

THE ELECTRIC GIRLS OF SMYRNA.

The two Smyrna girls, whose persons present such remarkable electric phenomena, landed at Marselles in the beginning of last month. In hopes of realising a splendid fortune, they intended to exhibit themselves in France and other parts of the continent. Immediately on their arrival, several persons, including various men of science and professors, visited them and ascertained the following phenomena. The girls stationed themselves facing each other at the ends of a large table, keeping at a distance from it of one or two feet, according to their electric dispositions. When a few minutes had elapsed, a crackling resembling the electric fluid spreading over a sheet of gilt paper, was heard, when the table received a strong shake, which always made it advance from the elder to the youngest sister. A key, nail, or any piece of iron, placed on the table, instantaneously stopped the phenomenon. When the iron was produced no effect upon the experiment. Saving this singular circumstance, the facts observed constantly followed the known laws of electricity, whether glass insulators were used or whether one of the girls wore silk garments. In the latter case the electric properties of both were neutralized. Such was the state of matters for some days after the arrival of the young Greeks, but the temperature having become cooler, and the atmosphere having loaded itself with humidity, all perceptible electric virtue seemed to have deserted them. One may conceive the melancholy of these girls, and the disappointment of the two Greeks, their relations, who have come with them in order to share their anticipated wealth.

Foreign Missions.—The whole amount of money collected for Foreign Missions in this country in the years 1837 and 1838, was \$418,340. The amount received for Domestic Missions we have no means of ascertaining.

A new building has been just erected in Boston, called the *Missionary House*. This will be the head quarters of the American Boards of Foreign Missions, having rooms and proper accommodations for the officers of the Board, and for the preserving of papers, letters and curiosities, received from missionary stations abroad, &c.

The rise and progress of the Missionary spirit within the last fifty years would afford an interesting subject of consideration as indicative of an important change in the religious world.—*Balt. Amer.*

NATURAL SODA FOUNTAIN.—Mr. Spalding, an American missionary, writing from Fort Vancouver, beyond the Rocky Mountains, describes this phenomenon, which he passed three days' journey from Fort Hall. The fountain has several openings, one of which is about fifteen feet in diameter, with no discovered bottom. About twelve feet below the surface are two large globes, on either side of this opening, whence the effervescence seems to rise. A stone cast in, after a few minutes, violently agitates the whole fountain. Another of the openings about four inches in diameter, is through an elevated rock, from which the water spouts at intervals of about forty seconds. The water, in all its properties, is equal to any artificial fountain, and is constantly foaming and sparkling. It is stated to be very salubrious.

WINE.—An officer in our navy, writing from Madeira, June 5, 1838, says: "There are about thirty thousand pipes of wine produced here annually, and of that, not more than ten thousand pipes are ever sent to the United States; and it is no less true than strange, that at least fifty thousand pipes are annually served up at the United States hotels, under the name of Madeira." The extent to which wines are manufactured is astonishing. The question whether ardent spirits is a poison has been often discussed (and very unprofitably); but if sugar of lead, arsenic, &c. are poisons, it will not be difficult to settle the question respecting our wines. It is well ascertained that the most deleterious drugs are often used in making imitation wines. Indeed, an alarm should be publicly sounded respecting this source of danger, aside from the general alarm respecting the dangers of alcohol. Imitation wines combine the two evils—poisonous drugs and alcohol.—*North American.*

Respiration of Plants.—Mr. Colin has lately read before the French Academy of Sciences a memoir on the Respiration of Plants, with experiments, proving that during the process water is decomposed, and that a carbonic acid formed is derived from the oxygen of the water, which unites with the carbon of the grain. It is proposed to examine, on a future occasion, whether the carbonic acid thus formed, is totally or partially dissipated, and whether the hydrogen of the water is absorbed by the grain.

Transformation of Oats into Rye.—Dr. Weinsborn represents a statement of this phenomenon to have been corroborated. In the last annual report of the Agricultural Society of Coburg, which asserts this transformation to take place if the oats be sown very late (about Midsummer-day), and cut twice as green fodder before shooting into flower stalks, whereupon a considerable number of the oat plants do not die in the course of the winter, but are changed in the following spring into rye, forming stalks which cannot be known from those of the finest winter-rye. "Let any one sow the oats during the latter half of June, and the transformation in question will certainly take place!"

TEXAN LOAN.—The New Orleans papers state that the Texan loan of \$5,000,000 has been negotiated in England, at 8 per cent interest per annum, payable annually, and redeemable in thirty years. The New Orleans Bulletin, after stating the above report, adds: "We would advise holders of Texan money not to part with it at the present low rates. The foundation of the government is beyond doubt secure; and it cannot be very long before the national revenue of the country will call in every dollar of its outstanding debts. She is now in a flourishing condition. Her crops of cotton are already beginning to be of much importance to the southern portion of the United States. Foreign capitalists are gaining confidence in the integrity and capability of her rulers to meet all demands, and it would not be at all surprising, if before a twelve month expires, the treasury notes of the young republic should stand at par with those of our government. Therefore, we would say to those who are in possession of this money, do not submit to the present great sacrifices."

Trustee's Sale.

In pursuance of a Deed of Trust, executed by Robert Lockridge to the subscriber, bearing date on the 9th day of October 1838, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bath County, conveying sundry Tracts of Land hereinafter mentioned in trust, for the purpose of securing the payment of the claims in the said deed stated, will be sold on Tuesday the 10th day of December next, at the front door of the Court-house of Bath County, the following tracts or parcels of land, (or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy the claims in said deed mentioned):

286 ACRES

on the Bull pasture river, and the same upon which the said Lockridge now resides, four hundred and thirty Acres lying between the Bull pasture and Jackson's mountain, two hundred and forty Acres on the east side of the Bull pasture river, one hundred Acres in the Big Valley, forty five Acres on the Bull pasture, seventy five Acres in the Little Valley, one hundred Acres on the Bull pasture, one hundred Acres on Chesnut ridge, and two hundred Acres on the east side of Jackson's river.

The above land or much of it is of an excellent quality, as it is of the Bull pasture bottoms, which is equal in quality to any land in said County of Bath, and as a stock farm, the property is well worth the attention of graziers. The title to the above property is believed to be unquestionable; but acting as Trustee, I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by the conveyance aforesaid.

S. A. PORTER, Trustee.

Nov. 7, 1839.

Trustee's Sale.

In pursuance of a deed executed by Robert Lockridge to the subscriber, bearing date on the 15th day of October 1838, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bath County, conveying sundry Tracts of Land hereinafter mentioned in Trust, for the purpose of securing the payment of the claims in the said deed stated, will be sold on Tuesday the ninth day of December next, at the front door of the Court-house of Bath County, the following TRACTS or parcels of Land, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy the claims in said deed mentioned,

Two hundred and eighty six Acres on the Bull pasture river, 430 Acres on Jackson's mountain, 240 Acres on the east side of Bull pasture, 100 Acres in Big Valley, 45 Acres on Bull Pasture, 75 Acres in Little Valley, 1030 Acres on Bull pasture, 100 Acres on the same, 200 Acres on east side of Jackson's river, and an entry and survey of 162 Acres adjoining the Carlyle Tract.

The above land, or much of it, is of an excellent quality, as it is of the Bull Pasture Bottoms, which is equal in quality to any land in said county of Bath; and as a Stock farm this property is well worth the attention of graziers. The title to the above property is believed to be unquestionable, but acting as Trustee I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by the conveyance aforesaid.

S. A. PORTER, Trustee.

Nov. 14, 1839.

FOR SALE,

A Negro female Servant, aged about 25 years—who can sew, spin, wash, cook, weave, &c.—in fact in point of qualifications as an efficient house servant, she is of an extra grade. The Editor of this paper can inform any person wishing to purchase such a servant as is herein described, who the owner is, and his whereabouts.

Nov. 21, 1839.—3t

NOTICE.

A petition will be presented to the next that the precinct election now held at the House of Robert Dunlap, in Augusta County, be changed to Deerfield, in said county.

Nov. 14, 1839.

TANNER WANTED.

A Steady, industrious, man, may hear of a pleasant situation, by dropping a line soon, to the Post Master at Hardin's Tavern, Albemarle County, Va.—stating terms, qualifications and recommendations.—A single man, or one with a small family would be preferred.

Nov. 21—3t

Virginia, to wit

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County, October 21st, 1839, Peter Rabush and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Beard—plaintiffs

AGAINST Jacob Beard and Eliza Ann Beard, infant children of Samuel Beard, dec'd., under the age of twenty-one years—Peter Teter and Molly his wife,—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This day came the plaintiffs by counsel, and filed their bill against the defendants, and on motion, James A. Cochran is assigned guardian to the infant defendants to defend them in this suit; and the defendants, Peter Teter and Molly his wife, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not inhabitants of this country: It is ordered, that the said defendants do appear here on the first day of the January Term next, and answer the bill of the plaintiffs, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the town of Staunton for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the Court-house of this County.

Copy—Teste, JEFFERSON KINNEY, C.K.

Virginia Scrivener

For sale at this office. Merchants supplied on commission, on liberal terms.

Cash for Negroes.

I wish to purchase a number of likely Young Negroes—boys and girls—for which the highest cash price will be paid. WILLIAM GULLEY. Waynesborough, March 14, 1839



FRESH MEDICINES, &c.

JAMES F. PATTERSON RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has just received, and is now opening, in the Store House, South and nearly opposite the Post Office, a general assortment of

Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, and Groceries,

Which he offers on as good terms as they can be purchased in this country—and as they have been carefully selected, he is enabled to recommend them as FRESH and of good quality.

He respectfully invites the attention of Physicians, and the public generally to his stock, and hopes by close attention to business, with a determination to sell articles of a good quality, and at reasonable prices, to merit a share of their patronage.

A Valuable Farm FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will offer for sale at public auction, the premises, on the first Saturday of December, ensuing, his Farm at the head of Lewis' Creek. This farm lies 4 miles South West from Staunton, the main road from Staunton to Lexington by Middlebrook, passing through and dividing it into nearly equal parts. It contains about

312 ACRES,

120 to 130 of which are cleared, under good fences, and in a good state of cultivation, the balance well timbered. A branch runs through the farm, from which about five acres of meadow may be watered, besides a spring in the yard, and near the house, from which issues a bold and never failing stream—there can be no purer or better water.

The dwelling house is roomy and comfortable, with 4 fire places. The land is well adapted to all the crops usual in the country, and is in the immediate neighborhood of several saw and merchant mills. There is an ORCHARD with some choice fruit. In short, this is one of the most desirable farms lately put into market, in this section of country.

TERMS.—One-half the purchase money will be required on the first of April, 1840, when possession will be given, or somewhat sooner if wished, (reserving to the tenant now on it the right of reaping and securing the present fall crops,) the balance in three equal yearly payments thereafter, and to be secured by a lien upon the land—bonds to be executed at the time of sale.

—Not. 7, 1839.

Rockingham Register insert 3t and forward account to this office.

VIRGINIA

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for Augusta County, on Monday the 2nd of September 1839.

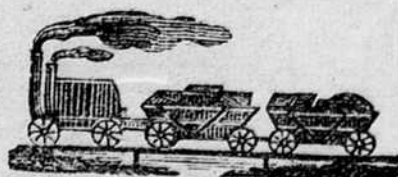
James Tate and Charles Beale, Ex'ors, of George Poague dec'd. plaintiffs

AGAINST Nash L. Pitzer and Benjamin Welch, adm'rs of Nash Pitzer, dec'd and John Mayo, George Poague, George Stull, Dinguid Kyle, Peter Wright, and John Jordan, their securities in the Administration bond—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The defendants John L. Pitzer, one of the adm'rs of John Pitzer, dec'd. and Peter Wright, one of the securities, not having entered their appearance and given security, according to the act of assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing from satisfactory evidence, that they are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth: It is ordered that the said Nash L. Pitzer and Peter Wright do appear here on the first day of the next term, (Nov. 10th 1839) and answer the bill of the plaintiffs, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Staunton Spectator, for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the Court-house of Augusta County.

A Copy—Teste, NICH'S C. KINNEY, c. c.



TRAVELLING On the Railroad.

ON and after Monday, the 30th instant, the PASSENGER TRAIN will leave the Depot at a quarter past 6 A. M. precisely. Passengers will thus have an opportunity of breakfasting in Winchester; and it is particularly requested that all will provide themselves with tickets in time.

ON Saturday, the 5th of May, and on the same day of each succeeding week, an EXTRA TRAIN FOR PARTIES OF PLEASURE, will start at 8 o'clock, A. M. Fare to Harper's Ferry and back by this train at the low rate of one dollar.

Travellers by this route have now the advantage of reaching Baltimore or Washington on the evening of the same day they leave Winchester, and Richmond at 10 o'clock next morning.

J. GEO. HEIST, AGENT. Winchester, April 25, 1838.

NATH'L. B. LONG,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received and opened a general assortment of Goods—consisting of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps.

He would ask attention to an assortment of ENGLISH GUNS, which he flatters himself cannot fail to please.

He has also received a large stock of Red Spanish SOLE LEATHER.

From his close attention to business, and a determination to sell cheap, he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.

Staunton, Nov. 14, 1839.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF

Medicines, viz Flour of Slippery Elm, (a new article,) Camphor, Opium, Liquid Opodeldoo, Godfrey's Cordial, &c.

And numerous other articles in the Drug Line, which they are determined to sell as low as they can be bought any where else in the Valley. Also, a handsome assortment of CONFECTIONARY.

E. BERKELEY, & CO. Staunton, Oct. 31, 1839.

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 admittance 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, stationery, 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 fulfillment 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 to his or her name; the year, month and day of birth; the names in full of his or her 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.

JUST RECEIVED.

HULL'S Patent hard CANDLES, by the Box, or single pound.

E. BERKELEY & Co.

Nov. 28.



Jewelry, Watches, &c.

THE subscriber having purchased the interest of A. T. Peebles, in the Jewelry Store, lately opened by him in Staunton, and recently occupied by Wm. Young, has permanently located himself here for the purpose of conducting the business in all its various branches.

Having provided himself with fine materials, tools, &c. he feels prepared to offer his services to the public, and will repair all kinds of fine watches, clocks, &c. which may be entrusted to his care. Having had considerable experience in his profession, he hopes he will be able to please those who may favor him with their custom. He will keep on hand

Gold and Silver Lever Watches, Plain Silver do.

Gold and Silver Pencils, Gold Buttons.

Fine enameled Breast Pins, Fine enameled Pearl & Paste Rings,

Coral Gold Clasps, Silver and Silver-plated Ware,

with a variety of articles all of which he is disposed to sell on accommodating terms.

A. ROBINSON. Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839.

BLANKS—Deeds, Constables' and Sheriffs' Blanks, Bonds, Notes, &c. for sale at this office.

BELL TAVERN, STAUNTON, Va.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has removed from the house lately occupied by him, 19 miles from Staunton, on the Jennings' Gap Road, to the Warm Springs, to the Bell Tavern, in Staunton; where he is prepared to accommodate travellers and others who may call on him, in a comfortable style. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited.

Boards taken by the week, month or day, and furnished with comfortable rooms.

WM. H. GARBER.

Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839—6t

Rockingham Register will insert 3t

LEBANON FOR RENT.

THE subscriber wishes to rent this well known establishment, nineteen miles from Staunton, on the Stage road to the Warm Springs, and on the Turnpike from Harrisonburg to the Warm Springs, which has been occupied for a number of years as a public house. A good tenant, who will keep it well, shall have an advantageous bargain. There are about

200 Acres of Cleared Land, under good fence, and a fine meadow. Possession given immediately. Any one wishing to rent will please call on the subscriber.

Not. 21, 1839.

TAILORING.

HENRY BARE

TAKES this opportunity of returning his thanks to the citizens of Staunton, and of Augusta county generally, for the very liberal encouragement which he has received, and would inform them that he has made every arrangement for the satisfactory management of his enlarged business.

He has secured the services of a number of competent workmen, and hopes by his unwearied attention to business to be able to render entire satisfaction to all his customers.

He has received the

Fall and Winter Fashions for 1839, and '40. A full suit of clothes will be made at any time in twenty-four hours, if desired.

One or two JOURNEYMEN wanted immediately.

Staunton, Nov. 21, 1839.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ALL persons who have claims against the estate of the late Timothy Cunningham, dec'd., of Augusta, whether sustained by note, account or otherwise, are hereby required to present them as soon as may be for settlement and adjustment. All persons who are indebted to the said estate, are in like manner, requested to make immediate payment—the situation of the estate makes it my imperative duty to settle it up, and close it, with as little delay as practicable.

J. B. BRECKINRIDGE, adm'r. of Timothy Cunningham, dec'd.

Nov. 21.

Morus Multicaulis FOR SALE.

THE subscribers have for sale a quantity of the genuine MORUS MULTICAULIS CUTTINGS and ROOTS of our own raising, some of them measure from 6 to 9 feet high. Also a quantity of SILK WORM EGGS, of the most approved kinds, (viz.) Mammoth Grey, Imperial White, Mammoth White, 2 Crop White, &c.—all of our own raising. Application made to either of the subscribers, by letter, to Mount Hope, P. O. Nelson County, Va. (post paid), will be duly attended to.

WM. C. ROBERTS. HAWES GRAVES.

Nov. 21, 1839—4t

Mrs. ANN P. SMITH:

Madam:—As you are not a resident of this Commonwealth, and have no known agent therein, you will please to take notice that, on the 27th of December 1839, between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M., at the store of George E. Craig, in the village of Bartenbrook, we will proceed to take the depositions of Benjamin Larew and others, which evidence on the trial of a suit in Chancery now depending in the County Court of Augusta, wherein we are plaintiffs, and you are defendants. If, however, from any cause the said depositions should not be completed on that day, the same will be continued from day to day, at the same place, and between the hours aforesaid, until completed.

DAVID GUTHRIE. GUTHRIE & MARTIN.

Nov. 28, 1839.

JOHN R. COOKE, (LATE OF WINCHESTER.)

HAS commenced the practice of Law in Richmond. He will attend the Court of Appeals, and the other Superior Courts, (State and Federal), held in this city. He will also attend the Western Court of Appeals at Lewisburg, regularly, from the beginning to the end of each term.

Richmond, Nov. 14, 1839.

NOTICE.

FOR all those who are fond of drinking good TEA, another chest of superior quality has just been received by the subscriber.

M. BLAIR.

N. B.—He has also just received a fresh supply of SCREEN WIRE, 18 inches wide, No. 4 and 8.

Staunton, Nov. 21—3t

Cash for Negroes.

I wish to purchase a number of NEGROES of both sexes, for which I will pay the highest cash price. Any communication promptly attended to.

JOHN W. PITMAN.

David A. Pitman, will attend to any business for me in my absence.

Staunton, January 24. J. W. P.

JOB PRINTING

Neatly and expeditiously executed at this office.

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County, October, 31st, 1839.

James Taylor, Jr. John O. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of George W. Taylor, and Samuel K. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan, and Emily J. Taylor, plaintiffs

AGAINST James Points, Adm'r. of John Taylor dec'd., Mary C. Taylor, David Points, and Sidney R. his wife, William W. Taylor, William Kyle, and Eliza H. his wife, John L. Pitzer, and Harriet A. his wife, and Jefferson Kinney, guardian ad litem, for George W. Taylor, Samuel K. Taylor, Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan Taylor, and Emily J. Taylor, children of John Taylor, under the age of twenty-one years—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This cause came on again to be heard this 31st day of October, 1839, on the papers formerly read, and was argued by counsel, whereupon it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, that James Points, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the time and place of sale in some newspaper published in Staunton, for at least four weeks, shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the undivided moiety of the TRACT OF WOODLAND in the bill mentioned, owned by John Taylor, dec'd. in partnership with John C. Sowers, on the following terms: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st of January, 1840, and the balance in one, and two years from that date, taking bond with approved security for the deferred payments. That said Commissioner also sell in the same way, on the same terms, the House and Lot in Waynesborough, the vacant Lot in Waynesborough, and the House and two Lots in Staunton, in the bill mentioned. It is further ordered, that Jacob Points be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner, who, after advertising the time and place of sale, in some newspaper published nearest the land, shall sell the land in the bill mentioned, lying in Moulton Valley, Alabama, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on the following terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st day of January, 1840, the balance in one, two and three years from that date, taking bond and good security for the purchase money, and retaining a lien on the land for the further security, and that said Commissioners report their proceedings to this Court.

A Copy—Teste, JEFFERSON KINNEY,