

Wood! Wood!! Wood!!!

We are strictly without Wood, and unless some of our friends supply us IMMEDIATELY, we shall be compelled to seek a home where people live without fire.

TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisements should be handed in as early in the week as possible.

THE TURNPIKE TO BERRYVILLE. One of the most important movements of the day, is the project of a Turnpike Road to connect with the Berryville and Seikens Ferry Road.

Heavy Rain—High Waters. The fall of rain on Saturday Sunday and Monday last was constant, and at times heavy.

THE BATHING. The Baltimore train failed to connect at Harper's Ferry with the Winchester cars on Monday and Tuesday.

DEATH OF ANOTHER STATE SENATOR. It is with regret that we are again called to notice the death of another State Senator, that of DAVID CRAWFORD, Esq.

FINN SHEEP.—We have seen frequent notices in Northern and other papers, of fine breeds of sheep, but we think we can name some in our neighborhood, scarcely to be excelled any where.

WE learn from the Lancaster (Pa.) Union that in the 43d election district that county, there were 300 votes for Canal Commissioner, Congress, or the Legislature.

THE SOUTHERN PLANTER. The October number of this Agricultural Journal has been received. We have perused this number, and find many articles well worth the subscription price themselves.

A brilliant meteor was seen from the Cambridge (Mass.) Observatory on the 23d, at 4 o'clock A. M. The new planet was seen on the evenings of the 21st, 22d and 24th ult.

TRIAL OF WM. CLIP.

The trial of Wm. Clip for the murder of John W. Gray, at Kabletown, who was killed during the month of October of last year, came on before the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for this county, Judge Douglas presiding, at the October term.

The case was tried at the sitting of this Court in May last, but was not decided from the jury's failing to agree on a verdict, and they were discharged by this sitting of the Court.

It was taken up on the third day of the Court, 21st October, and the empaneling a jury and examination of witnesses occupied until the following Monday.

The case was argued by the Commonwealth's Counsel J. E. Page, and D. H. Conrad, Esq. Counsel for Prisoner—Andrew Hunter, Wm. C. Worthington, Wm. B. Thompson, C. B. Harding, and Wm. Lucas, Esq.

The counsel for the accused made most vigorous efforts in his behalf, which were replied to by the counsel on the Commonwealth's side with ability.

The case was given to the jury on Wednesday evening the 28th ult., and on the next morning they rendered the following verdict: "We the jury, find the prisoner guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and we further ascertain the term of his imprisonment in the jail and penitentiary house in the city of Richmond to be three years."

The prisoner was tried under the new law; the jury being selected by lot from the sixteen previously chosen.

This case has inflicted much pain upon the worthy families and friends of the parties to the conflict, and may truly be termed an unfortunate one in all its aspects.

It is lamentable to learn that another of the steamers of the Government, the Col. Harney, laden with supplies for the army, has been totally wrecked, near the mouth of the Rio Grande, and that fifteen of the twenty-eight persons on board were drowned or lost!

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THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Southern Churchman publishes a communication from Bishop Meade, calling the attention of the Ministers and Members of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, to the Annual Thanksgiving appointed by the General Convention.

The Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church has a rubric which appoints (unless some other day is appointed by the civil authority of the State,) the first Thursday in November, to be observed by the Episcopal Church as a Day of "Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all other Blessings of His Merciful Providence."

We learn from the Loudoun Chronicle that the trial of Benjamin Ridgeway for murder, came on in the Superior Court of Loudoun county on Tuesday week.

The trial of Wm. R. Myers, by the Examining Court, at Richmond, on the charge of killing D. M. Hoyt, and of Samuel S. Myers and Wm. S. Burr as accessories, was concluded on Monday week, by their acquittal.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL LAW.

A Committee of the Education Society of Loudoun have reported various amendments to the School Law, which they recommend to public consideration.

1. The first refers to the division of the County into School Districts.

2. That in addition to the election of a Commissioner, the voters shall also elect two Trustees, who shall, in conjunction with the Commissioner, choose a teacher or teachers.

3. In order to reduce the amount of taxation, a portion of not less than fifty cents, but not more than one dollar per quarter, shall be charged.

4. The Sheriff of the County to be ex-officio Treasurer of the School Fund, to collect the dues as the public taxes are now collected, and make payment on the order of the Board.

5. To provide uniformity in the School Books, the Commissioner and Trustees of each district to determine what books shall be used; and when the scholars are not provided with the proper books, they shall be furnished by the Commissioner and Trustees, and charged in the tuition bill.

6. The tax to be levied for school purposes not to exceed fifty per cent upon the amount of State revenue, county levy and poor rates.

7. These amendments were reported by a committee, consisting of Samuel M. Janney, James S. Carper, and John M. Orr—and it is understood that John A. Carter, another member, concurs in the report.

8. Mr. Janney has given the subject much consideration, and his views are entitled to great respect.

9. These amendments, engraved on the law, the whole to be submitted to the people at the polls in April next.

"RESTORATION! RESTORATION!"

We have read, with a high degree of interest, a letter from a gentleman who has lately been at Ashland, with Mr. Clay.

"Gallant Clay," on the present condition of the country and the issues between the Whig and Locofoco party, in which Mr. C. fully coincided with the Whig party, and in his advice, in this respect, as is observed, "deserves to be inscribed upon every protective banner in the Union."

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LETTER FROM THE BATTLE FIELD.

The relations and friends of Lieut. F. J. Thomas, in this quarter, have been greatly relieved by the receipt of the following letter: "It was reported that he had been killed at Monterey, but this report originated from the fact of a gentleman of the same name having fallen with Col. Watson."

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