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Pale Disease in Sheep. Dr. Yant, of Tuscarawas county, writes to the Canton Repository concerning the Pales, or Liver Rot in sheep.

"From communications which I have received, relating to the above disease, I have gathered the following highly important facts and suggestions:—First, that it is identical with hog cholera, and that both diseases are caused by numerous small worms in the stomach and intestines.

"One man, who writes to me from Chandlerville, Ill., says he cures hog cholera and 'traces' in sheep with the same medicine; and it is my opinion that he is correct.

"Coppers given in salt, at the rate of one-fourth of a pound to the hundred sheep, is recommended, in which I would add tobacco, pulverized or in snuff. It is death on the snuff tribe. Coral (potassium) is recommended as an infallible remedy.

"It has been ascertained that the gentleman killed was Mr. Charles Jackson, of Boston, who had acquaintances on the train and friends in this city. This man was not scratched. It was roasted alive—in the full vigor of manhood—and he met death in the heroism of a vain attempt to save one or more of the ladies.

"The Fifth Victim—A Record of Heroism. It has been ascertained that the gentleman killed was Mr. Charles Jackson, of Boston, who had acquaintances on the train and friends in this city.

"Professed gardeners well understand the fall management of these important little family farms. It is needless to tell them how much the success of next year's crops depends upon turning up the ground late in November intended for such crops.

"Now we cannot too often repeat the advice that if they will use the garden fork, and turn the soil up full fork deep, allowing it to remain in lumps all winter exposed to the frost, it will put the soil in excellent condition and tend greatly to aid the production of next year's crops.

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## LOOK OUT!

We will regret exceedingly, if the indifference of our subscribers shall compel us to resort again to the red mark. If, however, there is a failure to meet our wants by those who owe us, we shall start the mark on its mission next week. A hint ought to suffice. What has become of our wayward friends? Do they mean that we shall suffer from the cold, chilling winds of December? Come friends, be reasonable, be just!

## CONVENTIONS!

These are now the order of the day, and if not popular, are at least fashionable, and are attracting a little attention from the press of the country, North and South. In Alabama a convention is in session which is expected to report a constitution for the re-admission of that State to the Union under the miscalled reconstruction measures adopted by the Rump Congress last winter. Virginia and other States of the South will soon have similar curses inflicted upon them, as a punishment, we suppose, for their rebellious conduct and for their contumacy in rejecting the constitutional amendment proposed by a "beneficent" Congress, to aid in the restoration of the Union on the basis of radical justice. The evils which are to ensue from these mongrel gatherings, are to have their development in the future, but it requires no remarkable sagacity to foresee that none but ruinous consequences will follow the successful inauguration of the policy but too distinctly foreshadowed. No good is to be accomplished however, by indulging in gloomy forebodings. The only course left is to overthrow the party that would, for the perpetuation of its own power, entail the unmitigated evil of negro supremacy upon the country. This the people of the North now seem to understand and appreciate, and in their late elections, they signally rebuked the mad spirit of fanaticism which was crushing beneath the chariot of its own lusts the very liberties of the people.

Encouraged by this noble stand of the freemen of the North, and in response to the unmistakable expression of their detestation of the monstrosities of radicalism, the white men of the South, the real sovereigns, are gathering their strength and girding their loins for a last, and we trust successful stand, in defence of constitutional government and regulated liberty—free from licentiousness and unpolluted by the unwholesome and repulsive contamination of negro equality.

It is perhaps fortunate for the country, that this attempt to degrade the white people of the South was made last winter. It afforded an opportunity for the discussion of the enormity of radical policy, and gave time for reflection upon it by the people; and if the party will but have the courage to adhere to it, as the leaders seem disposed to do, for the Presidential contest next year, radicalism will receive a burial beneath the indignation of an outraged people which will know no resurrection except in the hell in which its iniquities have been conceived.

Organized opposition to the proposed abolition, is already being in the South. The conservatives of old Virginia—in every town and county are moving, and on the 11th of the present month they design holding a convention in the city of Richmond, in which some plan will be matured for rescuing the State from the unhallored embrace of radicalism and defeating the machinations of those two scoundrels of negro equality, Underwood and Hunnicutt. The success of this prospective plan will depend upon the enthusiasm with which it is received, and the cordial unanimity of all the elements of opposition to the negro party. There ought to be no divided counsels, as there were in the late election for delegates to the mongrel convention, but the efforts of the people and the press should be directed to the great work of massing and solidifying the conservative party. If this is done, there need be no fears for the Old Dominion.

In West Virginia, too, a conservative convention is proposed, and the 8th of January selected as the day for holding it at Wheeling. The executive committee of the conservative party of the State invite the several counties of the State to appoint delegates, and we trust that this invitation will everywhere meet with a cordial response. Although we have no negro domination to contend with here, we have a more unprincipled foe to meet, in the persons of the notoriously corrupt men who are sporting with the destinies of the mountain State. Who is there that would not risk his political salvation to redeem this State from the vassalage to which she is reduced by these vampires? Then let the 8th of January convention be a success, and let the loathsome papers who have made West Virginia a crib from which to fatten their despised carcasses, learn the lesson that the sceptre is soon to depart from their grasp, and that the places of position which they have disgraced, are to be filled by those who are honest and worthy.

We believe it is the determination of the conservative party of Jefferson to hold a county convention, which we trust will be done at an early day, for the purpose of appointing delegates to Wheeling. We hope to announce next week the time and place for holding this county gathering.

**HIT AT ENGLAND.**—Mr. Chandler moved in the United States Senate, on Friday, a resolution declaring the neutrality of the British and Abyssinia. This is aimed, by way of retort, at the declaration of impartiality and neutrality by England in the war between the Federal Government and the Confederacy. Being objected to, it laid over for one day. The language of the resolution is the same with the declaration of England.

## IMPEACHMENT.

On the first page of our paper we present the important part of the report submitted by the majority of the judiciary committee on the question of impeachment. Two other reports were submitted at the same time, one signed by Messrs. Wilson and Woodbridge. These gentlemen discuss the constitutional question with regard to impeachment, &c., showing by reference to legal authorities, that an impeachment cannot be supported by any act which falls short of an indictable crime or misdemeanor. English precedents are referred to at length, and copious extracts are made from the testimony of the committee in order to refute the reasoning and conclusion of the majority. They conclude their report as follows:

A great deal of the matter contained in the volume of testimony reported to the House is of no value whatever. Much of it is mere hearsay, opinions of witnesses and no little of it utterly irrelevant to the case. Comparatively a small amount of it could be used on a trial of this case before the Senate. All the testimony relating to the failure to try, and admission to bail of Jefferson Davis, the assassination of President Lincoln, the diary of J. Wilkes Booth, his place of burial, the practice of pardon-brokerage, the alleged correspondence of the President with Jefferson Davis, may be interesting to a reader, but is not of the least importance so far as a determination of this case is concerned. Still much of this irrelevant matter has been introduced into the report of the majority, and has served to heighten its color and deepen its tone. Strike out the legal and the political matter, and the prominence given to the Tudors, the Stuarts, and Michael Burns, and much of the play will disappear. Settle down upon the real evidence in the case that which will establish in view of the attending circumstances, a substantial crime by making plain the elements which constitute it, and the case in many respects dwarfs into a political contest.

In approaching a conclusion we do not fail to recognize the standpoints from which this case can be viewed—the legal and the political. Viewing it from the former, the case upon the law and the testimony fails. Viewing it from the latter the case is a success.

The second minority report was presented by Messrs. Marshall and Eldridge. It takes able grounds against impeachment.

"They say that the majority of Congress and of the committee have entertained and declared at all times, in Congress and out, the same opinion and condemnation which is expressed in the report of their associates, whom they allege entered upon the investigation with the same views they now express in their report. But, notwithstanding these pre-existing prejudices, the minority of the committee have been compelled to find, after the fullest consideration and the most protracted deliberation, that the President had committed no offence for which, under our laws, he can or ought to be impeached, and hence none subjecting him to the official jurisdiction of the committee or of the House.

The cause and condemnation of the President, either by the majority or the minority, is without our jurisdiction, not justified by the facts, unbecoming one department of the Government towards the other, and calculated to bring reproach upon the committee, the House, and the nation."

Accompanying these reports is the official testimony of General Grant before the Judiciary Committee, which is anything but pleasing to the Radicals. President Johnson has declared that the policy he has pursued was recommended by Mr. Lincoln, and that he was but carrying out the plan of his predecessor, with reference to the reconstruction of the Southern States. This the Radicals vehemently denied. Upon this important point we have the following testimony from General Grant, which completely spikes the Radical guns:

By Mr. Woodbridge:  
Q. I understood you to say that Mr. Lincoln, prior to his assassination, had inaugurated a policy intended to restore those governments?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You were present when the subject was before the Cabinet?  
A. I was present, I think, twice before the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, when a plan was read.

Q. I want to know whether the plan adopted by Mr. Johnson was substantially the plan which had been inaugurated by Mr. Lincoln as the basis for his future action?  
A. Yes, sir, substantially, I do not know but that it was verbatim the same.

Q. I suppose the paper of Mr. Lincoln was the one acted on?  
A. I should think so. I think that the very paper which I heard read twice while Mr. Lincoln was President was the one which was carried through.

By Mr. Churchill:  
Q. What paper was that?  
A. The North Carolina proclamation.

By Mr. Boutwell:  
Q. You understood that Mr. Lincoln's plan was temporary, to be either confirmed or a new government set up by Congress?  
A. Yes; and I understood Mr. Johnson's to be so too.

By Mr. Williams:  
Q. Was there anything said on that subject, or was that your inference?  
A. That was my inference.

Q. You never heard the President say the plan was to be temporary?  
A. No; but I was satisfied that everybody looked on it as simply temporary until Congress met.

Q. You stated that the North Carolina proclamation was a continuation of the project submitted by Mr. Lincoln. I wish to inquire of you whether you ever compared them to ascertain whether they were the same or not?  
A. No, sir, I never compared them. I took them to be the very same papers. The papers were substantially the same, if not the very same.

—The famous Missouri test-oath case has at length been decided. It will be remembered that Francis P. Blair, Jr., was denied the right to vote because he refused to take the test-oath. He appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court, and that tribunal declared the test-oath unconstitutional, thus sustaining Blair. Whenever and wherever the measures of the Radicals are fairly brought to the test of law the decision is against them.

—The Kansas City *Advertiser*, in reply to a question about General Sherman's remark that the hand that drops the musket must take up the ballot, says: "If Gen. Sherman ever made the declaration attributed to him, he would be compelled to recant before the Democratic nomination. Otherwise it would be a most idle and useless ceremony to nominate him. No true Democrat would support him or any other man nominated on a negro suffrage platform."

—Fitz Greene Halleck, the poet, died in Guilford, Connecticut, on Tuesday night of last week, at the age of 72 years.

## DEATH OF WALTER PRESTON.

The Hon. WALTER PRESTON, who represented the Little Tennessee district in the Confederate Congress, died at his residence in Abingdon, last week. For many years Mr. P. had been an invalid, and his sufferings from acute rheumatism had rendered him a complete cripple, and greatly prostrated his physical condition. But amid it all his brilliant mind was unimpaired, and with his clear views and impassioned eloquence he possessed the power of entrancing the most inattentive listener. We shall never forget the effect of a speech he heard him make in Congress in opposition to the conscription bill. He had unbounded confidence in the patriotism and enthusiasm of the people, and believed that the government had only to call for troops to secure them in numbers sufficient to carry on the unequal conflict, and that the spirit of a volunteer army would more than counterbalance the difference in the number of troops secured in that way and by conscription. After commenting at considerable length upon the comparative efficiency of the soldiery secured by these respective systems, he said in substance, and we think in language—"Mr. Speaker, continue the volunteer system of obtaining the defenders of the rights of the South; and the day is not distant when, under the leadership of the peerless Jackson, the rattle of your artillery will be heard in the cities of the North—your tired infantry shall rest their weary limbs on the banks of the Susquehanna, and your gallant troopers slake the thirst of their panting steeds in the waters of the Delaware?" Such was the enthusiasm of the patriot, and such his confidence in the cause and the people he represented. Poor Preston, he was a sufferer here! May his spirit glory in the sunlight of an unending day.

—The Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun*, under date of December 1st, furnishes the following:—

Copies of the President's message were mailed this evening to the Southern and Western cities for publication on Tuesday afternoon next, when the document is to be delivered to Congress. Copies for Northern cities are to be mailed tomorrow evening. The present is about the length of the last annual message.

General Hancock's order declaring that the military power should cease to lead and the civil administration resume its natural and rightful dominion, has been the subject of comment here, and meets with the approbation of the administration and conservative men, who assert that it has the ring of the statesman.

It is not likely that any serious exception will be made to it, but some of them say the tone indicates an inclination on the part of Gen. Hancock to depart somewhat from the course pursued by Gen. Sheridan, and possibly revise much of the latter's official action.

Parties who are conversant with the views of Senators on the suspension of Mr. Stanton assert that the Senate will reject any nomination for Secretary of War intended to supersede the late secretary, and will, by a decided majority, declare Mr. Stanton to be lawfully entitled to hold the office, irrespective of the President's order or desire.

The decision of the Senate that the November session of Congress is but a continuation of the March session is taken by the administration as determining another question, viz: At what time the twenty days commence to run within which the Executive is required to furnish a list of his appointments and suspension of officers under the tenure of office law?

According to the ruling of the Senate on Friday last, the twenty days commence to run from the date of the President's 21st instant within which to send to that body an account of his action in the Stanton and other cases.

It is understood that the House committee on elections will to-morrow report that on charges of disloyalty against the Kentucky Congressmen have not been sustained by the evidence taken. It is expected that all the delegation will be admitted to their seats at once, except, probably, the member from the middle district, Mr. John D. Young, whose seat is contested by Mr. McKee.

The published statement of the sentence of court-martial suspending General Custer from rank and pay for one year was approved by the President, is erroneous. The matter has not yet been formally placed before the Executive. General Grant has, however, approved the sentence in the following language: "The sentence is confirmed and will be executed."

The reviewing officer in examining the testimony in the case is convinced that the court in awarding so lenient a sentence for the offences of which the accused is found guilty, must have taken into consideration his previous services.

Telegrams from New York, received at the *Tribune* bureau in this city to-day, state that Mr. Greeley will announce in his paper to-morrow, that he will not accept the Austrian mission, and that he does not intend to leave the country until after the Presidential election.

**HUNNICUTT ARRESTED.**  
This sweet-scented representative of radical rascality, and unprincipled delegate from the city of Richmond to the black and tan convention which is to assemble to-day, was arrested on Thursday last on a warrant issued by the court of Charles city county, for incendiary language used by him in a speech in that county in September last, and the substance of which was published soon after, and which we in this connection re-produce:

"You, the colored people have no property. The white race have houses and lands. Some of you are old and feeble, and cannot carry the musket, but can apply the torch to the dwellings of your enemies. There are none too young—the boy of ten and the girl of twelve can also apply the torch."

After his arrest he was released from custody by Lt. Paul R. Hambrick, the military commissioner for the city of Richmond. The sheriff who made the arrest, made the following return on the warrant:—

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## FROM WASHINGTON.

As yet we have nothing very startling from the seat of government. Congress has hardly gotten fairly under way, with its work, and it is not expected that anything exciting will occur until after to-morrow, the time appointed for the consideration of the question of impeachment. It is the general belief that the House will order the impeachment of the President, and throw the responsibility of non-action upon the Senate. The latter body it is thought, will act cautiously, and await a more thorough development of the public opinion of the country.

The Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun*, under date of December 1st, furnishes the following:—

Copies of the President's message were mailed this evening to the Southern and Western cities for publication on Tuesday afternoon next, when the document is to be delivered to Congress. Copies for Northern cities are to be mailed tomorrow evening. The present is about the length of the last annual message.

General Hancock's order declaring that the military power should cease to lead and the civil administration resume its natural and rightful dominion, has been the subject of comment here, and meets with the approbation of the administration and conservative men, who assert that it has the ring of the statesman.

It is not likely that any serious exception will be made to it, but some of them say the tone indicates an inclination on the part of Gen. Hancock to depart somewhat from the course pursued by Gen. Sheridan, and possibly revise much of the latter's official action.

Parties who are conversant with the views of Senators on the suspension of Mr. Stanton assert that the Senate will reject any nomination for Secretary of War intended to supersede the late secretary, and will, by a decided majority, declare Mr. Stanton to be lawfully entitled to hold the office, irrespective of the President's order or desire.

The decision of the Senate that the November session of Congress is but a continuation of the March session is taken by the administration as determining another question, viz: At what time the twenty days commence to run within which the Executive is required to furnish a list of his appointments and suspension of officers under the tenure of office law?

According to the ruling of the Senate on Friday last, the twenty days commence to run from the date of the President's 21st instant within which to send to that body an account of his action in the Stanton and other cases.

It is understood that the House committee on elections will to-morrow report that on charges of disloyalty against the Kentucky Congressmen have not been sustained by the evidence taken. It is expected that all the delegation will be admitted to their seats at once, except, probably, the member from the middle district, Mr. John D. Young, whose seat is contested by Mr. McKee.

The published statement of the sentence of court-martial suspending General Custer from rank and pay for one year was approved by the President, is erroneous. The matter has not yet been formally placed before the Executive. General Grant has, however, approved the sentence in the following language: "The sentence is confirmed and will be executed."

The reviewing officer in examining the testimony in the case is convinced that the court in awarding so lenient a sentence for the offences of which the accused is found guilty, must have taken into consideration his previous services.

Telegrams from New York, received at the *Tribune* bureau in this city to-day, state that Mr. Greeley will announce in his paper to-morrow, that he will not accept the Austrian mission, and that he does not intend to leave the country until after the Presidential election.

**HUNNICUTT ARRESTED.**  
This sweet-scented representative of radical rascality, and unprincipled delegate from the city of Richmond to the black and tan convention which is to assemble to-day, was arrested on Thursday last on a warrant issued by the court of Charles city county, for incendiary language used by him in a speech in that county in September last, and the substance of which was published soon after, and which we in this connection re-produce:

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## POLITICAL BREVITIES.

—Mr. Wade having authorized Forney to contradict the remarks attributed to him in regard to General Grant, the correspondent of the *Cincinnati Commercial*, who furnished them, comes back at Old Ben as follows:—

"It may interest him a little to be reminded in advance that there was a third party present when that part of the conversation which relates to General Grant was made, and that I shall be entirely willing to refer the question of veracity to that disinterested arbiter, when it shall arise in proper form, either in a speech in the Senate, or in a published letter with 'B. F. Wade' at the end of it. Recollecting something of a controversy about his agrarian speech in Kansas I profited by that example, and prepared for the contingency of 'd—d lie', in case it should arise. When it does arise I shall do my best to show that if there is a liar in the case it is not the *Commercial's* correspondent."

He adds, that Wade said many other things which he will publish if compelled to do so by Wade's duplicity.

—The *New York News* relates that an honorable Senator from the rural districts, a paragon of rural virtue, was once approached by the late Mr. Dean Richmond, in regard to a bill to increase the fares on the Central railroad. Mr. Richmond ably and earnestly discussed the point. He alluded to the high prices of iron and labor, and appealed to the member's sentiments of justice. "Sir," said he, "with your vote the bill will pass. Of course to such a man as you I cannot talk money." "Can't you?" answered the rural member, "then if you can't, you had better send somebody to me that can." It may be necessary to add that the member voted for the bill.

—The *Alexandria Gazette* truthfully says: "The treatment that such men as Butler and Milroy receive at the South, is, at least, a very natural exhibition of the feelings of the people among whom they come. It is not because they were United States officers during the war that they are met with contempt and indignation—for many brave officers, holding the same positions in the same ranks, are treated kindly and respectfully. But it is the remembrance of tyranny, injustice, oppression and—worse, that excites the scorn and detestation of an injured community—Does any one believe that it is in human nature for the Valley people to regard hereafter, in any other light but one—Sheridan and Hunter? They would not be men if they could show them respect. They think of 'the smoke of the furnace,' and the desolation of their homes, whenever they see or hear their names!"

—The *Tribune* notices Old Thad's late letter quoting Mr. John Law on the finances, and pays the following back-handed compliment to "the great commoner." Says Greeley: "We only copy this bad old man's exhibition of his own rascality in order to warn the champions of Public Faith that we must return to specie payment, and that immediately. He who proposes to linger and dally by the way is playing right into the hands of the repudiators."

Forney idolizes Old Thad, but Greeley who, with all his crochets, tries to be an honest man, gives a correct delineation of one of the very worst men that has ever lived in this country, Forney hardly excepted.

—The work of Africanizing the Southern States, is going steadily forward. The Alabama Convention has resolved to disfranchise a large portion of the whites, and the black members demand a provision in the organic law to secure for their race both political and social equality with the whites. The Convention of Louisiana met on Saturday, and a telegraphic dispatch announces that colored men were elected as temporary chairman and secretary. Forty negro and twenty-five white members were present. In Florida and South Carolina the whites participated in the elections. Returns from eight court houses in South Carolina show 3743 black votes and 11 white. In North Carolina it is estimated that a majority of the votes were cast by whites, but that a decided majority of members elect to the Convention are Radicals.

**Disgraceful.**  
The following extract from the report of Messrs. Marshall and Eldridge of the Impeachment Committee, makes one of the most disgraceful chapters in American history—Those gentlemen say:

"We cannot doubt that the evidence here with this day submitted will be received with one universal burst of indignation by the American people. If they retain any just pride in their country and its institutions, they will be glad to find that the chief officers of their government has for ten months been subjected to the scrutiny of a secret chamber inquiry, unparalleled in its character in the annals of civilization. A drag net has been put out to catch every malicious whisper throughout the land, and all the vile vermin who had gossip or slander to retail, hearsay or otherwise, have been permitted to appear and place it upon record for the delectation of mankind. Spies have been sent all over the land to find something that might blacken the name and character of the Chief Magistrate of our country. Unwhipped nagives have given information of fabulous letters and documents, that like the *ignis fatuus*, eternally eluded the grasp of their pursuers, and the chase ever resulted only in the aiding of the depletion of the public Treasury. That most notorious character, Gen. L. O. Baker, 'chief of the detective force,' even had the effrontery to insult the American people by placing his spies within the very walls of the Executive Mansion; the privacy of the President's home, his private life and habits and most secret thoughts have not been deemed sacred or exempt from invasion; the members of his household have been examined, and the chief prosecutor has not hesitated to dive into the loathsome dungeons and consort with convicted felons for the purpose of accomplishing the object of arraigning the President on a charge of infamous crimes."

"When we consider all these facts, and that the investigation has been a secret *ex parte* one, that it has been so persistent and untiring, and carried on at a time of most unparalleled party excitement; when the masses of the dominant party were lashed into a wild frenzy, and led to believe that the President was guilty of treason; when thousands all over the land really thought that it would be a righteous act to get him out of the way by any means, fair or foul, and when he has been hunted down by partisan malice as no man was ever hunted and hounded down before, it is really wonderful that so little has been elicited, that tends in the slightest degree to tarnish the fair fame of the President."

—A Charleston dispatch says that the "impression" prevails there that owing to a lack of the requisite majority of registered voters the Convention will be defeated in South Carolina.

## LOCAL MISCELLANY.

**Call and See Us!**  
We have intimated under our editorial head that it may be necessary for us to resort again to the red mark, to remind our subscribers that their accounts are not square with this office. We don't want to do this, if it is possible to avoid it, but the season of the year is now at hand when we need money—PORK and WOOD are to be bought, and other things are needed to keep us comfortable, and our paper bill has to be met. For the convenience of all concerned, we will state that the following gentleman will accept for us any monies paid on account of the *Spirit of Jefferson*:—

At Rippon.—M. B. FRYER.  
"Summit Point.—JOHN J. HILLBERRY.  
"Kabletown.—A. NUNAMAKER.  
"Harper's Ferry.—ADAM BROWN.  
"Shepherdstown.—D. S. RENTCH, or Geo. D. MCGILVERY.  
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"Middleway.—JOEL W. ROBERTS.  
"Duffields.—JACOB S. MELVIN.  
"Haltontown.—B. F. ENGLE.  
"Berryville.—Geo. E. S. PHILLIPS.

We hope by making it thus convenient, that our subscribers will respond to this call, and that by the latter part of this week the gentlemen named will have a good report to make.

This town and neighborhood will attend to ourselves, and we ask our friends to call and see us.

**State Convention.**  
The Democratic and Conservative voters of West Virginia, together with all others who are willing to unite with them for the overthrow of Radicalism in our State and nation, are requested to meet in their respective counties, or townships, at an early day as may be expedient, and select delegates to represent their counties in STATE CONVENTION, to be held in Wheeling on WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M. It is recommended that two delegates, and as many alternates, be chosen from each township.

Your committee call this Convention in view of the existing necessity for a prompt and thorough organization of all the elements of opposition to radicalism in our midst. The glorious results of the late elections in other States, and the evident decline of the Radical cause in West Virginia, assure us that by proper effort, we may rescue our State from the grasp of her unscrupulous rulers, and restore to our people the blessings of just and economical government. We deem it best to begin the work at once. If you will give us your active and united aid, we cannot doubt of final success.

DANIEL LAMB, Chm'r.  
M. REBLY,  
A. WILSON,  
A. J. SWANEY,  
Geo. R. TINGLE,  
State Executive Committee.

**Building Associations.**  
It has been suggested to me that having stated the general theory of these associations, a few figures in illustration of their operations might aid those who are desirous of more fully comprehending them.

The association which has recently been organized in this place, having adopted what is termed the *premium plan*; that is, as has heretofore been explained, redeeming the shares for the lowest amount the shareholders competing for the funds, are willing to take for them, I will confine myself exclusively to an explanation of that mode.

Let the fact be borne in mind that the funds of the association are intended to be used in paying to the shareholders the amount of the par value of their shares, which (when it is desired) are taken up or redeemed in advance at the lowest rate offered.

It is known that the shares of "The Jefferson County Building Association" are \$200 each. Suppose, then, a holder of five of these shares, which at par are worth \$1,000, wishes to have them redeemed. He offers them for \$200 each, or for \$1,000 in all—Should there be no other shareholder willing to have his shares redeemed at a lower rate the association would, of course, accept this proposition. The discount in this case, or, as it is termed, *premium*, would be sixty dollars per share.

Now let us see what it will cost to pay off this advance of \$1,000 on the terms prescribed by the association.

5 shares of \$200 each at a discount or premium of 60 per share, would be worth \$1,000. Interest on same for 7 years (at the end of which time it is estimated the association will be able to redeem in full its stock) will be . . . . . \$420  
Add to this the amount paid in on 5 shares for 7 years, or . . . . . \$910

And you will have the sum of . . . . . \$1,320 as the full amount paid for the use of \$1,000 for 7 years.

Now let us compare this result with the cost of the loan of \$1,000 for 7 years at simple interest:

Interest on \$1,000 at 6 per cent, for 7 years . . . . . \$420  
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And you have the sum of . . . . . \$1,420 or \$90 more than is paid on the association plan!

The benefits derived are as follows:—With the \$1,000 advanced by the association, the shareholder will be enabled to obtain a house of his own equal in value to one for which, if he be a renter, he will pay \$150 per annum; and he will save almost enough in rent to pay back the advanced money by the association. Because, in seven years he will have paid at \$150 per year \$1,050 in rent—The \$1,000 obtained from the association and with which he will build his house, will cost him as we have seen above, \$1,320 or only \$280 more than his rent. So that by using the advantages of this association he may build himself a house, secure himself a home at once with the \$1,000 thus furnished him, and pay for it with the addition of \$280 to the rent he will pay in seven years. Or in other words with what he saves in the way of rent and \$280 dollars, he can build himself a home, pay for it, and thereafter be free from rent.

An examination of these calculations is invited. If they contain errors I would be glad to have them pointed out. If they are correct, they speak for themselves and will be a more satisfactory elucidation of the subject than any other that I could give.

Very respectfully submitted,  
WM. H. TRAYNOR.

—The Staunton *Virginian* says three hundred and thirty-four farms in Bedford county will be sold in a short time by the U. S. Internal Revenue officers for arrears of taxes.

**Circuit Court.**—The second fall term of the transplanted judiciary for this county, will commence its session, no preventing Providence, on Monday of next week, the 9th day of December. We present below a list of those whose names have been drawn for jurors during the term. In this list there are not a few



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