

Spirit of Jefferson.

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WHERE IS OUR REMEDY?

Radicalism, in its eagerness to retain power, and in its utter disregard of the rights of others, is about placing in the hands of an inferior race an instrument with which they may rend asunder the very fabric of government, and destroy the last vestige and only remaining hope of republicanism, in the true and legitimate interpretation of that blessing. Not that the negro, who is about to be enfranchised, desires to do evil or because his instincts are wrong, but because his condition of ignorance unfits him for the judicious exercise of the right whose conferment is contemplated, and leaves him a prey to the deceptive and wickedness of men without principle and without patriotism. How many of the thousands of negroes who are to be entrusted with the ballot, have an intelligent idea of the duties which their new relation imposes, and how many are prepared to enter upon those duties with a just comprehension of their weight and magnitude? If the programme laid down is carried out, and which seems inevitable, what are the prospects for the future of this government, of which its friends boast so? Ah! but is it not too free? Does not its freedom sink into licentiousness, and is it not with a rapidity that is alarming, in the hands of its present rulers, crumbling to decay? And then, as to its freedom, is not that too sectional and partial in its benefits? Is it not at the present hour, by delusive catch-words and unmeaning professions, developing the worst passions of men on one side of the line and arraying them against their fellow-men on the other, and hounding them to the perpetration of acts which would have crashed the fathers of the republic with a gony could they have foreseen, or even imagined, such a result. And what has led us to this precipice, over whose verge radicalism is about to hurl us? Every man who has been an attentive observer of the workings of the political machinery of this government, has an instant answer for this last question.

The right of franchise has gone too far, and the liberties and happiness of all have been imperiled if not overturned as a consequence. A government, such as ours was designed to be, must rest upon the intelligence of those who select the rulers of the country, and the incorruptibility of the rulers selected. The first should understand the system of government under which they live; the latter should have in addition, the virtue of patriotism so fully developed as to adhere to the right with unwavering fidelity—"unswayed by power, unimpaired by gain." Suffrage in the hands of the ignorant, is the avenging sword, with its edges whetted, severing, dividing, distracting and destroying; in the hands of the intelligent it is the bond of safety—the ark freighted with the hopes, the desires, the liberties of all—the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, the bond and the free. Power in the hands of the unprincipled is used in behalf of oppression; entrusted to the keeping of those whose virtue enables them to rise above self, it is wielded for the benefit of all, of whatever condition. The scales of justice are evenly balanced, and "blessings of government, like the dew of heaven, fall alike upon the rich and the poor."

Our present distresses are the result of ignorance in the electors, unfitting them for the selection of men upon whom to confer power, and making them the easy dupes of those whose most exalted idea of government is, that it is specially intended for plunderers and thieves. And as these distresses have resulted from ignorance, if we had wisdom and honesty in power, we would curtail rather than extend suffrage. We hope we are not misunderstood here. We of course have no reference to that unprincipled and outrageous restriction of suffrage which prevails in our immediate midst, but we speak of a limitation which has become a necessity, if ever the pillars of this government are to rest upon a stable foundation. This limitation we cannot now stop to define, but we may say that there should be on the part of the voter a sufficient degree of intelligence to ensure a just appreciation of the benefits of government, an understanding of the institutions under which he lives, and a desire for the perpetuation of liberty. How much of intelligence is necessary to meet these requirements? A vast deal, but not more than is within reach of every man who arrives at majority, if he or his friends see fit to use the means at their disposal. Poverty should be no bar to suffrage, but ignorance should, and then if a man neglects the cultivation of the gifts which God has bestowed, upon himself rests the blame and not upon others.

The party in power, placed there through ignorance, wishes and means to retain its hold through the same agency, and it is likely to do it, unless there is a spontaneous and indignant uprising of the intelligence of the country. The indications of this uprising its leaders think they see in what it suits them to term the "loyal" States, and their cupidly looks to another field for support. The negro, in its defence, is to be clothed with a suffrage. If ignored here what is his next game? In the South it is understood, that the North seems to be sleeping on the volcano. We know that our liberties are gone, but are helpless to recover them—the North has power, but does not understand that what is now our condition must become here, if she permits the party in power to go one step further, and if she does not force that party to retrace some of the steps already taken. The Northern press might follow this subject to its conclusion, but our journalistic existence would be imperilled if we were to suggest the only remedy.

DR. McCOMBICK is in town, and expects to remain during the present week.

OUR BIG SHOW.

Rare Sport Among the Animals.

Radicalism has decreed that the interest of our big show shall not degenerate. Around and about the county-seat, which is now made historic by their memorable performances, our animals are holding a high carnival over the decaying carcass of their political abomination. Below we record the latest act in the grand drama, which is to wind up with the expulsion from power of the whole diabolical horde. We have taken especial pains to secure a faithful representation of the actors in this last play, and whilst we acknowledge indebtedness to others for the facts in the case, we have aimed to give only such coloring to said facts as would cause them to be received with appreciation.

Our readers will remember that for some time past, there has been a suit pending in the Circuit Court of this county, between the Methodist Church North and the trustees of the Methodist Church South, at Shepherdstown, as to the right of property in the church and parsonage at that historic place. Well, some time ago, the Court appointed trustees for the northern claimants, and being scarce of material at home, some were selected from Berkeley county to help out. At the last term of the Court the radical Greenites obtained—through the agency of one of their packed juries—a verdict in their favor, from which the trustees of the church South took an appeal, and their counsel ordered the Clerk to prepare the papers and send them forward to appear. But this very efficient officer, Mr. Wm. A. Chapline, found it to the advantage of his party and his uncle Joe's clients, to neglect a compliance with this order, until the thirty days allowed by law in which to obtain the *superdecree* from Wheeling, had almost expired—no doubt remembering how well the losing of a certain *check* had helped a friend out at the last term of the court—he thought by another last term of the court, to aid his friends the Greenites in obtaining immediate possession of the property in question, before the case could reach the Court of Appeals, and allowed the thirty days to expire without giving the opposite party any notice. And on Monday evening, the 27th ult., the Greenites—

with Sheriff Potterfield, and his Deputies Chapline and Knooze—by virtue of an order of execution issued by said Clerk, broke the lock on the door of the Church and placed the Greenites in possession; and also placed them in possession of the parsonage. The opposite party appealed to be allowed twenty-four hours in order that they might see their counsel, and know from their counsel, Judge Hall, what they must do. But this was refused—not a moment would be allowed. One of the trustees of the Church South, went to Martinsburg on Tuesday morning following, saw the counsel, who made a statement of the facts to his honor, the Judge, who thereupon issued an order to the aforesaid Clerk directing all proceedings under the execution to be suspended for fifteen days to allow time for the return of the *superdecree*. During the absence of the gentleman at Martinsburg, the Rev. Evil D. Green, and his amiable spouse, aided by their friends, had moved into the parsonage and taken possession. When the gentleman came with his order to the Clerk, that functionary at once decided that Green and Biddy, his darling, must be ejected, and the church and parsonage remain for the present as it was, *in statu quo*, but the Sheriff having gone to a distant part of the county, could not be found to execute the order, and the immaculate Joe, one of the counsel of the Evil One and his party, being on hand, put an entirely different construction on the order, and when the Sheriff returned on Wednesday evening, he was ordered to do the same. And the plant Clerk, notwithstanding his previous decision, came to the wanted conclusion, and gave as an excuse that he had not read the order when he gave the first opinion, and so we understand, the matter rests for the present.

Now we propose to show up some of the actors in this scene, and give to the public a specimen of our rare collection of trained animals. First, then, is the Rev. Evil D. Green *alias* Butcher Smith, (as he is familiarly called at the county-seat,) a hypocrite, with a countenance that would put old Thad. or Beas Butler in the shade, he who has had the effrontery to force himself upon the community, and who has kept up a constant strife ever since he has been in the county, and who is as foul-mouthed as radical as ever desecrated the pulpit. Next at his back, and very conspicuous in the play, is Billy Byers *alias* "Faud." This worthy hails from Berkeley, is very devout and pious, has long been noted for gathering greens, of which he now has hands full. He is also famous for having upon one occasion pelted out the eyes of a neighbor's ball with a pitchfork, said ball having been found trespassing upon his farm. And as a further evidence of his piety, so called, some time ago, having an unsound and worthless horse, he tried to persuade a certain gentleman to take him and trade him off, saying to him—"Will, you don't belong to church, you need have no conscientious scruples about it; but I belong to church, and it would look bad for me to do it, but you need not care." Along with Billy from Berkeley, or rather from Swan Pond county, was his cousin, a plant tool, a poor ignorant specimen of Hessian ancestry; and the worthy Supervisor of Shepherd township, John Darling Staley, whose exploits in the grain buying business, will not soon be forgotten by the good people in the neighborhood of Mill Creek, Berkeley county. The latter was very prominent, and although not a member of any church, yet one of the trustees for the M. E. Church, North. Then came Mr. John H. Cook *alias* "Fig Blue" or "Blue Bag," the registrar for Chapline township. Having registered the loyal voters to suit McKevie's idea of loyalty, of course he best knew who ought to have possession of the church and parsonage, and accordingly assisted manfully in giving Batcher Smith *alias* Green possession. And last, but not least, came "Go it Jerry," John Spangler, who our readers will remember once exhibited

himself to Gov. Wise, in the Court House in this place, as a live "know-nothing." These worthies, with a few others of less note, aided by some strong-minded woman's-rights women, made up the party.

Two of these women, perhaps, deserve some notice at our hands. The first is a no-good personage than the wife of the Rev. E. D. G., and is a fair specimen of the land of parasites in appearance, but not in generosity. She clamored lustily for the possession of the parsonage, "Och, by the powers, I'll have me house, or I'll have yees all before the Court." Biddy, in person, is a perfect squab, a stout, chubby, ruddy faced woman with muscle enough to carry the load. She was backed by another female, who became so furious at the delay, that she wished she had it in her power, she "would hang all the rebels in the land before sunset," and wondered why it had not been done. She boasted that she was the wife of a *just-ast*, and knew something about law. She made herself very busy when in the house, examining furniture, &c., evidently showing she had read or heard of Beas Butler's exploits, but as the occupants of the house were too poor to own silver spoons, or perhaps had been deprived of them by the beast himself, she got nothing for her trouble. All this was done while the Rev. Mr. Coe was from home, and his wife, a perfect stranger, and in very delicate health, was thus treated in his absence. Our readers may well imagine the shock that such treatment would give to any lady of refinement.

But to return to the dandified Clerk. We understand he has been very uneasy for some time for fear he would get into the big show. We have just touched him lightly, but if we hear any more of him, we have a large cage and will give him a more conspicuous place next time, as it is our intention to keep up the show until all the animals are fairly exhibited.

But honor to whom honor is due, in connection with this affair. We understand that it was with reluctance, and evident mortification, that the Sheriff and his Deputies performed their part of the programme, being forced to do what they did by the above described parties. We are glad to make this statement to their credit.

Taxation and Reputiation.

The New York Herald, says the (Rockingham Register) whose editor is generally able to see into a millstone further than any one else, is tampering and coquetting with the question of Reputiation of the national debt. The argument used is, that as Jefferson Davis has been set free by the government, the debt created in the suppression of the "rebellion" of which he was the acknowledged head, should not be paid. Bennett is simply feeling the way. He evidently sees that the question of Reputiation is destined to be very popular, and upon it may an obscure man will ride into place and power. The question is not a novel one that the U. S. bonds must be taxed or reputiated. The poor masses are bearing the burdens of government, while the rich bond-holders, the millionaires of the country, are receiving their semi-annual interest from the government, living in palatial style and paying none of the taxes. The people can be easily aroused to this unequal working of the government machinery. If the bonds are not taxed, then Reputiation will be urged as the surest and only means of equalizing the burdens of government. Of course, this is a matter for our neighbors on the other side of the Potomac to decide. We, in the South, have no voice or control in the premises.

[For the Spirit of Jefferson.]
Meeting of Presbytery at Shepherdstown.

On Wednesday last, June 6th, the Presbytery of Winchester met at Shepherdstown—the last Moderator present, Rev. Charles White, of Berryville, presiding; Rev. A. C. Hopkins, of this place, temporary Clerk. The Rev. Silas Billings, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare a suitable memorial in regard to the death of the Rev. J. L. Fry, made a report, which was accepted, ordered to be recorded, and to be published by the State Clerk in the *Observer and Central Presbyterian*. The editors of the papers in Jefferson and Berkeley counties were also requested to publish the same.

The call from the Shepherdstown Church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. W. Placer, being found in due form, was placed in his hands; whereupon, he asked and received permission to retain it under consideration until the meeting of the 1st of October next, and in the meantime to labor in the church as he may be able.

A letter from the Rev. W. Dutton, D. D., was read—reporting himself to Presbytery, and relating to the interests of the church at Harper's Ferry. The length of the letter, and the importance of the action taken, cannot be reported in the limits necessary for so brief a notice as this. Let it suffice to say that a committee, eminently competent to care for that important locality, was appointed before the Presbytery adjourned, to wit: Messrs. Bedinger and Dutton, with Ruling Elders G. W. Richeberger, George H. Turner, to report at the ensuing meeting in Martinsburg.

After recess for supper, there was public worship. At the close of the sermon, the body barely ended its business with approving the minutes, and adjourning, as usual, with prayer; to meet October 1st, at Martinsburg.

Other business of vital importance—transending perhaps in value all the foregoing topics, because of the destitute congregations involved—exercised anxiously these laborious workmen; but, a sentence, or even a column, would be too short a bed for the body of that idea to repose. L. E. H.

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Canada Thisile.

Mr. Editor:—In the woods a short distance east of Charlestown, may be found that much dreaded pest, the *Canada Thisile*. It has been seen there within a few days. It is in vigorous growth and very near blooming. By all means it should not be permitted to blossom in a single instance. Who can tell how far the "blissful downy seed" may be distributed by the wind? It should be eradicated, if possible, now, at once, before blossoming. It may not be too late if attended to immediately. A general distribution of these seeds over the county would be nearly as bad as the much dreaded confessions of the lands. Every man who knows of or suspects the existence of this thistle on his own or his neighbor's land, should take every stalk of it up by the roots, and burn it without the delay of a single day.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Sunday School Exhibition.

When old Robert Bates founded his first Sunday School in London for the poor and indigent of that great city, he could have little imagined that he was founding an institution which was to keep pace with the progress of civilization, and to prove in all climes the nursery of the church, the hand-maid of religion, and the pioneer in temperance, morality, and all good works. Such it has proved to be in all countries, and in our own, every class and condition of men give to it a cheerful God-speed in its philanthropic designs.

The benefits of this institution are fully appreciated by our community, and we have in successful operation schools of each particular church, that will compare favorably with any town in the Valley. The largest number of pupils are attached to the school of the M. E. Church South, and from the vandalism of the war and other causes, the necessities of an enlarged library have become indispensable. To meet this want, in part, it is proposed to publish an *Exhibition* on Tuesday evening, June 13th, the church being properly arranged and decorated for the occasion. The "little lambs," as the Savior has so lovingly termed them, have been thoroughly instructed in the task before them, and each will no doubt well perform the allotted part. In the vocal entertainment proposed for the occasion, the teachers of the school and some of the most skillful performers of the town will assist, and a rare and varied treat may be confidently expected. The object is commendable, and we hope all who have at heart the moral and religious instruction of the young, will manifest their appreciation by attending themselves, and inducing neighbors and friends to do the same. The country people, it is hoped, will lend a helping hand, as the blessings of a Sabbath School are confined to neither creed or boundaries. The price of tickets will be—persons not connected with the school, 50 cents; teachers of the school, 25 cents; scholars, 10 cents.

The following is the programme for the occasion:

- Solo and Double Quartets—"Guide me, oh! Thou Great Jehovah!"
- PRAYER!
- HAPPY GREETING!
- Opening Address!
- Only a Word!
- On the way to Sabbath School!
- THE SABBATH SCHOOL!
- Whitening!
- Song!
- Our Daily Paths!
- HARK! TO WHISPERING ANGELS!
- Tableau of the Seasons!
- BEAUTIFUL ZION!
- Temperance Alphabet!
- Benevolent Society!
- Golden Rule!
- Tableau—"The Pearl Gatherers!"
- WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES SAYING!
- Too old for Sabbath School!
- Useful Hints!
- Rainbow!
- Big and Little!
- WHAT MAKES US HAPPY!
- Keep Cool!
- The Alphabet!
- Hints in a Nut-Shell!
- PIGSKIN'S MOUNTAIN!
- Legend of the Aspid!
- Tableau—Consider the Lilies!
- Music—Consider the Lilies!
- Prayer—Gleamer!
- Orphan's Prayer!
- Lord's Prayer!
- DOXOLOGY!
- BENEDICTION!

SUPERVISOR'S COURT.—The last meeting of the old Board of Supervisors, convened at Shepherdstown on Tuesday last, to canvass the returns of the recent sham election held in this county. The following is the result as to the ministerial and constabulary functionaries: We have heretofore published the list of Supervisors selected:

- Averill—Magistrate—John F. Smith.
- Charlestown—Samuel Riddick and Nathaniel Myers.
- Chapline—J. Wiley and Thos. Licklider.
- Harper's Ferry—Thos. H. Percival and Basil Avis.
- Bolivar—S. W. Patterson and George W. Moler.
- Osbourn—W. A. Thomson and Daniel Heckebower.
- Shepherd—J. F. Underdonk and Lind E. Curry.

The following constables were chosen: Averill, John W. Ware; Bolivar, William Chambers and J. D. Potterfield; Charlestown, H. L. Shultz and John Avis of Wm.; Chapline, Charles Waeber and H. S. Byers; Shepherd, D. T. Reynolds; Harper's Ferry, J. W. Yantis and Charles Davis; Osbourn, Oliver Milburn and J. B. Clip.

THE WHEAT HARVEST is fast maturing, and some of our farmers expect to commence from the 25th to the 1st of the ensuing month. The prospect is certainly a most favorable one, and if no blight should come upon it, the yield must be prolific. Messrs. Ranson & Duke are assisting the farmer much in the laborious work before them, by furnishing every class of agricultural implements. Our merchants, too, are jubilant at the prospect ahead, and have on hand the largest and best selection of harvest supplies ever offered in town—various general prices, moderates and terms—the best you can make, though the cash preferred.

ACCEPTABLE.—The following little *Willet deuce* from an eccentric, though kind-hearted friend, to our better half, best explains itself: Mrs. B.—I send you some of my small strawberries. My large ones are too troublesome, having to be sliced like cucumbers before they are eaten. Respectfully,
SAML' CLARKE.
Now Mr. C., if those sent be a specimen of the small ones, we must decline the acceptance of the *large*, unless you furnish the tools to hold, and the sugar and cream to eat with them. The flavor and taste of the others, however, suited exactly, and consider the household made to receive "a few more of the same sort," when inclination or convenience may suggest.

WHITSUNTIDE.—By mistake of the almanac maker, or through our own obtuseness, we advertised this holiday feast a week too early. Our oblivion would not have been remitted, except for the cheerful faces and merry greetings on Sunday and yesterday of our unenlightened American population. A Virginia derby is always posted in such matters and has more real enjoyment on the occasion, than all the medical knives and foils of "hosting" have in a twelvemonth.

ELEGANT FLORE.—Our town people who care to indulge the luxury of delicious donut will be glad to learn that Mr. I. N. Romer, has made arrangements to keep a supply of his best brands for sale at the warehouse of Hanson & Duke.

ADDRESS.—As under the order of things in this bogus State of West Virginia, with her rotten radicalism on the one hand, and iron-clad test oaths on the other, the flag abilities of our townsmen, Wm. H. Travis, Res., cannot be employed his profession, other than for consultation, yet his friends are not content that he shall be idle, even if he receives in return no other gift than their grateful thanks. In addition to a recent address on the occasion of the Masonic ceremonies at Winchester, universally pronounced by those who heard it, as most appropriate in matter, choice in style and eloquent in delivery, he is expected to perform, as we stated in the *Martinsburg New Era*, a similar service in Gerardsstown on Wednesday night, the 10th inst., in the church of that place, to the young ladies of "Science Hill" Seminary, his friends and patrons.

CHANGE OF DAY.—In consequence of the advanced stage of the season, the ladies of our town who have in charge the necessary preparation for a Floral tribute to our Confederate dead, have deemed it judicious to change the day from the 27th, to Friday evening next. The meeting place has also been changed from the Methodist Church to the old Presbyterian graveyard, at which latter place the ladies of the town and county, with sympathizing friends, are requested to assemble at 4 P. M. From thence the concourse will move to the other resting places of the gallant heroes who fell in our country in our old mother earth. Hereafter, the 6th of June will be observed as the recurring anniversary.

PROLIFIC.—In the order of Providence, we are permitted to occupy a chosen portion of our farm, and but for the base intermeddling of fools and fanatics, the energy of our people and prolific yield of our soil, would soon remove the last vestige of war's shameful desolations, as to external appearances or production of the necessities of man. In addition to the cheering prospect of our wheat crop, as good perhaps as for many years, the farmer is rapidly increasing and improving his stock of all descriptions, and our country will soon be able to exhibit as fine horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, &c., as we have ever hitherto possessed. In this respect we hope the motto of our farmers may be, no matter how limited their means, *progress and improvement*. Now, of all times, is the right time to begin, as a good horse will render double the service of an indifferent one, a pure breed of cattle treble the weight of an inferior, a thorough-bred sheep pay four-fold the profit of mountain-rants, and a judicious crossing of swine lessen the number necessary to be fed one-half. To accomplish this, may cost something at first, but rest assured it is money well expended, and will come back before many days, with interest three over. Our farmers, we know, are aware of all this, but how many have hitherto failed to act upon what they knew to be to their own interest, the credit of the county and general good of the State?

AN OMISSION.—We failed to call attention in our last issue, to the advertisement of Messrs. Timberlake, Young & Co., announcing their increased facilities for supplying all descriptions of goods hitherto manufactured at their well known and so justly appreciated establishment. The superiority of goods turned out by this mill has in the past always made the demand greater than the capacity to supply, but its proprietors now think, by timely exertion, they can fill any and all orders desired. Let it be the object and aim of our people to encourage home manufacture, and we are sure there is no factory commends itself more to the support of the public, than *Peter's* old established stand.

A LONG FAST.—A gentleman of this town, whose engagements are many and interruption frequent, informs us that he fastened securely in a patent bee-hive, six weeks since, to prevent her hatching, when she was not ready for it, a favorite hen. Singular enough, the matter was forgotten, and only upon requisition for her prison home being made, was her hatching brought to light. Though her dimensions have been wonderfully curtailed, she is doing well, and her eager appetite being plentifully supplied, in consideration of long fasting, and the remarkable tenacity of life she has manifested.

STRAWBERRY FEAST.—We return our kindest thanks to the ladies of Wickliffe Parish, for an invitation to be present at the *Strawberry Feast*, proposed to be given on Friday next. It absent, as we fear we shall be, our best wishes will be with them. We learn from the *Clarke Journal* that in the afternoon of the same day a *matinee musicale* will be given, in which they will be assisted by amateurs from Charlestown. The whole will no doubt be a most agreeable and interesting entertainment, and is expected to be largely attended.

AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.—The "Valley Club" of Harper's Ferry, was again successful in the trial of skill with "the Jefferson." Base Ball Club of this town, at the grounds of the latter, on Thursday morning last. Though the morning was exceedingly warm, indeed the hottest of the season, the playing is said to have been excellent, and the Valley boys stiffed themselves no mean contestants upon any field.

A BIG CROWD had been anticipated for the Circus on Thursday, but the turn-out, considering the heat of the day, was awful. The colored population literally swarmed, and to their credit be it said, maintained most respectful order and deportment. Our merchants and restaurants, generally, made a good day of it, as we noticed the "stamps" floating around their counters thick and fast.

SALE OF PERSONALTY.—On the 20th inst., Rev. Hiram Shaull will dispose of his personal effects; at his residence, one mile north of Middletown. His stock consists of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, farming utensils, &c. As the sale will be positive, persons wishing bargains, are invited to attend. At the same time and place he will offer his growing crop of wheat, rye and corn. Remember the day.

We call attention to the communication of a friend from a distant State, who is now on a visit to his relatives in our immediate neighborhood, of the startling announcement that the "Canada Thisile" is getting foothold on some of our farms. Exterminates it by all means.

Two negro men were elected to office in this State at the recent election. Bossy Lewis as Inspector of Elections at Fairmont and Blackwell Jackson, as Supervisor for Jane Lew township, in Lewis county. "Bossy" beat the former president of the Board of Registration. So we go.

The Order about Registration.

Gen. Schofield's order about Registration, seems, according to those who have examined the subject, differs materially from the recent opinion of Attorney General Stanbery. The Richmond Enquirer says: "It adheres to the scheme of challengers to dispute applications to register, and it requires the Board to decide for admission or rejection after examining the applicant and hearing the witnesses. Mr. Stanbery held that the Board has no authority to hear evidence, and that no one can be refused who offers to take the oath, thus making the citizen the judge of his own qualifications. Gen. Schofield makes the Board the judge with plenary power.

Gen. Schofield's order requires the Boards to reject from registry some whom the Attorney General declared entitled to register, and others as to whom the latter withheld his opinion for further examination. Of officers of the law in connection with State and municipal affairs, he rejects, under certain conditions, judges of hustings courts, the principal municipal officers of cities and towns, inspectors, and others, whom Mr. Stanbery allows; and he rejects also Justices of the Peace and Coroners, as to whom Mr. Stanbery hesitates. A single class which was rejected by Mr. Stanbery against his own argument, appears to be allowed by Gen. Schofield, the members of constitutional conventions.

Gen. Schofield's Order is also much stricter than the Attorney General's, in regard to conscript service, as being in technical aid of the war.

We take the following items from the Shepherdstown Register of Saturday: Sale of a Depot.—We learn that Capt. J. H. L. Hunter has sold the Depot, known as Daffields, on the B. & O. Railroad, in this county, with six acres of ground attached, and his Stock of Stove Goods, to Messrs. Jamieson & Kidrow, of Piedmont, West Va., for the sum of \$19,000 cash. The new firm have taken charge of affairs, and are prosecuting the business. Capt. Hunter is an energetic business man, and the community generally will feel loath to part with him.

Bass Fishing.—Quite a mania has taken hold of our citizens for Bass fishing, in which fish the Potomac abounds. Messrs. John Melvin, Samuel Licklider and G. T. Licklider caught quite a large number on Thursday last, the largest of which weighed three pounds. Mr. Jere Sheffer caught, on Thursday, one weighing three pounds and two ounces. All three fish were caught with hook and line.

Small Wood.—Wm. Smallwood has sold his farm, 185 acres, near Harper's Ferry, to parties from the North, for \$50 per acre.

HEART-RENDING STORY OF A STRICKEN PEOPLE.—The Nashville Banner has been permitted to make the following extract from a letter written by a highly respectable merchant of that city, from Dallas, Ga., to his wife, under date of the 20th instant: "I rode yesterday across the country, from Marietta to Dallas, forty miles, and there I witnessed a sight that, while it aroused the tenderest sympathies of my soul, awoke a new feeling that I thought struggled with our lost cause. Nearly five hundred famishing women, old and young, many with babies at their breasts, had come from their neighboring county, seeking bread and clothing. Many of them had walked more than fifteen miles barefooted in rags, for the little corn they heard had been sent them. Oh, my God! if my heart's best blood could be turned into bread for these my people, and place them again in prosperity and happiness, with some hope in the future, how cheerfully would I give it. I felt as if I had lived too long to witness such sights as these."

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.—As the returns of the collectors and receivers of the Internal Revenue come in, they furnish startling and alarming proof of the collapse of the great bubble of Northern prosperity. North, East and West, the gigantic incomes of 1865 seem to have been terribly dwarfed in 1866. Many, like bladders, have totally collapsed, while others have shrunk to almost nothing.

In glancing over the many lists of incomes published by the Northern papers, we do not recollect an instance in which an individual taxpayer, or a company, seems to have been as prosperous in 1866 as in 1865.

In some of the Western States we have a falling off of seventy per cent., reported from the returns of 1865. In the terrible aggregate of loss, very little account is taken of the financial condition of the South, but we all know that our condition is infinitely worse than it was in 1865 and 1866.

A leading New York paper, after a careful review of financial matters, sadly confesses that "dullness, gloom and despondency prevail this year in business circles."—*Rich. Times*.

THE JEWS.—The annual convention of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites held last week in Philadelphia, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the executive committee be instructed to urge upon the Legislatures of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and other States, the modification of existing statutes that discriminate against Israelite citizens, to the end that Judaism may be fully declared on an equality with Christianity, as far as the laws take cognizance of religion, and that a special committee upon this subject be appointed by the executive committee, at its first session, with power to co-operate with local committees."

AGE OF MASONRY.—We find an item taken from a Glasgow paper, stating that St. John's Lodge, No. 2, of that city, has recently celebrated the 80th anniversary of its existence, it having been erected by charter from King Malcolm, in 1057. We should like to see the master roll of that lodge, beginning more than eight centuries ago, and running along with the ages to the present time. What kings and kingdoms have risen and fallen since the gavel was first sound in its East. How the world has changed, and what progress has been made in science and art. Eight hundred years in the life time of a Lodge.

In the recent township elections in West Virginia, the Conservatives have gained largely, many counties turning entirely around from Radicalism to Conservatism. The gains in the popular vote have been large.

The steamship City of Baltimore, on her last voyage from New York to Liverpool, made in a single day 390 miles, being the fastest rate of steaming on record. For this her captain was presented by the owners with a silver cup.

A Hungarian paper announces with no little satisfaction that at the election which has just taken place of deputy for the town of Klausenberg, votes were given for Kosuth and Alexander Telaki.

Miss Mary Hackett, a young lady of Wilkes county, North Carolina, committed suicide on Sunday by discharging the contents of a loaded shot-gun into her head. Cause, appointment in love.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Valley Railroad Company was held in the Court-House in Staunton on Monday week. Dr. Graham, of Lexington, was called to the chair and Capt. J. Ed. Hoosick appointed Secretary.

The report of Colonel M. C. Harman, President of the Company, was presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Christian, Yost, Echols, H. M. Bell and J. Wayt Bell, who recommended its adoption; that the authority asked for be given to the President and Directors and that the amendments to the Charter made by the last Legislature be accepted, which on motion, was unanimously agreed to. The old officers of the Valley Railroad Company were, on motion, unanimously re-elected.

Particular remarks were made by Colonel Bevier Christian and Mr. Patton, of Rockbridge.

On motion, the President and Directors were requested to ask the county courts through which the roads passed, to submit the question to the people of their counties "whether or they will pay the State taxes on said roads when completed."

A colored woman, one hundred and 11 years of age, died in Norfolk county a day or two ago. She had been a slave to her life up to the emancipation proclamation, and then her former master would not cast her off, but continued to provide for her to the day of her death. As her decease he caused an elegant coffin to be provided, and he and his family followed her remains to their last resting place. The gentleman was her seventh owner, and it is reasonable to suppose that she was advanced in age when she first came to him. The negroes in this neighborhood are loud in their praise of his kindness and humanity, and do not hesitate to say that their former masters are their best friends.

Three United States soldiers, early on Wednesday night last, entered Reynold's Tavern, on the south end of the Long Bridge, and after drinking as much liquor as they wanted, paid for the same by knocking down the bartender, William Ray, with a bill, and robbing him of about fifty dollars. A farmer from Loudoun county, named Johnson, was also, and about the same time, robbed by these same actors in his own home, containing valuable papers. After committing these outrages the soldiers entered a skiffing cask by and crossed the river in the direction of Georgetown. It is thought that the desperadoes are known.—*Alexandria Gazette*.

Washington dispatches say that the statement of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the condition of the public debt for May, will show a large surcharge balance in the Treasury, and a considerable reduction of the public debt. This result is said to be on account of the unexpected large receipts into the Treasury of a miscellaneous character, and from internal revenue.

European news states that King William, of Prussia, accompanied by Count Bismarck, left Berlin recently to visit the Emperor Napoleon III. at Paris. The Czar of Russia and Napoleon have agreed upon a plan for the settlement of the Cretan difficulty. What it is, is not stated.

The disputes between Gov. Wells and Gen. Sheridan in Louisiana, have culminated in the removal of the former by the latter. Mr. Durant, a "Southern Loyalist" appointed in Gov. W.'s place, it is reported, will not accept. In the mean time, some think the President will revoke the order of removal. There are two factions of the Louisiana "Republicans"—the Sheridan and the Wells parties. The order of Gen. Sheridan removing the Levee Commissioners has been suspended by order of the President.

The Pittsburg Commercial says that the principal grain centres are manifesting, just now, certain significant fluctuations in price—a sort of trembling sensation like that which precedes the final plunge of the sinking ship. The grand prospect ahead for the wheat crop—now within two months of the market—has brought some thousands of bushels of old wheat, and the market from this time forward is bound to decline.

The Directors of the Winchester & Potomac Railroad Company met at the office of the Valley Fire Insurance on Friday week. After some discussion a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to confer with other parties, in reference to a lease or sale of the road.

Col. Briscoe G. Baldwin, formerly of Gen. Lee's staff, attempted to take his own life by means of chloroform a few days ago. Pecuniary misfortunes were the cause. He was discovered in his bed apparently dying, and measures were taken which will ensure his recovery. He is a brother of Speaker Baldwin, of the Virginia House of Delegates.

A few days ago Mr. Franklin Stearns sold four and a half of the old-Fowltan tract, on James river, a few miles below Richmond, for the large sum of nine thousand dollars. The party purchasing represented a company of capitalists, who propose to enter at an early day upon the manufacture of fire-proof bricks at that point, from

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