

FOR THE STAUNTON SPECTATOR.

## THE CONTRAST.

No. 1.

WAYNESBORO, 14th Oct. 1839.

SIR:—As I am an old man, and have seen much of the world, I thought that it might sometimes amuse your readers to see a contrast drawn between the present times, and fifty years ago; therefore when you have nothing better to occupy your columns, you may make use of these numbers on that subject, as I shall forward them. I was born in 1805, (consequently I am now 34 years of age) but where, or under what circumstances, is of no importance, and as to the day, whether it was clear or cloudy, I am unable to tell you, for I assure you, upon honor, that it was quite before my recollection; but this much I can say, that I have lived to see a strange contrast between the present and former days. About the first of June last, I was seized with an unquenchable desire to see some of my old friends and relations, which had long since forgotten me, and as they live in various parts of the world I would have to travel much to see what few of them are now alive, and as life is uncertain, I thought that I would make the whole trip as expeditiously as possible, and write my journal afterwards; so here it is.

June 4th, left my residence at 329 front street, Waynesborough, at 27 minutes past 8 o'clock A. M., arrived in Phila. in time to breakfast with a friend, the balloon waiting for me 2 hours, which was a long visit for these days; then proceeded to Boston, where we arrived in time for dinner at 5 o'clock P. M.

I forgot to mention that we called and took a friendly glass with the venerable Marquis of Kinderhook, who you know is a son of a man who was President of the United States something like fifty years ago. At Boston, I found some two or three old friends to talk with, who congratulated me on living to see the escape from the vulgar mode of travelling by Stages, Rail Roads, and Steam-boats, that were in vogue fifty years ago. Will not the name of Patten be remembered forever? I finished my visit in B. by 10 o'clock that night, when I stepped on board the balloon, took berth No 137, and went to sleep; but was aroused about 4 o'clock the next morning, June 5th, and found myself safely landed at the great depot in Quebec, having touched at Halifax for wood, whither we had been blown by an adverse wind. I believe the wind will never blow out, but last in spite of all improvements.

Here, I was determined to remain at least 2 days for sporting; accordingly we procured a light balloon, and a party of some twenty-five or thirty of us went out for a Bear hunt to the north seas. We returned about 8 o'clock P. M. having taken 13 Bears, and eat a superb dinner on an Iceberg, about Lat. 23. Felt somewhat fatigued.

June 6th. Awoke much refreshed, but lay for some time ruminating on the contrast exhibited between the present day, and fifty years ago. Your readers, Mr. Editor, must hunt the history of that time, for I cannot tell them every thing, as I wish to keep some little knowledge for myself and progeny.

At 9 o'clock took a parachute for Niagara falls, viewed the scene there, and returned to dinner.

Afterwards, wrote several letters with the newly invented steam pen, and despatched them to my friends. More in No. 2.

TIMOTHY FRANCE.

N. B. I perceive that the 66th volume of your paper is nearly at a close, therefore, when you commence the 67th, I wish you would forward it to me, I mean the daily paper.

T. F.

THE TEXIAN BOUNDARY.—The following gentlemen compose the commission to run the line between the United States and Texas: The Hon. John H. Overton, commissioner; Col John R. Conway, surveyor; Mr. Glendening, Secretary. On the part of Texas, Col. P. B. Dexter, commissioner; Geo. W. Smyth, Esq. surveyor; Mr. H. P. Bee, Secretary. The Commissioners were to meet at the mouth of the Sabine on the 15th of October.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—The Boston Recorder of last week, relates the following: "Having had occasion lately to pass a Sabbath in Utica, N. Y., we were placed to notice one fact, relating to Bagg's Hotel, in that city. It is this: A large and commodious pew in one of the most respectable churches, is owned by the proprietor of the hotel, and expressly appropriated to the accommodation of strangers, who stop at the house. This arrangement obviates the embarrassment often felt by a stranger, who passes a single Sabbath in a place, as to where and how he shall attend divine service."

MAMMOTH SWEET POTATO.—Every body has heard of "short and sweet," but here is "length and sweetness long drawn out."—What think you of a potato 4 feet long? You don't believe it? Here it is before us—four feet and one inch from the end of the snout to the tip of the tail, and six and a half inches in circumference. This beats beets, pumpkins, and squashes all to smash! This enormous vegetable was raised on the farm of Daniel Hibler, Esq., near Carondelet, in this county—St. Louis Ball.

## OBSERVE!

He who sends an advertisement to a newspaper, without giving directions as to its insertion, is presumed to wish it inserted every publication day until he orders it stopped. Any other rule would lead to infinite confusion and difficulty. It is very easy for every man who sends or brings an advertisement to make the terms of his contract with the publisher, and settle beyond future cavil, the price he is to pay for it. If he omits this necessary preliminary, his advertisement will be charged at the regular rate, and he will be obliged to discontinue it.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.  
The prosperity of this institution bids fair to realize the most sanguine hopes of its patrons, and to repay all the solicitude which the Legislature and State at large have manifested in its behalf. The number of students at this time is about 239—a greater number than have matriculated at the same period in any former session.

During the present term of the Superior Court, a very interesting and important case has been decided in relation to the late act of the Legislature prohibiting merchants and others from giving credit to students; by which it appears that not only is the Judge of the Circuit favorable to the law, but that a jury of our county, many of them from the immediate vicinity of Charlottesville, have felt it to be their duty to enforce its provisions. Several presentments were made by the Grand Jury at the last term, only the first of which has yet been brought to the test of a petit jury. During the trial of this case much interest was felt as well on the part of the friends of the University as on that of some of the merchants of our town. The jury was hung on the first day, (Saturday) being as it was stated eleven to one for enforcing the law; and on Monday they brought in a verdict of "guilty" against one of our citizens, who was charged with having given credit to two students of the University the last session.

We have been impressed with the opinion that the act of the Legislature of Virginia, prohibiting the giving credits to the Students was an encroachment upon the rights of the citizen, although we were of opinion that it might have a beneficial tendency in curtailing the expenses of the student. We have lately learned that it is the impression of some of the officers of the University—founded upon very plausible data, that besides the wholesome effects of the law upon the discipline of the institution and the moral character of the students generally, it has operated in reducing the amount of their average expenditures about \$200.

We understand that an appeal has been taken from the decision of the Judge upon an application to discuss the "constitutionality of the law" before the jury; but, without presuming to understand the merits of the point involved in this application, or the merits of the counsel, we do not hesitate to express a most unqualified concurrence with the remarks of the Court in deciding that the jury had nothing to do with that question. The opinion of the Court was in favor of the constitutionality of the law.

We feel fully persuaded that the General Court will sustain the decision of Judge Thompson, as to the constitutionality of the law.—Charlottesville Repub.

## OBITUARY.

FROM THE WINCHESTER VIRGINIAN.

ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER GONE.—Died, on Wednesday evening, at his residence in this town, in the 86th year of his age, Capt. PETER LAUCK. He was one of the intrepid band that marched from this place in the summer of 1775, under the command of Capt. Daniel Morgan, afterwards the renowned Gen. Morgan, to Massachusetts, and there joined those patriots who were struggling in the cause of liberty against the British army under the command of Gen. Gage. Morgan's company marched from thence early in December, 1775, in which General Montgomery was killed, a number of the troops, among whom was Mr. Lauck, were taken prisoners, and suffered a rigid confinement in prison in that city until the spring following. In the course of that year he returned to Winchester, where he has resided ever since, maintaining the character of an upright and honest man. He has left an aged widow and several children to lament the loss of an affectionate and kind father. The last sad rites were paid to his memory by the Masonic fraternity, of which he has for many years been a member, the Military of the town, and a large concourse of citizens.

## BOARDING.

Mrs. ELIZA TAPP respectfully informs her friends and the public that she is prepared to accommodate seven or eight boarders. As one of the professors of the Staunton Male Academy and his family boards with her, it might be an inducement with parents sending their sons to that institution, to place them at her house, where they would be under the constant care of their teacher.

Staunton, Oct. 24.

TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF STAUNTON.

## DR. MEACHAM

Will spend but 1 or 2 weeks in this place. During the last 8 years he has tried many experiments to find out a certain and effectual remedy for destroying the nerves of Teeth that are exposed, without injuring the substance of the Teeth, so that the Teeth could be saved by plugging.

He is now in possession of a remedy which will effectually destroy the Nerve, and generally with very little pain, and the Teeth can be saved by plugging.

Room at Capt. McClung's Hotel.

Oct. 24.

## \$200 REWARD.

RAN away from the subscribers living in Augusta county, Virginia, on the night of the 19th instant, two Negro Men named

HARVEY & JACOB.

Harvey is 26 years of age, about five feet eight inches high, stout made, dark complexion, has a small notch in the rim of one of his ears, occasioned by a fall, and has a down look. Jacob is a yellow boy about 20 years of age, five feet, 5 or 6 inches high, of rather slender form and boyish look. The only mark recollected is a number of warts on one of his hands. He had on when he left jeans mixed clothing, and an old black fur hat.

The above reward will be given for said negroes if taken out of the State, or \$100 for either of them—and \$25 for either if taken in the county, or \$50 if in the State and out of the county, and lodged in jail, so that we get them again.

JAS. A. COCHRAN.

JOHN SELLERS.

October 23, 1839.

The Romney Intelligencer, Winchester Republican and Kanawha Gazette, are requested to publish the above three times and mark cost.

## PROSPECTUS.

J. GIDEON, JR. OF WASHINGTON CITY, HAS now in Press, and will shortly be published, a History of the Rise, Progress, Genius and Character of AMERICAN PRESBYTERIANISM: Together with a Review of "The Constitutional History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," by Charles Hodge, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

BY WILLIAM HILL, D. D. OF WINCHESTER, VA.

The first number will contain much miscellaneous matter, preliminary to what is to follow, and carries the History no further than the formation of the Mother Presbytery. It will require two or three successive numbers to complete the History proposed. These shall follow as speedily as they can be prepared for the press.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Each number will contain from 250 to 300 pages, and will be furnished to subscribers, printed on fine paper and new type, half bound in cloth, at not exceeding 75 cents per number, to be paid for on delivery.

Washington, October, 1839.

Subscriptions received at the office of the Staunton Spectator.

## NEW GOODS.

JAMES C. MAUPIN,

Respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has received, and is receiving daily, fresh supplies of Goods, selected by himself with great care in the Northern cities, and which he is confident cannot fail to please. His stock is general, consisting of almost every article in demand in this market, in the DRY GOODS, GROCERY, QUEENSWARE & HARDWARE lines. He has also a general assortment of SCHOOL BOOKS—and a large and well assorted stock of Ladies' and Children's SHOES and Gentlemen's BOOTS & SHOES.

He invites purchasers to call and examine his stock, assured that they will find his Goods as well selected and as cheap as any in this market.

Oct. 21, 1839.

## WILLOW SPRING FOR SALE.

I will offer at public sale, in Staunton, on Monday the 11th of November next, my WILLOW SPRING FARM, containing about

230 ACRES,

lying on both sides of the main road to Greenville, and within 2½ miles of Staunton.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Oct. 24, 1839.

## Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Philip Dull and wife, bearing date the 13th day of August 1838, and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Augusta, will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday the 23d of November next, before the door of the Post Office in Staunton,

## A Certain Lot

or parcel of Land, in the town of Staunton, in that part of the said town called Newtown, being the same lot conveyed to the said Dull by Benjamin Crawford, Esq.

Acting as Trustee, I shall convey such title only as is vested in me by the deed aforesaid.

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Trustee.

Oct. 24.

WILL be sold on Friday the 1st of November next, at my house, the following property, to wit:

Horses, Cattle, Milch Cows, young Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep; and also one or two likely NEGROES.

Terms made known on the day of sale.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE HANGER.

Oct. 4.

## Trustee's Sale.

In pursuance of a deed of trust executed to the subscriber on the 23d day of September, 1838, by Andrew Crist and wife, and duly admitted to record in the Clerk's office of Augusta County, I will expose to sale on Saturday the 23d day of November next, upon the premises in Spring-hill, for purposes in said deed specified, the following described real and personal property, to wit:

One certain Lot in Spring-hill, now in the occupancy of said Crist, on which there is a TAN-YARD, being the same which was purchased by the said Andrew Crist of Jacob Crist and known in the plan of said town as No. 14.

Also—All the Spanish Hides, Calf Skins, Green Hides, Sole Leather, Upper Leather. One BARK MILL, a quantity of Bark, and all the Tools and implements for carrying on the Tanning and Currying business, now in the possession of said Crist, together with all the accumulation of Stock and Provisions which may accrue to said Crist from this date.—Two ten plate Stoves, 2 Walnut Bureaus, 1 Walnut press, 1 Walnut Secretary, 3 French Post Bedsteads, Beds and furniture, 1 dozen Windsor Chairs, 1 large falling leaf Table, 1 small do, one small Wash Stand, 1 dozen plates, 2 dozen Cups and Saucers, 2 dozen Knives and Forks, 4 Table Cloths, 2 Pots, 2 Ovens, 1 Frying Pan, 1 Teakettle, 1 pair of Shovel and Tongs, 2 pair of And Irons, 1 smoothing Iron, 1 Rag Carpet, 1 Looking Glass, 1 Red Cow, 5 Hogs with their increase, 1 Grind Stone, 1 Wheelbarrow, 1 large Kettle, 1 low Bedstead, 1 pair of Patent Bellows, and all the property of every kind belonging to said Crist.

By agreement between the parties, the Real estate will be sold on a credit of 6 and 12 months, with interest from the date, purchaser giving bond with good security, and the Personal property on a credit of 6 months, with interest from the date, purchaser giving like-wise bond with security.

The title to the above property is believed to be unquestionable—but acting in the capacity of Trustee, I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by the conveyance aforesaid.

WM. B. KAYSER, Trustee.

Oct. 24, 1839.

## Sale of Real Property AT AUCTION.

THE subscriber intending to remove to the West, will sell at public auction, on Thursday the 14th day of November next, the Tract of Land on which he now lives, in Botetourt county, containing

365 ACRES.

about 125 of which are cleared; the remainder well timbered, and the larger portion well adapted to the growth of either Grain, Grass or Tobacco. There are five or six springs of excellent water on the place, at different parts of it. The improvements are a comfortable

Dwelling House, a large Barn, and all necessary out Buildings. A further description is unnecessary, as any persons wishing to purchase will examine for themselves. If the Land be not privately sold before the day above stated, it will then certainly be offered at auction.

MATTHEW WILSON.

Oct. 24.—3t.

I have several hundred bushels White FLINT WHEAT, which I will sell on a credit of 12 months.

RO. S. BROOKE.

Staunton, Oct. 24, 1839.

Jacob Kyger,—plaintiff

AGAINST

Mary Rutledge, Executrix of George Rutledge, dec'd.; George Rutledge, Edward Rutledge, Jane who intermarried with Amariah Kerr, Rosanna, who intermarried with Elijah Rutledge, Wm. J. Rutledge, Mary Anne Rutledge and Lydia Rutledge, children and heirs of said George Rutledge dec'd.—defendants.

## IN CHANCERY.

The parties defendants in the above suit, being all non-residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, are hereby notified, that, on the 23d of November 1839, at the house of Alexander Cochran, in Ross county, Ohio, I shall proceed to take the deposition of said Alexander Cochran, to be read as evidence on the trial of the above case now depending in Chancery in the County Court of Augusta.—If from any cause said deposition should not be taken on the above day, it will be taken at the same place on the 25th of the same month.

JACOB KYGER.

Oct. 24.—1t.

## \$100 REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia, on Saturday the 12th day of October inst., a Mulatto boy named

RICHMOND,

who calls himself RICHMOND SPEARS. He is 21 years of age, about six feet high, round shoulders, and bow-legged, so much so that when he walks his toes rather incline inward—the end of the fore finger of one of his hands, (believed to be the right hand), is cut off—and has yellow eyes. He is a fellow of bad countenance, and when spoken to has rather a downcast look. It is thought that he will endeavor to make his way to some of the Free States, as he has a great many free relations living in Albemarle, Nelson, and Augusta, some of whom are on the eve of starting to Ohio.

The above reward of \$100 will be given for his apprehension, if taken out of the State and brought to the subscriber, or \$50 if secured so that I get him—\$15 if taken in the county and delivered to me—and \$25 if taken out of the county and delivered to me, or \$15 if secured so that I get him.

JOHN BROWN.

October 24.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Augusta County the 24th of August, two men as runaway. They say they are the property of David Hancock, of Albemarle county. One of them calls himself John Cooper, and says he is a blacksmith by trade, he is about 25 or 30 years of age, rather light complexion, near six feet high, straight made, and well built.—He has a good deal of clothing with him, had on a black fur hat, about half worn, Green Baze Roundabout, two Linen Shirts and Pantaloons.—The other calls himself Daniel Hall, about five feet eight or nine inches high, complexion very black, chunky built, had on a black fur hat about half worn, Green Roundabout made of Canton Flannel, two Linen Shirts and Pantaloons, also two pair of Striped Cassimere Pantaloons &c. About 40 years of age.—The back of his hands are nearly white, he says it was occasioned by scars from powder. They have between them about \$5 or \$6 in silver. There are circumstances in their story as to whom their real owner or master is rendering its truth very doubtful. The owner or owners of the above runaways are requested to come forward and prove their property according to Law, and take them away or they will stand subject to other and the further operations of the Law in such cases made and provided.

ROBERT GROVE, Jailor

Oct. 24.

The Richmond Whig will insert the above for six weeks.

## House Sign & Ornamental PAINTING.

THE subscriber, thankful for past favors, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he still carries on the above business in all its branches. His shop is in the frame tenement next door west of the Bell Tavern, where he may be at all times found, unless professionally engaged.

JAMES A. ARMISTEAD.

N. B.—All kinds of Merchandise produce taken in exchange for work.

Staunton, Oct. 17, 1839—Eow 3t

The subscriber will open a MUSIC SCHOOL on the first of November next, for the instruction of young gentlemen on the Flute and Clarinet.—Terms, \$5 per session, of 20 lessons. Hours of Tuition from 6 till 9 o'clock, P. M., Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

J. A. A.

## EDUCATION.

The ensuing session of the subscriber's SCHOOL will commence on the 11th of November next. The price of tuition, and of board, &c. in the subscriber's family will be the same as heretofore. The fees are payable in advance.

JOHN HENDREN.

Oct. 17.

## NOTICE.

THE subscriber has just received an assortment of Fur and Hair CAPS; also SILK HATS of a good quality.

WM. McCOMB.

Staunton, Oct. 17.

## DEAF AND DUMB, AND BLIND SCHOOL, AT STAUNTON VIRGINIA.

This Institution will open for the reception of pupils on the 15th day of November next.

The Terms and conditions of admission will be as follows:

1st. The Institution will provide for each pupil, board, lodging, and washing; the constant superintendence of health, conduct, manners and morals: fuel, candles, stationary, and other incidental expenses of the school room, for which, including tuition, there will be an annual charge of \$120.

2d. In case of sickness the necessary extra charges will be made.

3rd. No pupil will be received for a less term than two years; and no deduction will be made on account of vacation or absence, except in case of sickness.

4th. Payments are always to be made six months in advance: for the punctual fulfilment of which, and the continuance of the pupil for two years, except in case of sickness or dismissal by the visitors, satisfactory bond and security will be required.

5th. Each Deaf mute applying for admission, must not be under 7 or over 25 years of age, and in the case of the Blind, not under 7 or over 18; under peculiar circumstances this rule may be departed from at the discretion of the Executive committee. In every instance the pupil must be of good natural intellect, free from any immorality of conduct, or from any contagious disease; of which a satisfactory certificate will be required.

6th. Each pupil shall, on admission, be provided by his parents or guardian with sufficient changes of comfortable clothing with the name of the owner marked on each article; the clothes must be renewed by the parents or guardians when required, otherwise they will be furnished by the institution and charged to such parents or guardians.

7th. In case the parents or guardians are unable to defray the expenses of pupils, if residents of the State of Virginia, they will be educated and furnished gratuitously by the institution.

When a pupil is sent to the Institution, unless accompanied by a parent or some friend, who can give the necessary information concerning such pupil, a written statement should be sent as to his or her name; the year, month & day of birth; the names in full of his parents, brothers and sisters; the place of his residence: whether he or she was born deaf or blind, or if not, what caused his or her deafness or blindness; and also the name or direction of the person to whom letters respecting such pupils may be addressed.

The vacations will be determined on hereafter.

All letters in relation to the admission of pupils, address to the undersigned.

NICH'S. C. KINNEY, Sec'y.

Staunton Oct. 10, 1839.

## Coloring the Hair.

The Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has a method of changing hair of any color black, whether red, sandy or gray, in the course of a few hours, without producing any inconvenience or unpleasant sensation. He respectfully asks those who may desire his services in this way to call on him, and he will give them more particular information respecting the method and its efficacy.

H. SAUPE.

Staunton, October 16, 1839.

## NOTICE.

The public, and my friends, are hereby informed that the winter session of the school conducted by my daughter and myself, will commence the first Monday of November next. Young ladies, and small boys only, will be received in my family, and in the families of my two sons, who live in sight of the school house. The terms of tuition and boarding as last session. Any or all the sciences will be taught in our school. There are other near neighbours with whom boarding can be obtained.

WM. CALHOON.

Augusta County, Oct. 17, 1839.

## Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a deed of trust, executed to me by James Musson, and Margaret his wife, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bath county, will be sold for cash to the highest bidder on the 2nd Tuesday in November next, at the Warm Springs, in said county,

100 ACRES OF LAND,

adjoining the lands of William McClung, and within a quarter of a mile of the Turnpike road leading from the Warm Springs to Staunton.

Acting as Trustee I will convey such title only as is vested in me by the deed aforesaid.

THOS. SITLINGTON, Trustee.

Oct. 17.

## To the Medical Profession.

PHYSICIANS will please call at the Drug Store of E. Berkeley & Co., and examine DR. THOMPSON'S PELVIC CORSET for the cure of Prolapsus Uteri, Fluor Albus, and other affections of the Pelvic Viscera. It is considered by some of the most distinguished Physicians who have used it, the most valuable remedy ever offered to the public either in Europe or America.

W. P. MEACHAM,

Proprietor for the State of Virginia.

October 10