

PERSONAL

Life in Texas. From a private letter to a gentleman in this place, dated Fort Quaco, April 16, we are permitted to copy the following interesting sketch:—

I arrived here this evening, after a fatiguing but most pleasant journey of two hundred and fifty miles, from Jackson, and I leave in a few hours for El Paso, distant about six hundred miles. I expect to return from El Paso immediately, to meet F—, who will arrive here in about twelve days. When I got back I will have traveled about twenty-one hundred miles by stage, without stopping more than a few hours at a time. The last two hundred and fifty miles of my journey has been through a country destitute of habitations. At intervals of about twenty miles there are rude picket huts and stables, which are used as stage stations. At these stations there is generally one man to take care of the mules, and five or six negro soldiers to guard the stock from Indians. The mail is carried in a small open buggy drawn by two mules; the driver and myself constitute the passenger list. Each team travels about forty miles, at the rate of six miles an hour. The miles are of the "Bronco," or wild Mexican stock—these are harassed with great difficulty, brought from the Corral and tied fast to the snobbing post with strong ropes. The buggy is then drawn up to them, the traces untied and fastened; the driver climbs to his seat from the rear and I follow suit; the traces are cast loose and we get the mules plunging and kicking, and running at full speed for about a mile. As soon as they are brought to a trot we adjust our baggage, and begin to look sharp for Indians and the like. There is no stopping the mules until they reach the end of their run, about fifty miles. If I want a drink of water or the like, I slip out of the rear of the buggy and the driver "circles round" me on the plain; I jump on again from the rear and we strike out again to the front like a rifle shot. I have seen vast herds of buffalo, and the wild turkeys are beyond computation. At an old soldier, there is really no danger—only enough of the appearance of danger to create a pleasurable excitement.

MEMORIAL DAY IN SHEPHERDSTOWN.—Monday, June 6th, has been selected for the Annual Floral Decoration of the Southern Soldiers Graves, at Shepherdstown, and the unveiling of the Monument recently erected. The following will be in order of the exercises: The people will assemble at the Soldiers Cemetery at 8 o'clock, P. M., with their floral offerings. The ceremonies will commence with Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Rev. D. H. Bittle. Unveiling the Monument and brief address. Singing by the Choir. Benediction by Rev. W. G. Cross. Viewing the Graves with flowers. The assembly will then retire to the Bedding grove near by, where suitable addresses will be delivered by distinguished speakers. Criswell's Silver Cornet Band will be present and take part in the exercises. A nice dinner will be furnished at 12 o'clock noon, on that day, and a Festival at night, the proceeds to be appropriated to the liquidation of the debt due on the monument.

ANOTHER SUICIDE IN SHEPHERDSTOWN. On Monday last, Shepherdstown, we saw the scene of another unfortunate tragedy, the particulars of which we gather from the Register as follows:— We regret to state that our town was much excited on Monday evening last by the sad intelligence that a young man, a respected citizen of this place, had committed suicide by shooting himself in the forehead with a pistol. His body was found about 11 o'clock, and a doctor was called. The coroner's jury was immediately summoned, who after hearing all the evidence, rendered the verdict that the deceased came to his death by his own hand. Mr. Spauld had been for some time unwell, and had long been a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was 25 years of age.

CHANGES OFFICIALS.—On Saturday last, Wm. N. Craighill, Esq., the faithful and efficient Secretary and Treasurer of the Jefferson County Building Association, resigned the position and Mr. W. B. Gallaher, who thereupon elected by the Board of Directors, to fill the unexpired term. We greatly regret the loss of Mr. Craighill's services to the Association, but are satisfied that in the election of Mr. Gallaher the Board has made a good selection.

VALLEY RAILROAD.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Valley Railroad on Monday week, the President reported a subscription to the capital stock, by the President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad of \$700,000 thus making the stock already subscribed amount to \$2,400,000. When the subscription expected from Augusta and Roanoke is made, the amount necessary to build the road will be complete, and the whole work put under contract.

SEND US LOCALS.—We are always glad to receive contributions for our local department. Something of interest occurs almost daily in every neighborhood, and we earnestly urge our friends to send us all the items that come to their observation or their ears. Do not hesitate, from any real or imagined inability "to get them up right." Send us the facts and we will put them in shape.

THE RICHMOND CALAMITY.—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Elyson & Taylor, of Richmond, a neat little pamphlet of forty-eight pages, containing a full and graphic account, of the great calamity in that city on the 27th of April, together with a list of the killed and wounded, incidents and proceedings relating to the same. It is mailed to our readers on receipt of fifteen cents.

BERKELEY COURT.—The Circuit Court of Berkeley county commenced its session on Tuesday last, Judge Chapline presiding. On Wednesday, says the News Era, owing to the illness of Judge Chapline, Judge Hoke presided, and will possibly remain during the term.

TEMPERANCE PICNIC.—The picnic held by the Friends of Temperance of Berryville, on Saturday last, was a perfect success. A number were in attendance from this place, and pronounced it a grand affair.

ROAD TO BE OPENED.—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, on the 16th instant, it was ordered that the Report of the Viewers who were appointed to view the old Clarke road be adopted, and said road be opened according to the report.

DEATHS OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT WINCHESTER.

From the last Winchester Times we copy the following synopsis of the eulogy of the Bishop Books, on the recent occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Catholic Church at Winchester:— He commenced by an exhortation to observe a becoming conduct upon such occasions, the ceremony being a sacred one. The church, he said, speaks to his children in ceremonies and symbols, language of which the rites and insignia of divers societies are but the borrowed representations. The cross reared upon the walls of the church, emblem of the world's redemption, for the Saviour died on the cross, &c. "Was the standard planted on our shores by the discoverer of America.— The B. Rev. Speaker then dwelt on the right which the Catholic Church had of being respected in a land dedicated by Congress, her Catholic discoverer. He alluded to the destruction by unhallored hands of the old Church in this place in 1802—repeating that the world's redemption, for the Saviour died on the cross, &c. "Was the standard planted on our shores by the discoverer of America.— The B. Rev. Speaker then dwelt on the right which the Catholic Church had of being respected in a land dedicated by Congress, her Catholic discoverer. He alluded to the destruction by unhallored hands of the old Church in this place in 1802—repeating that the world's redemption, for the Saviour died on the cross, &c. "Was the standard planted on our shores by the discoverer of America.—

CHARLESTOWN, May 9, 1870. Editors of the Spirit of Jefferson:— Gentlemen—In your paper of last week, referring to the remarks of Mr. Blackburn, before the Board of Supervisors of Berkeley, you state that the freight on wheat from Jefferson is twenty-seven cents per bushel.— This is incorrect, as the freight from this point to Baltimore is only twenty-five cents per one hundred pounds, being, as you will perceive, exactly fifteen cents per bushel, instead of twenty-seven. Please make the correction, and oblige Yours, J. D. STARRY, Agent B. & O. R. R. Co.

A VOICE FROM THE KITCHEN.—Upwards of thirty professed cooks, many of them bailing from the best hotels of the United States, have voluntarily come forward and pronounced KAND'S SEA MOSS FARINE the finest article for puddings, custards, blanc manie, creoles, jellies, and other favorite items of the dessert that has ever come under their notice. "So much for the palatability of the new element of food. A still greater number of distinguished physicians and scientific chemists indorse it as a nutrient of the very highest class, and every housekeeper who uses it admits that it is fully fifty per cent. cheaper than maizena, farina, corn starch, or any other preparation from corn or the cereal grains. The new food staple is manufactured, under a patent, by the Sea Moss Farine Co., 53 Park Place; and in view of the above established facts, it is not surprising that their extensive machinery is kept running night and day to supply a demand that is rapidly becoming universal.

PROPOSER REUNION OF METHODIST CHURCHES.—The strong tendency among the Christian churches to union in their organizations, lately illustrated by the consolidation of the Presbyterian churches, is very widely felt in the various Methodist bodies in this country. The Methodist Protestant Church is engaged in discussing a project for union with the Methodist Episcopal Church South; and now that slavery is abolished, the question of by delegation in the conference seems to be the only one which divides Methodists, so that, if the annual conference now voting upon the amendment proposed by the last General Conference, should affirm it, there is likely to be a union before many years of all the important Methodist churches in the United States.—N. Y. Post.

VIRGINIA RAILROAD CONTRACTORS IN ALABAMA.—Mr. Hugh L. Gallaher, of Waynesboro, has just returned from Kaulaha, Ala., where, in conjunction with his business associate, Col. John G. Clarke, he has contracted with the Montgomery and Kaulaha Railroad Company for the grading of twenty-five miles of the unfinished portion of their road. The company were fortunate in securing the services of these gentlemen. Both of them are practically familiar with the construction of railroads. Mr. Gallaher is an old contractor in this State, and Colonel Clarke ranks high as a civil engineer. The work they have undertaken will be well and expeditiously done.—Richmond Whig.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Emily Haley, wife of Mr. John Haley of this county, while riding along the road near Hughesville, in this county on Wednesday last week died suddenly of heart disease. She was taken sick and dismounted, and in few minutes was dead. She was an estimable woman, highly beloved and esteemed by all who knew her. [Leedsburg, Washingtonian.]

WOOD WANTED.—Some of our patrons have been promising to bring us wood for several months past, and we have not received it yet. We are very much in need of the article, and trust that these, and other wood-paying subscribers, will bring us some at once.

THE LUTHERAN SYNOD.—This ecclesiastical body, which meets in the Lutheran Church in this town next June, will bring together, we understand, divines from all the Lutheran synods in the South together with many eminent preachers from the North. [Winchester News.]

THANKS.—Messrs. Stump & Co., the enterprising Coach-Makers now conducting business at Maj. Hawks' old stand, will accept our thanks for the neat cushion which they have kindly placed upon our "Editor's Easy Chair."

A WONDERFUL COW!—Mr. Joseph Feaster, Sr., who lives near Lewisburg, has a cow that has given birth to eight calves within the last three years; six of which are now living! She had two years before her three last, and three this Spring. Who has a cow to match this one?—Stanton Spectator.

THE \$750,000 Appropriation by Baltimore to the Lynchburg and Danville Railroad has been defeated in Baltimore by a majority of 1,750 votes.

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TAKE NOTICE! ALL unsettled accounts due to Benj. F. Beall, A. either for Job Work, Subscription or Advertising, previous to May 1st, 1870, having been assigned to the undersigned as Trustee, notice is hereby given to all parties knowing themselves so indebted, that immediate settlement must be made. The parties for whose benefit this trust was given (the hands formerly employed in this office) need not be notified, and their names will be given. This call, I trust, will be sufficient, and further trouble avoided. GEO. W. HAINES, Trustee. Spirit Office, March 29, 1870.

A BARGAIN FOR FARMERS! ANY Farmer desiring to purchase a SECOND HAND MOWER, or any other article, can purchase on the most reasonable terms, by application at April 12, THIS OFFICE.

BLACKSMITH WANTED. I WISH to employ a Journeyman Blacksmith, to a good, industrious and sober man, who can stand and thus this Spring. Who has a man to match this one?—Stanton Spectator.

WANTED.—WANTED an active man, in each of the following States, to travel and take orders by sample, for TEA, COFFEE and other goods, warranted pure: Sweet Potato, Seed, Broom Corn Seed, English Lawn Grass Seed, White Clover, and a full stock of Fresh Garden Seeds from the best growers, for sale by GEO. W. HAINES, May 17, 1870. MCCURDY & DUKE.

READ THIS AND HAND IT TO YOUR FRIENDS!

PIEDMONT & ARLINGTON Life Insurance Company, OF VIRGINIA. Principal Office Corner Main and Ninth Sts., Richmond. CAPITAL STOCK PAID IN \$200,000! ASSETS, SEPTEMBER 15, 1869, OVER \$1,500,000! INCOME, SAME PERIOD, ON PREMIUMS, OVER \$1,100,000! Policies Issued in 24 Months, over 8,000! DIVIDENDS PAID LAST YEAR ON WHOLE LIFE POLICIES, OVER FORTY PER CENT. A Success without precedent in this Country or Europe. Plan, Mutual; Expenses Small; Investments Secure; Policies non-Forfeitable.

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ALLEMONG & POOL, General Agents, BRIDGEWATER, VA. BENJ. F. BEALL, Agent, Charlottesville, W. Va. October 10, 1869—ly.

HARPER'S FERRY TRADE. GLORIOUS TIDINGS! GOD NEWS FOR ALL! In the midst of the political excitement, JNO. L. SCHELLING continues to solicit the attention of the public generally to his well assorted stock of CLOTHING AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, TRUNKS AND NOTIONS, All of which will be sold to give perfect satisfaction. His stock of Sample Goods is calculated to please the most fastidious, and he will be made order on the most reasonable terms, and warranted to fit. For the sake of past patrons, he would respectfully request the continuance of the influence extended to him by appreciative patrons, which will endeavor to merit.

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