



HARRISBURG, VA

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1871

DEATH OF HON. J. J. ALLEN.

We are sorry to learn, from a reliable source, that Hon. John J. Allen died at his residence in Botetourt county, Va., on Monday last. Judge Allen was known as one of the most distinguished lawyers in the State, and was for many years President of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, which position he occupied until removed by the operation of the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution. He performed the duties of the high position to the entire satisfaction of his fellow-citizens, and when he retired from it, he left no stain upon the brilliant robe of the judiciary. After the war, he retired to his estate at Beaver Dam, Botetourt county, and has not taken any part in public affairs, but like others of our great men, lamented the calamities that had befallen his beloved State. The death of such a man is a public calamity, and we are sure will be received by every Virginian, and especially those who appreciated his true character, with profound sorrow and regret.

Governor Letcher, of Kentucky, was in our town last week, and we were pleased to see that he was in the enjoyment of robust health and good spirits, notwithstanding the losses he sustained in the war—the burning of his dwelling in Lexington, the confiscation of his valuable property owned by him in Washington City, &c. The Governor is justly ranked among our most honest and respectable men—a statesman of a comprehensive view and patriotic impulses. We are sorry that the services of such a man cannot be commanded by his oppressed fellow-citizens in the present crisis in their financial and domestic affairs.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.

At a large meeting of the Conservative voters of the county of Rockingham, held at the court house in Harrisonburg, on Monday the 18th instant, N. BARE, Esq., was called to the chair, and the editors of the county papers present, requested to act as secretaries.

Wm. H. Effinger, Esq., one of the delegates to the late State Convention, being called upon, explained the object of the meeting to be, to organize the Conservative party of Rockingham, according to the plan adopted by the State Convention.

On concluding his remarks, Mr. Effinger moved that a committee, consisting of two from each Township, be appointed by the chair, whose duty it should be to report the names of suitable persons, consisting of three from each voting place, to constitute the County Conservative Executive Committee.

Whereupon, the chair appointed the following gentlemen said committee: Harrisonburg Township—W. H. Effinger, J. H. Wartmann. Central Township—R. D. Cushman, J. C. Heltzell.

Franklin Township—Maj. Thos. Shumate, Col. E. J. Armstrong, S. Asby, Towns'p.—Dr. J. B. Webb, S. Siusser.

Elk Run Towns'p.—J. Holbrook, H. Harsberger. Plains Township—S. Cootes, Jr., Jacob Cowan.

Book's Gap Township—Noah Turner, Benjamin Trumb. Linville Township—Dr. Zerkle, Gideon Kratzer.

After a brief conference, the committee reported the names of the following gentlemen to constitute the Conservative Executive Committee of the County of Rockingham, viz: Harrisonburg Township—Harrisonburg—Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Dr. S. A. Coffman, Dr. S. H. Moffett, Keezletown—George P. Burtner, John N. Huffman, Strother Sheets.

Central Township—Dayton—Hiram Coffman, David Sater, Peter Long. Mt. Clinton—A. Andis, S. Firebaugh, John H. Balston.

—William Blair, William N. Jordan, H. P. Roundbush. Elk Run Township—Maj. John C. Walker, Samuel P. H. Miller, B. P. Teal.

Plains Township—Tenth Election—M. White Williamson, Dorilus Martz, G. B. Reed. Timberville—Benjamin Hoover, Samuel Cootes, Jr., I. Franc Branner.

Stonewall Township—Port Republic—Dr. George W. Kemper, H. B. Harsberger, C. I. W. A. Maupin, McGahy, P. George W. Manzy, Jerral Hopkins, Reuben Bonds.

Linville Township—Linville—J. Brock, Col. E. Sipe, D. W. Coffman, Hinton's Mills—Dr. Wm Jennings, C. I. D. Lee Murtz, Wm Sellers.

Clergy Grove—Jacob A. Mitchell, Col. Jackson Herr, Isaac Acker. Book's Gap Township—Wittig's Store—George Wittig, S. Whitmer, Wm Fishwater, Falk's Mill—George Falk, Benjamin Trumbo, S. Reed.

Upon the present motion and adoption of the report of the committee, Wm H. Effinger offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting do now adopt the report of the committee; that the gentlemen named in said report shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Conservative party of this county; that said Executive Committee proceed as soon as possible to organize; and that the chairman of said committee shall act as County Superintendent.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, this day elected, be earnestly requested to meet in Harrisonburg, on the first Monday in October, for the purpose of organization.

Col. Armstrong then offered the following resolution, which, after some discussion, was withdrawn by him: Resolved, That the Township Committees be respectfully requested to hold primary elections in each Township to ascertain whom they prefer as their candidates for the House of Delegates.

On motion, it was resolved that these proceedings be published in the county papers.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

N. BARE, Ch'n. J. GATEWOOD, J. H. WARTMANN, Secs.

REPUBLICAN MEETING. At a called meeting of the Republicans of Rockingham county, Va., this day, the following business was transacted:

Organization of Hon. John F. Iewiss, Henry B. Cry, Esq., was called to the chair; and on motion, Wm. P. Grove was elected to act as secretary.

Resolved, 1st, That this meeting proceed to select two delegates from each township in this county, to represent the county in the District Convention to be held at Harrisonburg on the 27th September, 1871.

Resolved, 2d, That the chairman of this meeting be authorized to make the selection of delegates required.

Whereupon, the following named gentlemen were appointed as delegates from the respective townships: Harrisonburg Township—B. B. Bots, E. q. and Harrison Green.

Linville—James Baker and John Hackey. Asby—William D. Maiden and Alb. R. Francis.

Elk Run—Newman Cave and Thornton Toliano. Franklin—Samuel Whitner and William Bandy.

Plains—Michael B. E. Cline and Lewis Will. S. O'Ferrall—David Gilmer and S. O. Pindexter. Book's Gap—G. W. Falk and A. Brenerman, Jr.

R. T. DANIEL, Esq., chairman of the State conservative committee, addressed a circular to Dr. Samuel A. Coffman, Superintendent for this county, dated September 7, 1871, in which he says:

"You are requested, immediately, to appoint and call together at least two representatives from each township in your county, as a county committee, who will aid you in the discharge of your duties, provide means to defray necessary expenses, and do all things for the interests of the Conservative Party. Where an efficient committee already exists, summon them to your aid. Appoint a Superintendent for each township in your county. The Superintendent may appoint each two aids, to assist them in the discharge of their duties."

Mr. Daniel then calls his attention to certain instructions, embraced in the plan of organization adopted by the State convention.

Pursuant to these instructions, Dr. Coffman appointed the following persons as a county committee of the conservative party of Rockingham county:

Harrisonburg Township—Chas. T. O'Ferrall, R. N. Liggett, Elk Run—John C. Walker and B. P. Teal. Stonewall—Dr. L. O'Brien and Col. W. A. Maupin.

Franklin—Col. E. J. Armstrong and Aaron Sluttors. Central—Hiram Coffman and D. Suter. Linville—Col. E. Sipe and Peter Neff.

Plains—Wm M. Sibiery and S. Cootes, Jr. Book's Gap—A. H. Falk and S. Miller. The above committee are earnestly requested to meet in Harrisonburg, on Monday the 25th instant, to perfect the organization of the Conservative party, and to consult upon its best interests. By order of the State Committee.

S. A. COFFMAN, County Superintendent. Letter from a Colored Conservative.

To the Editor of the State Journal: Sir—In your issue of September 13th, 1871 we find an article headed "The New Departure Accepted in Manchester," in which you do great injustice to Abraham Hall, John Goley, and Solon Johnson, the three Conservative colored persons who spoke on that occasion. We have the interest of our race as much at heart as any colored person in the State, and more so than any who have forced themselves upon us, and court the vote of the colored people for the purpose of self-aggrandizement and for the gain of office—not for the good of the colored race of Virginia, but for the filthy lucre it puts in their pockets.

Now Mr. Editor, after all of the great love you have expressed for the colored race, what have you done to benefit them? There was a time when you could have aided them very materially when they had just obtained their freedom, and thrown penniless on the world, without education and without means, without shelter, without a home or a meal, and without any friends to help them out of their "old masters" to aid them who were themselves so impoverished by the war as to be unable to render material aid; but they shared with them to the best of their ability, believing as they did, that the time would come when they would govern all things, would strike the ruthless hand of those who came to us with smiles upon their faces, but with the serenity upon their tongues for their sordid purposes. Their promises were great and many, and promises and disappointment were all we ever got.

Mr. Editor, your great cry has been the Constitution of Virginia and acts of Congress which guarantee to every man freedom of speech and equal rights as voters and freemen; and now, when we come forward to argue our cause and tell our colored brethren how they have been deceived and misled, the columns of your paper come out against us with vituperation and scorn, denying to us the rights you claim for yourselves. "Oh consistency, thou art a jewel!"

They blame us for being Conservatives; but if you will reason with yourselves, and ask yourselves this question, "Who supports the colored man and gives him employment, so as to enable him to support his family?" I answer the question for you: The Southern man—the man who was formerly our owner, now our friend. You speak of being thought with the dollar? Did we ever get a dollar North or South, except from the Southern gentlemen, before the war or since? No, sir. Who, then, ought we to support; those who help and support us, or those who only attempt to use us for their benefit? We speak for ourselves, and every man who is known to belong to the colored party is honest and sincere in his opinions, and intends to remain so in spite of all your pious efforts at sarcasm and ridicule. I, being the pioneer of the Colored American party, assume the right of defending its cause whenever necessary.

SOLON JOHNSON. That Tidal Wave.

A number of well known citizens of New Orleans have addressed a letter to Prof. C. G. Forshey, of that city, asking his views as to the merits of the prediction imputed to Prof. Agassiz, that on the 5th and 6th of October the Atlantic and Gulf coast would be inundated by a great tidal wave. This favor is asked of Prof. Forshey in view of the extended apprehension prevailing among the people, caused by the prediction, and with the hope of allaying the anxiety.

Prof. Forshey replies saying: Without the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the great Swiss naturalist, I will volunteer his defense against any charge of agency in the most monstrous and cruel hoax. Science has thus far furnished man no keys to the far future beyond the regular operations of known laws. The alteration of day and night; the phases of the moon; the return of the tides; the seasons of the year and of the planets to their positions, at well ascertained periods—long since fully explained—are relied upon as our only sure staple of knowledge. Any predictions relating to any of these are

beyond the human ken; and the child has as much authority as Herschel, Arago, or Leverrier in predicting them. No "conjunction of the planets," or combination of causes, known to science can give the remotest guess when an earthquake will occur, or a volcano will discharge its lava, at any place on the globe; and nothing short of a considerable upheaval beneath the sea, or disturbance of its bed, can produce any such wave as is fancied in this absurd prediction; or in any way create a greater rise or fall of water, than may be due to storm winds, or inner tides of the ordinary kind.

Spring tides are known as the high and low tides, occurring about the change and full of the moon. At these times the earth, moon and sun are nearly in a right line, and hence the tides, by combined attraction of sun and moon on the earth, increase the common tides by some inches, or even some feet, at special localities. These are all well known and accounted for, and may be predicted by Mark Twain, or his humblest almanac reader.

No other heavenly bodies are sufficiently near to the earth to effect sensibly the tides of the ocean; so that no "conjunction of the planets," whatever their positions, can appreciably influence the earth's tides.

The changes that are taking place, by the operations of geological causes, are generally so slow as scarcely to be appreciated within any historic period. These, however, are sometimes attended by great and sudden movements, called earthquakes and volcanoes. But they occur as above stated, at such long and irregular intervals that no sane man has ever ventured to predict them. And no better test of fitness for a mad-house could be given, by either a philosopher or pretender, than the utterance of any such prophecy.

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Public and Private Sales. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, IN HARRISBURG, VA.

BY virtue of a decree of the County Court of Rockingham, rendered in the case of Gray vs. McKay, &c., on August term, 1871, of said Court, I will, as special Commissioner of said Court, on Friday, September 29th, 1871,

A VALUABLE HOUSE & LOT in the town of Harrisonburg, situated near the O. A. & Manassas Railroad depot, adjoining the lands of J. Gray and others.

THE HOUSE is elegantly situated, large and commodious, and is a pleasant residence, or suitable for a boarding-house or hotel.

THE LOT contains between one and an acre of land.

THE TERMS—One-fourth on confirmation of the sale by the Court; the residue in three equal annual payments, to be secured by a mortgage on the premises, with the whole to bear interest from the date of the sale.

JOHN PAUL, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LANDS, MILL-SITE, & C., & C.

PURSUANT to a decree of the County Court of Rockingham, rendered at its August Term, 1871, I shall offer for sale at public auction, on the premises,

On Saturday, October 7th, 1871, ALL THE UNDEVELOPED ESTATE of Mathias Snyder, dec'd., near McGabrey's Hill, Va., containing over

500 ACRES OF LAND, with MILL HOUSE and NO. 1 WATER-POWER, MANSION-HOUSE, with water in the yard, and with a variety of out-buildings,

20 ACRES IN ORCHARD of fine bearing fruit trees, well timbered with Pine, Oak, Hickory, &c. The title is unquestionable.

TERMS—Enough in hand to pay costs of decree, sale, &c. The residue in three equal annual payments, with interest from the date of sale; with bonds to secure the same. The property will be retained as ultimate security till paid.

WM. SAUFLEY, Commissioner.

Commissioner's Sale. BY virtue of a decree of the County Court of Rockingham county, rendered at the March term, 1871, in the case of Saratana Smith, by &c., vs. Chas. H. Smith, I shall,

On Saturday, 7th of October, 1871, at 2 o'clock, P. M., proceed to sell at public auction, on the premises,

THE TRACT OF LAND in the bill and proceedings mentioned, situated on the Keselwood tract, about one-half mile South of Paul's Cross Road, containing about

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The house is in the best and most convenient frame buildings in the town. Possession given on the 1st of April, 1872.

Also, A NEW STORE, on Main Street, further north, containing six rooms, and about one-fourth of an acre of ground. This building is in a good state of cultivation. Possession given immediately.

8 ACRES OF LAND, adjoining the northern limits of the corporation, and fronting on the Valley Turnpike. It is a very valuable tract of land.

Also, A VERY VALUABLE property will be made for investment in the city of Harrisonburg, or to the unders

THE OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Wednesday, September 20, 1871.

LAWYERS AND NEWS.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to continue their subscription.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publisher will continue to send them until all arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are held responsible till they have secured their bill, and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing them leaving them uncollected, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

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Affairs About Home.

To Our Friends. For the purpose of meeting the heavy cash expenditures, required to buy material, pay our journeymen, and support our families, as well as for the purpose of making additions to the material of the office, we must call upon those who are indebted to The Old Commonwealth for subscriptions, advertising and job work, to pay the same as soon as convenient.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING for Harrisonburg Station M. E. Church, will be held at Andrew Chapel, commencing on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. Follansted, of Bridgewater, will be present.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE, for Rocking-ham District, Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, met in Woodstock on Thursday evening last at 2 o'clock, and was called to order and opened with singing and prayer by Bishop Pierce.

THE ORGANIZATION of the Conference was completed by the election of Moses Walton, Esq., as Secretary, and Joseph T. Logan, Esq., as Assistant Secretary.

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THE PREACHERS were thereupon called, and each one responded, stating—1st, the religious condition of the membership; 2d, the number and condition of the Sabbath Schools; 3d, whether there was any unoccupied territory within their respective bounds; 4th, the condition of the finances of the various stations and circuits. The responses of the preachers relative to these several interests embraced much that was highly interesting and encouraging to the church.

THE CONFERENCE completed its labors Saturday evening and adjourned, after a harmonious and profitable session. There was preaching every morning and evening during the sitting of the Conference—Bishop Pierce preaching Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. The pulpits of the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Reformed churches were occupied by members of the Conference on Sunday morning.

THE MEMBERS of the Conference, as well as many visitors from a distance, were hospitably received and entertained by the citizens of Woodstock, whose open-handed liberality on such occasions is proverbial.

THE PROCEEDINGS of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE are given in today's paper. The special attention of our readers is called to them. It has been the object of the friends of education in Harrisonburg to establish schools of the highest grade, in which our children may receive thorough instruction in all the branches of a liberal education, at a comparatively trifling cost. They have succeeded.

THE OPPORTUNITY is offered to those who do not live within the limits of the corporation, if they desire to avail themselves of it, to send their children to this school, at rates at least one-third lower than those usually charged. For instance, they may send to the classical department for \$40 for each scholar; for the intermediate department, \$25; and for the primary, \$15. Those who have heretofore sent their children to other places, have had to pay at the rate of \$60 for tuition in the classics, to say nothing of board and other expenses. Here they have all the advantages of thorough academic instruction, afforded at an expense that places it within the reach of all.

We are indebted to our friend, S. R. Sterling, Esq., for the following carefully prepared table showing the assessed value of Real and Personal Property in the county of Rockingham:

Table with columns for Township, Real Estate, and Personal Property. Includes Harrisonburg, Central, Frank's, Ashby, Plains, Linville, and Stonehill Townships.

TOTAL. Real Estate, Personal Property, \$7,781,897.69

Affairs About Home. For the purpose of meeting the heavy cash expenditures, required to buy material, pay our journeymen, and support our families, as well as for the purpose of making additions to the material of the office, we must call upon those who are indebted to The Old Commonwealth for subscriptions, advertising and job work, to pay the same as soon as convenient.

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THE CORPS of teachers embraces some of the most experienced and capable gentlemen in the State, and the school can be considerably increased beyond the number entitled to enter. Within the corporation, without detriment to the interests of the patrons.

THE ONLY genuine Riley (Augusta county) Whiskey in this market is to be had at the original Dixie Bar, one door South of the Masonic Hall Building, A. J. Walt, proprietor.

Attention is invited to the new advertisement of J. A. Heller, Agent, who will be found in the room with Chas. Eschman, Tobaccoist. He requests us to say that he has, in addition to his other large stock of goods on hand, a supply of the superior Riley Whiskey. He respectfully solicits the patronage of the trade and the public.

We call the attention of producers and shippers to the card of Price & Co., (late Price, Willis & Co.) of Alexandria, Va. The reputation of this house for promptness and fair dealing is second to none. Give them a call.

GOD'S LADY'S BOOK—This excellent monthly is on our table, we have spoken so often in favor of its merits, as a household book, that we scarcely know what to add now. God is as good a publication as this country produces.

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SCUFFER TO GOV LETCHER—A number of the friends of this distinguished Virginian, entertained him at the American Hotel, in this place, on Saturday night. The occasion was enlivened by speeches from a number of gentlemen, and the Governor delivered some happy remarks, appropriate to the meeting of old friends who had long been separated. Messrs Leitch & Co., as usual, made a splendid success in the supper, and everything passed off delightfully.

Gov Letcher is looking remarkably well. He spent several days amongst his Rockingham friends, who greeted him with great warmth. Long may this distinguished patriot and faithful public servant live. He has been tried and found faithful, under the most trying circumstances, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all true Virginians.

As cold weather is rapidly approaching, our young men, who showed such fine talent for debate last year, should again organize a lyceum. There is nothing more improving to the mind than debate; and besides, a vast amount of knowledge is gained. We hope therefore that our young citizens will be wide awake to their interests, and employ their spare time in studying and debating scientific, philosophical and political questions of the day. We think it important that this will rank next to our graded school. Every young man should take an active part in it, especially the ladies, should encourage it. A first class lyceum and a first-class graded school—what more in the educational life would our town wish?

NATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONVENTION—This body will assemble at Baltimore, on Monday next, September 25th, 1871. Gov. Walker has appointed the following delegates to represent Virginia in this important body:

- 1st Cong. Dist.—Wm. W. Walker. 2d " " W. N. H. Smith. 3d " " Isaac H. Carrington. 4th " " Walter Cole, Jr. 5th " " W. R. Berkeley. 6th " " Dr. S. H. Moffett. 7th " " G. C. Wedderburn. 8th " " Col. R. E. Withers.

Messrs Editors—Small towns in the Valley of Virginia are rapidly becoming nuisances. The crowds of idlers, loafers, and consequently busy-bodies, who are ever found in small towns and villages, ready to find fault, fight, riot, and quarrel, etc., should be shamed as other nuisances. From this class usually springs lawlessness. Paul Pry-ings into everybody's business instead of attending to their own, sipping around to find out something about their neighbors, who may perhaps furnish a theme for idle gossip, backbiting or slandering. How many otherwise fair names and good reputations have been blackened, distorted, blasted by these idle gossiping loungers! The number is probably beyond computation, and embraces both sexes.

In this country, every person should do as is right in the sight of God, so long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others, nor violate the civil law, and the general laws of morality. This brings to mind the disgraceful affair in the village of Norton on last Sunday week, which consisted in mistreating by ducking, powdering with flour, and greasing with machine grease, a man, who, by his own people at least, is esteemed a Christian gentleman. This was all wrong. If the intentional violation of the law of the land, which I am no apologist for, is to be tolerated, I am no apologist for it. I am no apologist for it. I am no apologist for it. I am no apologist for it.

See G. W. Berlin's advertisement, about Bone and Bone Duct, in another column.

Harrisonburg Graded School. At a meeting of the citizens of Harrisonburg, the following were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the School Trustees of Harrisonburg District, in selecting Teachers for School: Rev. J. R. Bowman, Chas. A. Yancey, Joo. T. Harris, Geo. O. Conrad and H. T. Wartmann.

A meeting of the Committee was held at the office of Chas. A. Yancey, Esq., on the 31st of August, 1871. Present: Geo. O. Conrad, Joo. T. Harris, Geo. O. Conrad, C. A. Yancey and H. T. Wartmann; and Rev. J. S. Loose and G. S. Christie, District School Trustees.

It was ordered, that the Male and Female Departments of the School be under one Principal, and that we proceed to elect such Principal.

Ordered, that the salary of the head of the School be \$1000.00. That the salary of the second Assistant of the Male Department be \$550.00 (subsquent increase to \$650.00). That the salary of the third Assistant in the Male Department be \$400.00. That the salary of the first Assistant of the Female Department be fixed at \$650.00.

The second Assistant in the Female Department, \$400.00. The third Assistant in the Female Department, \$350.00. The following were chosen Teachers: Principal—Rev. J. S. Loose. First Assistant in the Male Department—J. H. Lackey. First Assistant in the Female Department—Miss S. F. Nottingham.

An adjourned meeting was held on the 6th of September, when the following were chosen as Teachers: Second Assistant in Male Department, Erasmus Painter. Third Assistant in Male Department, C. B. Gatewood. Second Assistant in Female Department, Jennette B. Yost. Third Assistant in Female Department, Mrs. Virginia Warren.

An adjourned meeting of the committee was held on the 8th of September. Present all the committee. Mr. Lackey having declined the position of the first Assistant in the Male Department, Mr. Alex. S. Paxton was chosen to fill the place.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Teachers be requested to fix the following as the rates of tuition for pupils from abroad: 1st. class—(Classical) \$40.00. 2nd class—(Higher Branches) 25 00. 3rd class—(Primary) 15 00. The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as a committee appointed by our fellow citizens, we have, to the best of our ability, discharged the duty assigned us. Resolved, That we do hereby nominate and recommend to the District School Trustees of Harrisonburg Graded Free School the persons whom we have selected as suitable for the positions respectively, viz:

MALE DEPARTMENT. 1st Assistant—Alex. S. Paxton. 2d Assistant—Erasmus Painter. 3d Assistant—C. B. Gatewood. FEMALE DEPARTMENT. 1st Assistant—Miss S. F. Nottingham. 2d Assistant—Miss Jennette B. Yost. 3d Assistant—Mrs. Virginia Warren.

Resolved, That we commit the School thus equipped in accordance with our action to the confidence and patronage of the public. Resolved, that the papers of the town be requested to publish the proceedings of our meetings.

MARRIED. Sept. 14, by Rev. J. R. Bowman, Mr. Robert H. Maloney, of Orange county, and Miss Sue Whitall, of this county. August 30, by Rev. C. Hartman, Mr. James C. Dudley and Miss Henrietta Phillips—all of this county.

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FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. We are authorized to announce Col. GEORGE R. DENNISON, a candidate to represent the County of Rockingham in the House of Delegates, at the election to be held in November next, Sept. 6, 1871.

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FAIR OF THE INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. AT HARRISONBURG, October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1871. This Fair will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 11th, 12th and 13th of October. The following and many other articles, will be sold and raised during the progress of the Fair: ONE FINE BUGH, valued at \$200. ONE FINE GOLD WATCH, to be voted to the best looking lady in Augusta, Rockingham and Shenandoah counties.

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