





Spirit of Jefferson.

BENJAMIN F. BEALL, Editor. CHARLESTOWN, VA.

Tuesday Morning, September 25, 1866.

EXTRAORDINARY ACTION.

At the Circuit Court on Tuesday last the case of the State vs. Middlekauff was called up for trial, when, to the astonishment of nearly every person present, Ex-Gov. Stanton moved a change of venue.

The basis of this motion on the part of the State, or rather on the part of the prosecution, was two affidavits—one of Mr. Stanton and the other of Mr. Bellahover, who stands in the shoes of the State's Attorney, who is now sick over in Pennsylvania.

We have no fault to find with Judge Chapman—indeed, his course throughout the whole affair has proven him to be a fair and upright judge; but the conduct of Stanton and Bellahover deserves, and has received, the severest condemnation.

Neither of these imported attorneys has any such knowledge of public sentiment in this county as would justify them in swearing to such statements as are contained in their affidavits. The former resides at Wheeling, we believe, and is rarely in this county. He came to Charlestown, it is true, on the Sunday before the trial, went to church, got his dinner and went back to Shepherdstown. The latter, Mr. Bellahover, lives at Shepherdstown, but has little or no acquaintance with our people.

On the next day these lawyers moved the Court to re-assign Berkeley residence of Hampshire in the order of removal; and, that failing, they then asked leave to withdraw their original motion for change of venue, the result of which, of course, would have been to keep the case in Jefferson county, but thanks to the uprightness of the Judge, they were not permitted to play out this disgraceful farce.

The facts in this case, as developed in the two trials had before magistrates, have been already published in this paper, and there is no need to go over them again; but we take occasion, again, to say, that while we have perfect confidence in the entire innocence of Mr. Middlekauff, we nevertheless fully satisfied that Mr. Sullivan, the prosecuting witness, believes every word she has sworn to, to be "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Regarding the statement in the Winchester Times of last week, that the engineers in Charlestown, were parties inexperienced, or amateurs in such matters, we have only to say that one of them, in 1852, held the position of Resident Engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; afterwards was principal assistant on the Sunbury & Erie Railroad, in Pennsylvania, and located most of that road; was Chief Engineer of the Eastern Shore Railroad, in Maryland, and Chief Engineer of the Guinness & Matanzas Railroad, on the Island of Cuba.

The Associated Press dispatch from Richmond gives the following announcement of the installation of the new Governor. Gov. Walker has appointed as his Secretary, Capt. W. E. Cameron, editor of the Petersburg Index and formerly of the Confederate service. The dispatch says: Governor Walker was installed as Provisional Governor at the Governorial Mansion to-day at noon, General Canby being present. Governor Wells turned over the office to the new incumbent, who took the "iron clad" and other oaths of office.

REGISTRATION.

"Now you see it and now you don't see it."

This has been the thimble-rigging process by which the Board of Registration appointed for this county, this fall, have disposed of themselves, and no one has been able to say when a Board existed. First—we had a Board consisting of the three worthies who ran the machine last year—Underdonk, Turner and Traynor. This Board was dissolved by the withdrawal of Van Underdonk, who discovered that he could not legally fill the position of member of the Board and Post-master of Shepherdstown. The matter was then dropped until two weeks ago, the Governor came to the county, and appointed another Board, composed of Turner, Traynor and Chambers.

Before anything was done, this Board threw up their hands—Turner and Traynor refusing to enter. Then there was another shuffle, and Underdonk, as usual, turned up as Jack—Now the Board stands, Underdonk, Turner and Chambers. What Van intends to do with his Post-office we have not learned, but as he is a business man of great capacity, and a politician of unquestioned impudence, we presume he will supervise both machines, and keep them going till the dirty work is accomplished.

It is said township registrars will be appointed—pitch in then, ye loyal, and register. Register early, and register often, and vote the same way. Van Underdonk is engineer.

[For the Spirit of Jefferson.]

Mr. Editor:—I notice in the columns of your valuable paper, that the Board of Supervisors of this county, have made an appropriation of two hundred dollars, to assist in defraying the expenses of the survey of the extension of the Cumberland Valley Railroad across the county—commencing on the Potomac river, at or near Shepherdstown, and thence to the Clarke line, through the centre of the county.

I am very glad to see it, and believe it to be a move in the right direction towards developing the great interests of our valuable county. As a looker on, but at the same time very deeply interested, I heard one of the prominent speakers at the railroad meeting held in Charlestown, on the 11th instant, ask these questions: What could our county do? What assistance could she give or render, in the construction of the road? And where is the capital to come from to build it? I think these questions can be easily and readily answered.

We are paying now to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, thirty thousand dollars annually, to carry our mail, and to assist in defraying the expenses of the survey of the extension of the Cumberland Valley Railroad across the county—commencing on the Potomac river, at or near Shepherdstown, and thence to the Clarke line, through the centre of the county.

I am willing to admit that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has added greatly to the prosperity of the county, and greatly enhanced the value of its real estate. I suppose that this increase has not been less than from two to thirty per cent. Now, is it not probable, yet, almost certain, that the proposed road would add five dollars per acre, at the lowest calculation, to the value of the land for five miles on each side of the road, across the entire county. Assuming this—which we regard as a moderate estimate—and the lands being sold for one hundred and twenty dollars per acre, we have a total of two hundred square miles, of six hundred and forty acres per mile, which, at five dollars per acre, would amount to an enhancement of six hundred and forty thousand dollars. Now, would not this sum build the road, and would we be any the worse off as a county?

It is a question which the contemplated road would add as much to the value of the real estate of the county, as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has done; besides opening up communications with the extreme south-western portion of the Valley, from which we could obtain our supplies of salt and plaster, instead of being transported to us from Liverpool and France, from whence the larger portion of them are now brought—thus enabling us to obtain them at much cheaper rates. It is also within our power to assist materially in the construction of this road, by declining to demand or receive excessive damages for the land through which the road may pass; for, as a general principle, it must add to, instead of detract from, the value of such lands. Very recently, I read an account of an English Lord, who returned eighty thousand pounds to a railroad company for damages awarded his father, on account of a railroad running through his estate. The present owner, believing and knowing that his father's estate was improved, instead of being damaged, his conscience would not permit him to keep the money, and he returned it.

If the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company imagines that the people of Jefferson county are going to submit quietly to the exorbitant freight which we are now paying, and to be annually fleeced like a lamb, to the tune of thirty thousand dollars, they will most inevitably realize their mistake before a great while. The citizens of the county have the ability to build the road themselves, and believing that they understand their interests, I feel very hopeful that in eighteen months time, we will hear the shrill whistle of the locomotive, bidding us the time of day as she crosses and recrosses our fertile county. I am glad, also, to know that several companies have organized for the construction of turnpikes across our county. I hope our honorable Board of Supervisors will take the same broad and liberal views towards the pikes, that they have of the railroad—and that they will subscribe on the part of the county sufficient means to insure their completion. Then, Mr. Editor, surrounded as she is with the most valuable natural power in the world, grid-ironed with good turnpikes, and three railroads crossing her—two running east and west, and one running north and south, the county will take a rank and position worthy of her name. A great deal more might be said upon this subject, and will be said, until our citizens accomplish what they should have done long since—fully develop the resources of the county and protect her interests.

JEFFERSON.

GEORGE W. CHILDS, Esq., proprietor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, has offered three million dollars for the New York Herald establishment. It is not yet known whether the offer will be accepted. Should Mr. Childs fail to secure the Herald, we will sell him the Spirit at the same figures, or a trifle less.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Man Attempts to Kill Himself and Shoots His Daughter.

We learn from a gentleman from Orange county that a terrible tragedy was enacted on Friday last, in that county, on the Friday last, the particulars of which, as far as we could learn them, were as follows: Mr. William Walker, a farmer residing near Rapidan, determined on putting an end to his life while in a temporary fit of insanity, and with this purpose provided himself with a pistol and went to an upper room in his dwelling. His daughter, a young lady just grown up, observed his movements, and suspecting his intention, followed him to his room—the door of which was unlocked—entering the room just as her father was cocking the pistol. Screaming out at the top of her voice in order to alarm the other inmates of the house and secure their assistance, she threw herself upon her father, and seizing the weapon endeavored to wrench it from his grasp. In the struggle that ensued the weapon was accidentally fired, and the ball passing through the hand of Miss Walker, entered her left breast, inflicting a mortal wound. The unfortunate young lady was not conscious Saturday morning, but her recovery was deemed to be impossible.

The eight of his daughter lying weltering in her blood recalled the father to his senses, and he made no other attempt at self-destruction, but with the most agonizing cries threw himself into a pool of water and sought relief to his life. In this condition the father and his dying daughter were found by other members of the family, who alarmed by the report of the pistol, hastened to ascertain its cause. Physicians were promptly summoned to the wounded girl's assistance, and everything was done to relieve her sufferings, but as before said, it is believed her life cannot be saved.— Lynchburg News.

DIED OF HER WOUNDS.—Miss Walker, the young lady of Orange county, who was wounded by her father, Mr. William Walker, on Friday, while endeavoring to wrest a pistol from his grasp with which he was about to shoot himself, died of her wounds Sunday night.

The father has again relapsed into paroxysms of insanity, and declares that he intends yet to succeed in his purpose of self-destruction. To prevent his carrying out his intention, he has to be guarded closely.— Lynchburg News.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The New York Sun has had a reporter interviewing Judge PACKER, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania— Upon the fifteenth amendment, the Judge's position was unequivocally defined, in the following language:

The republican party seem to treat this as a settled question so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, refusing to let it come before the people for their determination. I have my own opinions as to the manner in which our amendment should have been passed upon. I think any amendment like this, which virtually changes the Constitution of the State, should have been presented to the people for their approval as provided in the State organic law, and should have emanated from a convention called on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States as provided in the Federal Constitution. A question of such vital importance should be decided by the people by their representatives elected for that purpose, and the question of suffrage is one that the original founders of the general Government wisely refrained from delegating to it, jealously retaining it within the control of the several sovereign States there presented. That Congress has never been permitted to do this Government, the assumption of it by the National Legislature is an arbitrary exercise of power, subversive of the whole principle upon which the Government was founded; and so fearful was the republican party that the people of the Northern States, whose loyalty had never been questioned, who believed that they intended to pass upon the question on their rights, that in their platform adopted by the National Convention at Chicago in 1868, they declared that the question of suffrage in the Northern States was to be determined only by the people of the respective States. And yet they never permitted the people of any State to pass upon the question, except in the South, where they made the adoption of negro suffrage a condition precedent to their representation in Congress.

An Irishman by the name of U. T. O'Donnell, was shot near Mt. Vernon, near in Rockingham county, on Saturday the 4th of September, at the principal entrance of the 7th. He was shot by Henry Raynes, son of Zachariah Raynes, with whom he had a difficulty at the circus in Port Republic, on the 4th of August. O'Donnell was a single man, and a comparative stranger in the neighborhood. He was shot with a rifle, the ball passing through the left arm and the bowels. Raynes is still at large.

—Mrs. Stoneall Jackson, widow of the great hero, whose memory every Virginian holds in affectionate regard, arrived in Winchester, a few days ago, accompanied by her little daughter, and is now the guest of Hon. Robert Y. Conrad. The Friendship Fire Company, on the 18th inst., with full ranks, presenting a handsome appearance. Admitted passing the residence of Mr. Conrad, Mrs. J. made her appearance, when the firemen in compliment uncovered their heads, until the rear of the line had passed.

MARRIED.

In Shepherdstown, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. G. W. Feltner, Mr. JOHN H. MUGROVE to Mrs. MARY ELLEN STRIPP—all of that vicinity.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., in Shepherdstown, by Rev. G. W. Feltner, Mr. WINFIELD S. MORGAN to Miss JANE E. MORGAN—all of this county.

On Tuesday evening, September 21, 1866, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Connersville, Ind., on Wednesday, the 18th ult., by Rev. H. M. Shockey, Mr. C. COPFIELD of Indiana, to Miss MARY E. WOLFE, formerly of Berkeley county, Va.

On the 18th inst., by Rev. W. T. Lower, Mr. C. O. VANMETRE to Miss MARY E. WOLFE, both of Berkeley county, Va.

DIED.

On the 20th inst., at Bolivar, of Cancer in the Eye, Mr. GEORGE BACKHOUSE, aged about 65 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a native of this county. He was born in the year 1801, and was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a native of this county. He was born in the year 1801, and was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a native of this county.

VALLEY ITEMS.

From our Valley exchanges we copy the following items:

—The News, Trotter will put a through line of Stages on the Valley Pike after the 1st of October.

—Mr. Lafayette Lee had his right hand torn off by the circular saw attached to his steam mill, on the 18th inst., near Keesletown, in Rockingham county.

—St. Peter's Church, on Tom's Brook, was dedicated on Sunday week. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. William S. Bowman, of Charlestown, S. C.

—On the 18th inst., Charles Smith destroyed his farm Oakledge, on the road leading to Castleman's Ferry, to Mr. E. P. C. Lewis, for \$14,000 cash, being about \$84 per acre.

—On Saturday evening, the 18th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Josiah L. Baker celebrated, at their pleasant home near Winchester, their crystal wedding, or twenty years of married life.

—Washington College, which now enlists so much of interest from its illustrious President, General Robt. E. Lee, has opened its present session under the most flattering auspices.

—The Blacksmith Shop of Mr. James Dove, on the North Shenandoah river, two miles west of New Market, was, together with his tools, entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday the 16th inst.

—The Old Commonwealth announces that many of the farmers of Rockingham will be compelled to fatten their hogs upon oats and wheat, in consequence of the almost total failure of the corn crop.

—The barn of Mr. Morgan Layton, near Youth Legion, Rockingham county, Va., was recently consumed by fire, together with its contents, and the loss is estimated at \$1500.

—Wm. Jollett and Edward Alley, alias Edward Graves, convicted at the last term of the circuit Court for Page county of horse stealing, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for a number of years, broke jail in Luray a few nights since and made their escape, and are still at large.

—There is a large stone barn near Ashhook, in Rockingham county, built by Mr. Martin Burkholder, de'd., in 1803, and covered with bark white pine shingles. The roof is 66 years old and is a pretty good roof yet; by a little patching it will last 75 years. It is probably the oldest roof in Rockingham.

—Messrs. Wm. Frazier and W. H. Sales, long well known to the travelling public, as Proprietor and Manager of the famous Rockbridge Alum Springs, have leased the Virginia Hotel in Staunton for one year, with the privilege of five, at \$3,000 per year, and will take possession on the 1st of October.

—On Thursday, the 16th inst., as Miss Annie Blair, accompanied by Mr. Wren was en route to Staunton from Mt. Solon, she was severely injured by being thrown from the carriage, which she and Mr. Wren were riding, dislocating the shoulder joint and producing great contusion of the arm and shoulder.

—The newspapers say that the Hon. John Bell, who died recently in Tennessee, was born in Nashville. His father went by the county of Clarke. On the road running between the cities of Nashville and Knoxville, "Bell's Hill" which took its name from the latter gentleman who lived there, and it is probable that that was the birth-place of Hon. John Bell.—Clarke Courier.

—A friend who visited Shawnee Spring yesterday informs us that this noble old Shawnee, from whom it takes its name, has been seen in other days obtained their supplies of nature's beverage, and which has always been deemed inexhaustible, has ceased to flow, and that there is not a bucket full of water in its basin! It is supposed that the channel of the stream has been changed by the abutment of the railroad bridge.— Winchester Times.

—The Alexandria Gazette says the "owl schedule" of the O. & A. M. Railroad will be changed on the 1st of October next, to the infinite delight of Harrisonburg, who will then have an opportunity of "seeing the car."

The trains will leave Harrisonburg at about 7 o'clock in the morning, reaching Alexandria on the 18th inst., at 11 o'clock. Returning, they will leave Alexandria at about 6 in the morning, Manassas at about 9, and reach Harrisonburg at 41 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ATTENTION, FIREMEN!

The regular Semi-Annual Meeting of the Charlestown Fire Company will be held at Hoyle Hall, on SATURDAY EVENING, NEXT, OCTOBER 20th, at 7 1/2 o'clock. The subject of the meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. By order of the President.

A Standard History by Gen. Lee.

A WORK OF NATIONAL AND PERMANENT VALUE.

Memoria of the War,

By GEN. HENRY LEE, Thoroughly Revised and Annotated by GEN. ROBERT E. LEE, Who has added a Full Biography of his Father.

One vol. octavo, 640 pages, with New Steel Engravings of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and Gen. Matthew Greaves; beautiful Steel Engravings of "Bull Run," "Gettysburg," and "Sherman's March to the Sea." A Sketch of the Lee Homestead in Virginia; and five original Maps and Plans.

This admirable history of the operations of the American Armies during the Revolutionary War, in the Southern Department of the United States, is the standard work on the subject. It is a work whose value is permanent, for it relates to the foundation of this great nation, and details the history of the military operations of the South, yet considerable space is devoted to the work of a national value.

The historical value and interest of this excellent history of the war will be increased and secured by the addition of the new biography, prepared by Gen. Lee, from private and personal materials never before given to the public. The fact that it is the only new published, even in part from Gen. Lee's pen, and that it is written by his son, adds to its value and interest. The fact that it is the only new published, even in part from Gen. Lee's pen, and that it is written by his son, adds to its value and interest.

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WANTED TO EXCHANGE.

MY STORE-HOUSE, STOCK OF GOODS, and the Business which has been successfully conducted for years, in Bonabrook, Washington county, Va., is now for sale. Persons wishing to make such an exchange, will please send their applications to J. MORRIS WEAST, Bonabrook, September 25, 1866.

NOTICE.

THE partnership heretofore existing under the name of Anderson & Galt, has been dissolved. This is the 1st day of September, 1866. All accounts due to the firm, or by the firm, are to be paid to the undersigned, or to the person to whom notice is given. E. R. HARRILL, September 25, 1866.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to MURPHY & TURNER, or to either of them, are notified to pay to the undersigned, or to the person to whom notice is given, before the 1st day of October, 1866. G. H. TURNER, September 25, 1866.

PROFANE, OR SOUL CHARMING.

A new and valuable book, entitled "Profane, or Soul Charming," is now published. It contains a full and complete description of the various kinds of profane and soul-charming, and is a valuable work for every citizen. It is published by W. L. GALT, South Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A FINE HORSE FOR SALE.

I wish to sell either one or two HORSES. I have them both No. 1 Riding and No. 2 Heavy. They are both of the best quality, and are well adapted for any purpose. They are for sale at a low price. Apply to Duffell's, Jefferson county, Va., September 14, 1866.

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BALTIMORE MARKETS.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY Hough & Langdon, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 124 South Balto. St., Baltimore.

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LOCAL MISCELLANY

Fatal Shooting Affray

On Saturday night last, between 11 and 12 o'clock, a shooting affray occurred in this town, which resulted in the fatal shooting of Robert Heck at the hands of Albert Moore.

MASON YOUNG, being duly sworn, said:—I was on my way home, about 11 o'clock. I was a little dry, and I had had a drink, and was going to get another.

WM. WILKINSON, sworn—On Saturday night between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, I was in the office of the Carter House.

JOHN REED, Jr., sworn—On Saturday night, I was about half asleep and half awake. I heard some talking on the street, and I went out to see what was going on.

WM. REILLY, sworn—I was coming home and I met Mason Young, and he asked me to go in there with him for a horn.

W. W. BURTON, sworn—I know nothing about what happened on the street further than the report of the first two shots on the street.

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DE. STRAITH—The dead man had one wound on the right side, entered about the seventh rib, passed upward through the liver, through the lower third of the right lung and came out near the end of the breast-bone.

Local Brevities. The gladly welcomed equinoctial rains that set in on Saturday night, have put the ground in fine condition for seeding.

Our Fire Engine—During last week the new hose was received, and on Saturday a trial of the engine was made.

Public Sale—Mr. David Humphreys will offer for sale to-day, (TUESDAY), at 11 o'clock, A.M., at his residence in Charleston.

Charleston Female Seminary. The seventh annual Session of this Institution will open on MONDAY, THE 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT.

Lessons in Music. INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC ON PIANO will be given by the undersigned to such as may desire to acquire the art of playing on that instrument.

Real Estate. WALTON & CRAIGHILL, Real Estate Agents, CHARLESTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA.

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