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SOCIAL EQUALITY.
The Proposed Summer Bill.
WHITE MEN, READ!
We here print the text of Mr. Sumner's bill asserting the right of the blacks to full equality with the whites.

POETICAL.
SOUTHERN CALL TO BATTLE.
(Supposed to have been delivered to the troops storming the heights of Gettysburg.)
Once more to the strife! Once more
We bear the flag of Freedom's God!

What is an Editor?
Breck Pomeroy gives his idea of what the "critter" is:
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FRANCE AND PRUSSIA.
From the condensed news column of the Baltimore Gazette, we make up the following summary:
MONDAY'S NEWS.
It is reported from Paris that the Prussians have been much retarded in moving their artillery between Bethel and Rheims.

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The French Ministry has just issued a decree ordering the suspension of all public institutions, except those of religious, scientific, literary and artistic character, which are to be maintained by the Government.

MISCELLANEOUS.
The Innocent Sabbath-Breaker.
A certain jolly farmer, who lived several miles from the meeting-house, was astonished to observe one Sunday morning his neighbor, a pious deacon, hard at work in his hay-field.

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WEDNESDAY'S NEWS.
The Ministry have published at Paris that the Prussians made a persistent attack upon the city of Metz, and it is reported that the Italians will occupy the city.

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CHARLESTOWN, VA.

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DEMOCRATIC & CONSERVATIVE State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,
JOHN J. JACOB, of Hampshire County.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
C. P. T. MOORE, of Mason County.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
E. A. BENNETT, of Marion County.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
JOSEPH SPRIGG, of Hardy County.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF LANDS,
JOHN M. PHELPS, of Mason County.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF MINERALS,
MAJ. O. D. DOWNEY, of Mineral County.

RADICAL POW-WOW.

A Grand Muss in the Loyal Camp. SPLIT IN THE RANKS.

From all accounts, Saturday week was a grand day in Shepherdstown, that being the time appointed for the assembling of the loyal masses for the purpose of making a selection of standard-bearers in the glorious cause of Radicalism and Negro Equality. At an early hour the faithful began to arrive and assemble at the Court-House, Africa largely preponderating. The hour for meeting having arrived M. T. Ingles was chosen temporary chairman, and an attempt at organization made. Then came the tug of war. The carpet-baggers, under the lead of Irackett, Ames and Davies—who for the past four or five years have given their support to the Radical party, (with the exception of Davies, a two-faced semi-Democrat) without having a chance at the public purse—were determined that the Chapline clique should be ousted, and demanded that delegates should show their credentials, as there appeared to be two sets of delegates present and claiming seats. The Chapline clique, on the other hand, headed by Kincaid, Hoderick & Co., who have heretofore quietly fattened upon the emoluments of office—were as desperately determined to retain their supremacy, in spite of all that might be brought to bear against them. As the result of this, a most disorderly and disgraceful discussion ensued, in the midst of which the courteous Davies endeavored to explain his position, why he was there, &c., but Roderick did not care to hear him, and called him out, yelling "Sit down." "Put him out," &c. But the Irish blood of Charles was up, and he maintained his position, saying he "would sit down when he pleased."

After a terrible uproar, John Spangler jumped up and denounced the Convention in the bitterest terms, said a set of rotten delegates had gotten in there who did not belong to the Republican party at all, and branded some of the simon-pure as rebels and traitors. He proposed to adjourn the Convention and organize a mass meeting.

Twelve o'clock having arrived without any thing being accomplished, the Convention adjourned until 1 1/2 o'clock for the purpose of holding caucus meetings. A number assembled at the negro school-house, and elected Wilson, the negro school-teacher of this place, as chairman. In a few minutes the Capt. of the Negro Club, or Loyal League, under the instructions of Fayman, came in and called for his members to retire, whereupon some twenty or thirty, led by the loyal James D., left the scene in disgust. After considerable squabbling, this meeting adjourned.

In a short time the scattered hosts were again marshalled in the Court-House, but the attempt to effect an organization was more difficult than ever. Brackett and Davies refused to concur in a resolution to appoint a committee to examine credentials, on the ground that they had no proof that the committee would have credentials. A motion was finally proposed to have been carried, to adjourn for two weeks, but Ames, Davies & Co. could not submit to this. Ingles left the chair, and with most of the Chapline clique, retired in disgust, and Edmund Chambers was placed there in his stead. John Spangler jumped on a bar table and pulled his coat off; he wanted a mass meeting, said "it was his danghille, he would speak there, and would like to see anybody stop him." Ames called to the Sheriff, and said there were men enough there to put him out; but Spangler became furious, and "dared the scoundrels to touch him," said he would speak as long as he pleased. The chairman then called him to order, when Spangler exclaimed, "You are out of order, and have been out of order for some time." Finally Spangler quieted down, but the uproar continued, affording a rich treat to the Conservatives present. Pete Hodge, a negro barber, was called for and made a few remarks. He said that "the Republican party was split wide open. There was money in dis tinguish, if dere wasn't, it would have been settled long ago."

After a long continued uproar, and amidst a perfect bedlam of confusion, a few nominations were made by the Carpet-Baggers; Brackett and John Staley for the Legislature, Davies for Commonwealth's Attorney, and Jacob Lettinger for Recorder. Chase was chosen as the nominee for the Sheriff, and he, endeavoring to pay tribute to the favor of both wings accepted; but a pledge being demanded as to his deputies, he indignantly declined. As to what action was then taken we are not informed.

From all that we can learn, this affair was the most uproarious struggle that has taken place since the famous Kilkenny cat fight. epithets were applied which, in an assemblage of gentlemen, would have called for an instantaneous pass at arms—but which, among the Radical party of these latter days, are as common as civil salutations—without so much as a blowing the truck.

Since the adjournment of the Convention, we understood that most of the candidates

FRANCE AND PRUSSIA.

From the condensed news columns of the *Baltimore Gazette*, we make up the following summary—

THURSDAY'S NEWS.

It is supposed in London that the Prussians would have, perhaps, seven army corps before Paris yesterday. Direct mail from London to Paris is stopped and the telegraph wires have been cut a few miles north of the city, on the line to Brno and Calé. General Trochu has announced, after a grand review, his satisfaction with the force for the defence of Paris.

It is reported that the ammunition and provisions of Strasbourg are failing, and that its heroic defence is drawing to close and its surrender imminent. The defence of Toal continues, though it has been bombarded for nine hours, and the city was much damaged. The Emperor enjoys entire freedom of action at Wilhelmshöhe, riding or walking as it pleases him best. He is described generally as looking very badly. His whole appearance indicates "apathy."

A Berlin correspondent says that the Prussian Government regards the so-called "National Defence Government" at Paris as existing *de facto*, but as of no validity *de jure*, that they cannot and will not treat with it. When Paris is taken, the Government *de jure* will resume, the Emperor can return, and a commission be appointed to accept terms of peace. When it is concluded the Emperor will be released, and France left free to have what government the people may want.

FRIDAY'S NEWS.

The Spanish Minister at Paris has been recalled for recognizing the French Republic, as Spain is bound by treaties to maintain the position of other Powers. It is reported from Berlin that the Provisional Government refused any proposition from Prussia involving a surrender of French territory; had it not done so, it would have been recognized by Prussia.

General Trochu says that seventy thousand men on the ramparts may save the city, and that it is unapproachable if its soldiers are properly armed.

The third parallel before Strasbourg is completed, and a long and fierce bombardment upon it has taken place. Its commander is reported as beginning to despair of his ability to hold the place. French troops in Baden are said to have received reinforcements and will operate on German soil.

The people, "the real people"—are said to be in the highest spirits in Paris; that they will certainly fight, and ten times better, than the army. General Cluseret talks of "death or victory," and says that there must be no other issue. He would refuse mediation, and says that if the French Republic conquers alone, it will consolidate republicanism, not only in France, but all over the world.

A dispatch from Paris reports that the Prussians advance in immense force, and it is to be gathered that most likely to-day the city will be completely invested. The gates are to be shut to-day. The latest accounts of its condition represent it to be amply supplied with water, food and munitions, and it is asserted that there are certainly half a million of men under arms within its walls.

SATURDAY'S NEWS.

A large body of troops left Paris on Thursday night in the direction of St. Denis. It was believed that they intended to engage the advance of the Prussians, who are again reported as advancing steadily on Paris. They are reported to spread devastation and destruction on their march, and that at Chantilly they captured a train, detained the passengers and confiscated their baggage.

News from the front at Strasbourg speaks of a heavy fire from the parallel, which continued all day on Thursday, causing great destruction to the walls and citadel. It was thought that an effort to storm the fortifications would be made to-day. Strong appeals had been made by the citizens to General Ulrich to yield to inevitable destiny. In refusing, he said that his duty must be discharged at all hazards. It was believed that the Prussians could not be long delayed in the falling of the fortress.

It is said that if Paris can hold out three months the Prussians will be driven to the Rhine. Trochu has 410,000 men who, he binds the ramparts, will be good soldiers. The citizens will emulate Strasbourg, and it is believed that the power of the city to resist is only limited by the supply of food.

General Trochu, in his proclamation to the troops, says that the one battle to be fought, walls, or get in by surprise, that they will have to make their way over barricades. An interview, held by a *Herald* correspondent with Victor Hugo, he said that he had come to Paris to share the perils of the citizens; that they had the choice of a determined defence or a cowardly surrender; if the latter, he would return in exile to his old retreat, if the former, he trusted to see every quarter of Paris blown to atoms, and soldiers and citizens buried in the same grave, and so would Paris perish. The democracy of France and Germany would then rise to avenge the terrible catastrophe.

Immense supplies of arms and ammunition are being ordered by the French from England.

The latest news from Paris is that the Prussians had been seen at the Rappel, the southern end of the Meuse and National called to arms and the sentinels doubled on the ramparts. Skirmishing in various places outside the walls had taken place.

MONDAY'S NEWS.

The French have blown up the Fort of Vincennes, as it was not thought to be tenable. The commander of Strasbourg has telegraphed the War Department at Paris that his situation was desperate, and that an early capitulation is inevitable.

Several skirmishes of minor importance have taken place around the fortifications of Paris, and there has been some cannonading. There is more danger apprehended as to the safety of the city from the Red Republicans than from the Prussians. Some of them already urge the erection of a guillotine.

The English Government has positively informed M. Trochu that it will not interfere with peace between France and Prussia. The Prussian Embassy in London is said to have information that leads it to believe that the English Government has made sales of muskets to France since the war commenced.

ANTHRACITE COAL IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—A letter from Harrisonburg to the *Baltimore Sun* says:

The discovery of a bed of anthracite coal in the North Mountain, near Brock's Gap, Rockingham county, is announced. Specimens have been brought to town, and those who have seen it, pronounced it of good quality, being but slightly mingled with slate and easily reached from the surface. The discovery has been made on the farm of Mr. Jones, about nine miles from Timberville, a depot of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas railroad.

On the 10th instant, Lexington voted \$30,000 subscription to the Valley Railroad Stock.

Campaign of the Railroad Kings in Virginia.

The formal breaking of ground at Front Royal on Thursday for the Shenandoah Valley Railway has considerable significance, says the *Washington Star*, from the fact that it develops a plan of campaign by the Pennsylvania railroad men characterized by the same astuteness that has just now given such complete and rapid victories to the Prussian army. While Mr. Garrett, on the part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is chieftain for county subscriptions, proposing on the part of his Company to subscribe equivalent amounts for the construction or continuation of what is called the "Valley Road" (now finished to Harrisonburg), the Pennsylvania men have quietly arranged to build the whole road up the Valley from Shepherdstown to Salem, which strikes the Virginia and Tennessee Road. The entire line 233 miles, has been surveyed and already put under contract, the purpose being to complete it within two years. It is designed to make it a low grade road; the minimum being 35 feet to the mile, and the maximum 53, and though to secure this easy grade it will be necessary to follow the water courses, the general direction of these is so favorable that the detourments on the Potomac river to that on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad will not be more than five miles.

Starting from the Potomac river at Shepherdstown, the road runs by way of Charles-town to the confluence of the two branches of the Shenandoah river, near Front Royal. Here the north branch is crossed, and the road keeps along the main river for the most part for the distance of about 50 miles above Fishersville; thence it passes over the waters of the South river of the James, descending that stream to its junction with the North river, which is followed to its mouth. Thence the river follows the valley of the James river to Buchanan, and thence curves along the tributaries of the main river to Big Lick, a station on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad.

The construction of railroads in Virginia, says the *Star*, has heretofore been across the Shenandoah Valley, and thus it happens that this road will cross in succession the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Road, the Winchester and Potomac, the Orange, the Alexandria and Manassas, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads, and will intersect with the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. The projectors of this Valley road will doubtless count upon making these five cross line feeders to their own road, which they propose to make a great North and South line, extending on from the Potomac river to a direct course to Philadelphia and New York. For the present the connection North will be made by way of Shepherdstown and a link connecting that point with Hagerstown, where the main line of the Pennsylvania Valley Railroad and other existing lines of railroad northward; but the grand project proposed to be carried out without delay is for the construction of an inner route connecting the Valley route at the Potomac by nearly an air line with Philadelphia and New York. Starting from Berlin, on the Potomac, this side of Harper's Ferry, this road will probably proceed by way of Frederick, and thence through the Susquehanna at Chestler or Peach Bottom, thence on to Christiana, in Pennsylvania, striking the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad at that point, and following that road to Downingtown, thence on to Philadelphia and New York.

A glance at the map will serve to show the great directness of this grand scheme for a great North and South line. Ordinarily, a project of such dimension should be considered an affair to be discussed and hammered upon for a quarter of a century, but it would appear that the Souths, the Melvins and others of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad and Pennsylvania Central Improvement Company have taken up hold of it with the idea of finishing it in a few months. They do not even seem disposed to stop to invite subscriptions, but propose to build the road on their own account, taking the chance that they will succeed. It was stated quite positively by the speakers on behalf of the Pennsylvania interests, at Front Royal yesterday, that no subscriptions would be solicited; that the money to build the road would be forthcoming, and all that was asked was liberal treatment in the matter of right of way. It should be added that these declarations were received by the city projectors of this grand scheme, and indicated their satisfaction with the prospect of being able to get the desired railroad facilities without being called upon to load themselves down with a burdensome amount of indebtedness. The rival Company, the "Valley Railroad Company," failed lately to secure the subscription asked from Augusta county for the continuation of that road from Harrisonburg in the direction of Staunton, and the projectors of the Pennsylvania road, General Robert E. Lee, was elected its President, with the hope that his influence would secure the desired subscriptions; but now that the Pennsylvania line without county subscriptions, it is doubtful if even Lee's potent name will invoke the required contributions for the construction of another road merging into the same facilities.

The Pennsylvania road men have not only outmaneuvered Mr. Garrett on the shore line of Southern connections via the Baltimore and Potomac Road, the Long Bridge and the new road from Alexandria to Fredericksburg, but have also flanked him in the Valley on the inland route. It is understood that Mr. Garrett holds that the value of the Southern and Southern Railway connections have been greatly overestimated, and he has devoted himself mainly to building up the Western connections of his road, where its great importance, he may be right, but these railroad men of Pennsylvania are generally supposed to know what they are about. At any rate, they have labored assiduously to secure the franchises for these Southern connections, and now they are proceeding to use their advantage in a way that looks like business.

It should be added that the charter of this Shenandoah Valley Railroad allows the Company to build a number of branches, one of which is the Piedmont and Potomac Road, from Front Royal to Washington, via Keokuk, Aroha, Gam Spring, Thornton and Falls Church. The distance by air line is fifty five miles, but a portion of the Manassas Gap Road could be used from Front Royal to Keokuk, making but a short link of connection between the latter and Washington.

THE ADVANTAGE OF RAILROADS.—The Hagerstown Mail, in speaking of the rapid growth of that city, attributes it in a great measure to increased railroad facilities. The Mail says:

This advancement is owing to two causes; the great increase in railroad facilities, which have already made our place a railroad center, and the growth of the manufacturing interest, which is a necessary sequence. In addition to those extensive establishments now in operation here, another very large concern is likely to seek a permanent locality here, which we will have occasion to speak hereafter.

LETTER FROM OOM. M. F. MAURY, TO P. B. BOSSERT, ESQ., Pres. Shenandoah Valley Railroad.

V. M. I., LEXINGTON, VA., September 5th, 1870.

Sir—I have received your polite invitation to participate in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of your Railroad on the 8th inst., near Front Royal.

I am constrained to send regrets, for it will be convenient to be present.

You are right in calling it "one of the most important roads on this continent;" for it is capable of being made so. It is a link which, with others already in operation, or soon to be completed, at the other end, in Alabama, will give us almost an air-line from Mobile and New Orleans to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and become the great thoroughfare between two important sections of the country—the South-west and North-west.

This circumstance makes your road and its connecting links a work of public necessity and national importance.

The government of the United States is already passing through a great revolution. It has abandoned the doctrine of State Rights and assumed all the powers, attributes and prerogatives of a sovereign nation. If I read rightly the signs of the times, "the powers that be" will not only claim the right to consolidate different lines of railroads in the States, but assert the power of Congress to grant charters for the construction of works of internal improvement in the States, as well as in the Territories.

I am a strong opponent of this new doctrine, not the champion of its advocates, but I am not blind to its logical sequence, which is, national control, right and power over railroads, just as the government of France, Russia and others exercise. This prerogative is even claimed by its advocates under several clauses of the Constitution: (1) to provide for the common defense; (2) to promote the general welfare; (3) to regulate commerce, or (4) to establish post roads.

The late war, as well as that now raging in Europe, shows railroads to be as a means of defense, as necessary and important as ships of war; and the government may build the one as well as the other.

Events that are transpiring here show that it is the intention of those who are shaping the destiny of the country to rig this people up into a great nation. For us to shut our eyes to this fact and ignore it, would be about as wise as it would be for the seaman, when storms are brewing, to neglect to prepare his ship for the gale. Storms will come and with the vicissitudes of life, changes in the affairs of men. These have been forced upon us and it becomes us to adjust ourselves to the assumption on the part of our rulers of these new powers and attributes of a sovereign nation. Therefore I look forward to the time, and expect its coming at no distant day, when the general government is to assume power over railroads, at least to a certain extent, and so far as it may be necessary for the establishment of great trunk lines, with double or multiple tracks, between the chief commercial business centres of the country along the Atlantic coast, on one hand, and the inland centers of trade, population and production on the other.

Pray examine a railway map of the United States, and you will then see the railroad tracks from a sort of irregular network over the face of the country; "a mighty maze" without a plan that they have been constructed without regard to any general plan or coordinated system, but they have been built from time to time and from place to place just as chance and opportunity seemed to permit.

Moreover what a spectacle in political economy is that now presented in the management of these roads?

Immense monopolies and overgrown corporations exercising powers, and exerting influences that are dangerous to the commonwealth.

Under these circumstances I expect to see many more lines in Congress in an early day, for the encouragement of certain grand trunk lines of iron-ways between the Atlantic seaboard, and the inland centers of business, either by the grant of charters, when necessary, or by the consolidation of existing lines over which the mails, munitions of war, government supplies, troops and seamen shall be transported at certain fixed rates, the routes to be fixed in time and from place to place, just as if they were to be held at all times subject to the government inspection, and liable in war to its orders, control and management.

In this view, there is no route of greater importance than the line of which your road is to form a link. Draw on the map a straight line between New York and the mouth of the Chesapeake, you will be surprised to find that the route is not far from direct, and that it intersects the Va. & Tenn. R.R. very near the place where you propose to tap this road; that it follows thence the connecting links of your road as nearly as the mountains and the topographical features of the country will allow, until it strikes the shore of the Gulf. Practically, it may therefore be said when your road is built and straightened a little here and there, to afford the best and shortest route that the nature of the country admits of between these two important cities in the North-east and those remote and productive regions of the South-west. After cutting off an elbow here and there the detour of this route from an air line will be small.

With my present topographical knowledge I am safe in saying, that there is no other line of road that will afford a more direct route than the remote South and South-west corners of the country in such direct and immediate connection with its capital and the three great cities of export and import—Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

The Alleghenies stoop to give easy grades and gentle curves to this line of roads, and as soon as the main stem crosses the mountains it unfolds out like a fan into two main running right and left through Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas;—New Mexico, Arizona and the Pacific coast by the road thither from Memphis; trace it and you will see that no grand trunk line of road can be projected in any part of the country that will be tapped by so many and such important feeders; nor can any road be constructed that will bring such a vast and productive region of country in more direct communication with the great sea port towns of the Atlantic.

Wheat from Tennessee, and much of the cotton of Arkansas now find their way by rail to New York;—see what a circuitous route these staples must take to get there; compare the saving which this chain of roads leads to, and you will see that it is not only a matter of fact, but it may then perhaps be able to form some faint idea of the vast amount of trade, travel and traffic that is in store for us.

What you want from Congress to enable you to complete this line of road at once and make it what the necessities of the country require it to be, encouragement, not grants of land or money, for most of the links in your line are, as you have said, already built and in operation. What you want is legislative encouragement, and contracts for services to be rendered.

The bars at the mouth of the Mississippi,

the delays which attend bound ships west, the loss of the Ballou, and the dangers of the Florida Pass on one hand, with the improvements in sailing transportation on the other, all conspire to divert commerce more and more from the outlets of the Mississippi on the South, and to turn it Eastward by rail towards the seaport towns of the Atlantic. This commerce is passing upon the railroads for new and more convenient outlets through the waters of the Chesapeake and the sea port towns further to the North. This is done by reason of the difficulties of navigation along the Southern coast and the obstructions which in the shape of bars, nature has placed at the entrance of Southern harbours.

The business of this part of the country has grown to be such that it produces and merchandises can no longer brook the dangerous routes and round about ways that they are now compelled to take. They must have straight shoots to the waters of the Chesapeake and the harbours of the North, where factors have their choice of markets, and easy access to the great highways of the sea. These advantages, the produce of the Southern States cannot now have, for there is no convenient, good and safe harbour known to commerce south of the Chesapeake. Moreover influence are at work which are destined to make Virginia the great thoroughfare of trade and commerce between the Mississippi valley and the people of Europe.

Your road will supplement them. It is a well timed work of improvement. The chain of roads with which it is linked is one of the two grand trunk lines which are destined to connect the cities on the tributaries of the Chesapeake and on the harbours of the North with the Southern States. Think what a country is comprised within them! They embrace an area of more than 600,000 square miles and contain a population of nearly 10,000,000 of souls who contribute annually to the commerce of the world; produce annually of their own growing to make the aggregate sum of \$300,000,000.

Such is the country, such the people, and such the values that look to the government to open through Virginia for them a good, cheap and safe thoroughfare to the markets of the world.

Go on therefore and build your road. It is a link in the chain that is destined to become of the greatest commercial and national importance.

Respectfully &c.

M. F. MAURY.

A "TALK" BETWEEN TWO WIVES.

"A talk with a talker's giving," writes a lady who signs her name, D. E. Elliott, and dates her letter "Barlett street, Brooklyn, E. D.," me and my friend Mrs. A. McDermott, my next-door neighbor, had a serious talk about our husbands. Mine is a lithographic printer, and her's a picture-framer. "They had both been working ever-hour, and were completely broken down, rested badly, couldn't eat, and complained of sick headaches. We had heard that PLANNATION BIRNBAUM was first rate, and we got on our feet for two bottles, and persuaded our husbands to try the effect. It worked like a charm; and now, after taking the 'Bitters' for four weeks, they are both so spry, like new men. Their strength and health are thoroughly recruited, appetites good, spirits cheerful, and they say they can bear twice the fatigue, without inconvenience, that they could a month ago. Thinking that the proprietors of such an excellent remedy had a right to know the good it is doing, I send you these lines."

The simple purity of Sea Moss Purifier, its action on the blood, its beneficial effects on the system, its great economy will win for it, as we believe it deserves, the foremost place among all remedies for a cure of all the ailments.

150c.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, on Thursday, Sept. 28th, by Rev. J. P. H. de CHARLES H. CARTER, of Frederick county, to Miss EDMOND N. G. CARTER, of this city.

In Shepherdstown, on Thursday last, Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS, of Berkeley county, to Miss BARRIE H. HILL, of Jefferson county.

On the 18th inst., by Rev. Mr. Starnham, Mr. ALFRED KRAZ, of Martinsburg, to Miss ANNA E. FETTERMAN, of Clearspring, Md.

DIED.

At 10:30 P. M., Mrs. ELIZABETH D., consort of Philip Engle, Sr., departed this life on the 16th of August, 1870, aged 78 years, 9 months and 10 days. At the residence of Mr. Ench Hedge, near New Market, in Berkeley county, where she had spent on a visit, on the 11th inst., Miss ROSA ROBINSON, youngest daughter of the late Col. James Robinson, in the 10th year of her age.

At her residence, near Tuscarora, in Berkeley county, on Thursday last, Mrs. HARRIET B. HENSHAW, in the 77th year of her age.

On the 8th inst., in Baltimore, LILLY LEE, only daughter of James L. and Louisa Turner, aged 1 year, 5 months and 10 days.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

What Does Reason Say?

The little monster when bitten by a deadly serpent resorts to a certain plant, catnip (if I am not mistaken) and the effect of this is to drive the poison from the system. On the other hand, man depends on reason and experience in selecting the means of protecting health and life from any such pestiferous influence. Now, what does reason say on this vital subject? Does it not tell us that to invigorate and purify the system is the best way to protect it against the insidious poison which generates disease? Surely it does. The next question is, what shall we do for invigorating and purifying the system? Catnip is a vegetable medicine, and its action is not so rapid as that of the other medicinal plants. It is a tonic, and it is a purgative, and it is a stimulant. It is a tonic, and it is a purgative, and it is a stimulant. It is a tonic, and it is a purgative, and it is a stimulant.

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JOHN M. LOCKE, Mr. MARY C. LLOYD.
American Hotel,
HARRISONBURG, VA.

THIS well-known Hotel has been entirely renovated, and the new Proprietors promise that Guests shall receive every comfort which well-appointed Lodging, clean Beds, and attentive Servants afford.

September 20, 1870. J. M. L.

FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale his Riding and Draught Horse, said to be 7 or 8 years old, a natural pacer, works well and true in harness. Having no further use for him, he will sell for Twelve Months credit, with note and security, at 6 per cent interest. Also for sale a recently-sharpened SHOTGUN, English manufacture. Sept. 20, 1870. JOHN HUMPHREYS.

NOTICE.

ALL persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of the late Thomas Rutherford, are requested to come forward at once and settle, and those having claims against said estate will present them, properly authenticated, to me for settlement. MARY E. RUTHERFORD, Sept. 20-31.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ENDLESS PUNISHMENT.

A DISCUSSION BETWEEN REV. M. S. BRIDGES, D. D., (Universalist), and DR. J. L. LEAR, (Episcopal).

Published in the "STAR" in the "War of Dissidence" and "CHRISTIAN STANDARD" (Christian), beginning Oct. 1st, 1870, continuing about six months, and comprising Complete in Book Form. Either paper will be supplied during this most able and interesting discussion.

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NEUROUS DEBILITY.

THOUSANDS suffer from it. A weak, nervous, exhausted feeling, no energy, animation or vigor, loss of spirit, weak memory, involuntary seminal emissions, with loss of power and threatened impotence. The cause of this is NEUROUS DEBILITY, and it is a general disease. It is a general disease. It is a general disease. It is a general disease.

VERY HEAVY BOMBARDING.

THE BROADWAY HOUSE HOLDS OUT TO THE END.

AD is now receiving larger supplies than ever, of Fall and Winter Goods, from the New York market, of the very latest styles and Fashions, comprising all kinds of

VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE.

THE undersigned offers at Private Sale, the valuable Parcel of LAND, adjoining the town of Middletown, Jefferson county, known as the "OLD SAW-MILL TRACT."

PAPER, SAW OR BRIST MILL, OR OTHER BUSINESS.

THE undersigned offers for sale his land and paper, saw or brist mill, or other business, in the town of Middletown, Jefferson county, known as the "OLD SAW-MILL TRACT."

CARRIAGE FOR SALE.

I WILL sell at a fair price and on Twelve Months credit, an excellent Family Carriage, built by W. J. Hawley, in his best style and material. It is in good sound condition, will accommodate four persons, and has tongue, seats and harness for one or two horses.

FOR SALE.

A FINE WOOD MARE, 7 years old, warranted sound, and in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash, or on a credit of 30 days, by the purchaser giving a note with security, to the undersigned, at Middletown, Jefferson county, Va. Sept. 20, 1870. J. D. GLENN BROWN.

FOUR GOOD WORK HORSES FOR SALE.

I HAVE for sale Four Good Work Horses. Terms in usual form. Call on the undersigned, at Middletown, Jefferson county, Va. JAMES B. CONKLIN, Sept. 20-31.

Spirit of Jefferson

LOCAL MISCELLANY

WANTED—Eight or ten loads of Wood...

DIFFICULTY ACROSS THE RIVER—We have noticed for the last two or three Saturdays...

A Mr. Abalom Gray, residing on the other side of the river...

The ladies will accept our thanks for the attentions paid us.

BRASS BAND.—Our community has long felt the want of a musical organization...

THE CIRCUS.—The performances of De Haven's Sensation Circus...

PETERSONS MAGAZINE.—The October number of this unrivaled ladies' magazine...

NEW DECISION.—The latest "decision" is that dealers in manufactured tobacco...

SEKING ALMS.—J. T. Evans, passing himself as a M. M., as also a member of Masonic Lodge No. 4 at Fredericksburg...

FREDERICK (MD) FAIR.—The Tenth Annual Fair of the Frederick County Agricultural Society...

THEY'RE ABOUT.—As cooler weather approaches, we suppose the appetite for fresh sausage is increasing...

SOMETHING NEW.—A novel mode of advertising has just been inaugurated in our town by Mr. W. H. Kirk...

TEMPERANCE ADDRESS.—We are requested to announce that the Rev. Thos. Brown and Hon. Thos. M. Isbell...

THE LADIES FAIR.—The Fair and Collation which has been conducted by the ladies of the M. E. Church, South...

Supervisors' Court.—A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday last...

Two Good Dwelling Houses.—MEAT HOUSE, ICE HOUSE, CAFE, BARN, CORN GRINDS...

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM.—The undersigned, in accordance with the provisions of the last will and testament of the late Thomas B. Hoff...

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