands high, white face, black mane and tail, branded 'A' in both shoulders, and under the mane, carries a high head, has fine carriage and dog-trot well. I will give \$25 for any information that will enable me to recover the mare, and \$25 for the thief. Dec 19-21 ANDREW A. CRAWFORD, Mt. Solon, Augusta co., Va.

NOTICE.—I have in my possession an extraordinary Horse of the following description: 1st. blind fold colored horse, about 5 years old, with a white blaze on his face, a white blaze on his forehead, a small white spot on the back, a few white hairs on the right side of the head, and a few white hairs on the right eye, passes some and runs well generally. He was found on my farm on the 11th of Dec, and is about 14 or 15 hands high. He is four miles below Mt. Sidney, on the Keele town road, in Augusta county. Dec 19-21 BENJ. F. WAMPLER.

Sombody's Son. Sombody's son was out last night, something about the town...

WIT AND HUMOR.

To turn all your defects—Quarrel with your best friend. Flattery makes everybody sick but those who swallow it...

City and Country Life.

Cory O'Leary, of the Brooklyn Eagle, gives his experience of the facilities of country life in New Jersey...

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THE AUGUSTA SAVINGS BANK STILL IN OPERATION. THE undersigned, thankful for past favors, informs his friends and the public...

IN THE SECOND STORY I HAVE NOW OPENED

A large selection of Dress Buttons and Trimmings, all at 1/2 off and Cap Ribbons, 3 dozen Colored Corsets...

Forwarding Merchants,

FLOUR, CORN, OATS, WHEAT, GENERAL PRODUCE, STAUNTON, VA.

CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES AND FURNISHING GOODS.

DOANE & ALBY, having moved to their new building, opposite their old stand, have just opened the largest stock of Clothing and Hats...

Marquis & Kelly,

WESTERN VIRGINIA MARBLE WORKS, AT STAUNTON, HARRISONBURG AND CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Richmond Advertisements.

Wm. R. Polk.

Desires to inform the public, that he has now on hand a well selected stock of Dry Goods and Trimmings...

Richmond Clothing Bazaar,

Importing and Jobbing House, IN NEW YORK CITY, where two of the members of the firm are located...

EXENSIVE EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS,

from which by direct importation, it is continually supplied with THE CHOICEST FABRICS...

BROAD-CLOTHS, ENGLISH BEAVER CLOTHS, CASSIMERS, DOESKINS, VESTINGS,

and, in short, all kinds of goods ever found in a First-Class Fashionable Merchant-Tailoring Establishment...

READY MADE CLOTHING

we shall always keep THE BEST ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY, comprising a great variety of all grades of Goods...

THE ONE PRICE SYSTEM,

we have adopted and our Price WILL ALWAYS BE THE LOWEST PRICE!!

COUNTRY COUTIERS.

Have Inducement in which they can be established, as a permanent local institution, in the city.

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INGREDIENTS OF THE CREOLE BITTERS. Chinese Chalk, the Best, Opium, the purest, Yellow Bark—100 Grains...

FALL AND WINTER

Dry Goods, Will be opened every day during this month, AT EZEKIEL'S OLD STAND, NO. 41, MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

W. H. PARRISH & CO.,

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