

Local and General.

BRIEF MENTION.

In writing for the paper to be as brief as possible. The Methodist church, of this place, has purchased a lot adjoining its old property, upon which, it was found, the church was partially built, and workmen are now engaged in putting a fence around the place.

Col. William R. Aylett was in town last week. Strawberries are about "played out." Major Douglas passed through town on Saturday.

The Good Templars will give an excursion from West Point to Baltimore to-day. Fare, \$3.00 for the round trip.

We are requested to state that due notice will be given of the time to hold District meetings to select delegates to nominate County officers.

When will King and Queen, Gloucester, Middlesex and Mathews appoint delegates to the State Convention?

SAD CATASTROPHE.—A few evenings ago a young man from Richmond was walking on the beach at West Point, with his sweetheart on his arm. He had just reached that period in his existence when his future happiness or misery depended upon a single word. His Delphine listened attentively to his declaration of love.

"The moon, rising in clouded majesty at length, appeared green, unvaried her puerile light, and o'er the dark her silver mantle threw."

Everything seemed propitious. The scene was romantic in the extreme. He felt as if he could walk a moon-beam. Just as he had made the declaration that, with her as his life's companion, that before had seemed to him as insurmountable obstacles, would indeed prove to be mere shadows which he could trample under his feet and pass safely over, he accidentally trod on an oyster shell, and cut a gash in his foot thirteen inches long.

WANTED.—We have repeatedly applied to our patrons to send us for publication any items of interest transpiring in this section, and are sorry to say that few appeals have met with success. All we want is the bare facts, which we will dress up in our "Local and General" column in a readable form. Our said quiet community affords a barren field from which to gather a news or any other kind of item, and not being gifted with omniscience, we are dependent upon outside aid for neighborhood news. Unless our friends supply us with items, we shall have to draw upon our imagination in manufacturing them, for the commission of which sin, we shall be under the painful necessity of holding them responsible. Keep a clear conscience, kind friends, by helping us to make the STAR a new and spicy weekly visitor.

STATE CADETS.—Francis H. Smith, Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, gives notice that the Board of Visitors will meet on the 21st of June to make appointments of State Cadets. Vacancies exist from the following Senatorial districts in this vicinity: The 12th, Hanover and Caroline counties; the 13th, Essex, King and Queen and King William; the 29th King George, Richmond, Lancaster, Northumberland, and Westmoreland; and the 24th, Gloucester, New Kent, Mathews and Middlesex. State Cadets are entitled to board and tuition free. Applications should be addressed to the Superintendent.

EXCURSIONS.—Two excursions to Richmond are announced for the near future—one on the 12th and the other on the 15th. The first one will be given by the Barkhamville Sunday school, and will no doubt prove a success. We hope the people of this side of the river will help them, as New Kent always patronizes excursions gotten up at West Point.

The second excursion will be given by the ladies of the Baptist Society of West Point. As is well known, this energetic congregation has recently built a neat and substantial church, and as they still owe a little on it, the object of the excursion is to liquidate the indebtedness. Surely, a commendable object like this should enlist the sympathies and support of the public.

Do not stupefy your Baby with Opium or Morphia mixtures, but use Dr. Bell's Baby Syrup which is always safe and reliable and never disappoints.

EXCURSION.—The excursion of last Sunday from Richmond to West Point—the first of the season—was rather a small affair; but was happily unattended with the usual drinking and fighting which generally enters into the amusements of larger crowds, much to the annoyance and regret of our townspeople. There were but two coaches, one of which was set apart for the colored people, who composed the larger part of the pleasure seekers. The whites passed away the day in bathing and strolling over our town, resting during the heat of the day in the dense shade of the hotel yard; while the colored excursionists found pleasure in walking about in a quiet and orderly manner, and meeting with and visiting their friends, Mr. Pardee, the getter up of most of the excursions to this place, thinks that with the exception of the Fourth of July excursion, the season will be a dull one.

RAIN.—The much needed and fine rain of Monday afternoon cooled and purified the atmosphere, and relieved us of the intense heat from which we had been suffering for some days previous. We hope the rain was general, as the crops in this vicinity were suffering from the hot and dry spell of weather. There was some thunder and lightning, with hail and heavy wind for a short time, by which the new building in process of construction near the wharf was partially unroofed and otherwise slightly injured. A large portion of the shipping at the depot was carried away, and the telegraph wires prostrated.

INTERESTING LETTERS.—Our numerous readers will find our outside columns full of interesting matter in the several communications which our kind friends have sent to us this week. We return thanks to all of them for furnishing us with interesting matter to lay before our readers, and especially are we indebted to "Parrus"—who is not unknown to the readers of the STAR—for her very interesting account of the Beaufortville entertainment, which unavoidable circumstances prevented us from attending. We should like to have a communication from her pen for our readers every week.

DAILY LINE.—We have now a daily line of Steamers between this Point and Baltimore. The additional steamer, "Sentry," being a freight boat of large carrying capacity, and put on the line, we presume for the accommodation of the truckers in this vicinity. She arrives at West Point on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and leaves for Baltimore on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The fine steamer "Indicator" arrived at this port last Monday afternoon with a large freight and was heavily loaded on her return trip.

SOUTHERN PLANTER AND FARMER.—We cannot too highly recommend this magazine to the farmers of Virginia. It is the best publication of the kind that they can get. Its corps of contributors embrace the best talent in the State. No intelligent farmer can afford to be without it. Published in Richmond by L. R. Dickinson. Price \$2.00 per annum.

CELEBRATION.—The Good Templars of West Point propose to have an anniversary celebration on the night of June 12th. Dr. Wm. S. Christian, G. W. C. T.; R. McCondit, Esq., State Lecturer; Maj. James N. Stubbs and Hon. B. F. Bland, have been invited to be present and deliver addresses on the occasion. Refreshments will be provided in abundance.

WANTED.—every one to be free from Pimples, Blisters, Boils, etc., which can be done by purifying the blood with Dr. Bell's Blood Mixture. Used everywhere.

LIST of Letters remaining in the Post Office at West Point June 1, 1877. Jackson, C. R. Jones, Rev. Herbert Konkern, W. F. Sweet, F. Slater Bros. Weber, Wm. D. S. THEAT, P. M.

False Impression. It is generally supposed by a certain class of citizens, who are not practical or experienced, that Dyspepsia can not be cured, but we are pleased to say that GILMAN'S AGENT'S FLOWERS has been, to our knowledge, failed to cure Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint in all its forms, such as Sour Stomach, Costiveness, Sick Headache, Palpitation of the Heart, low spirits, &c., &c. Out of 30,000 dozen bottles sold last year, not a single failure was reported, but thousands of complimentary letters received. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. Sample Bottles 10 cents. Regular size 65 cents. For sale by C. T. Witting.

LEGAL NOTICE. Legally and quietly obtained in every State and Territory, for Incompatibility and other causes, in matter where the party desires, 12 years' residence. Address: A. J. DEXTER, Att'y Rooms 8, 132 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. In- questionable references given. Correspondence with the legal profession invited. mh 29.

Good Advice. Now is the time of the year for pneumonia, Lung Fever, &c. Every family should have a bottle of BOWEN'S GERM MAN SYRUP. Don't allow for one moment that cough to take hold of your child, your family or yourself. Consumption, Asthma, Pneumonia, Croup, Hoarseness, and other fatal diseases may be cured. Although it is true GERMAN SYRUP is curing thousands of these dread diseases, yet it is much better to have it at hand when these dox will visit your family a winter and keep you safe from danger. If you are consumptive, do not rest until you have tried this remedy. Sample Bottles 10 cents. Regular size 50 cents. Sold by your Druggist, C. T. Witting.

COMMERCIAL. RICHMOND MARKET REPORTED FOR THE STAR.

Table with market prices for various commodities including Wheat, Oats, Butter, Eggs, and other goods. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

NORFOLK MARKET. REPORTED FOR THE STAR BY BARHAU & POLLARD.

Table with market prices for Norfolk, including Wheat, Corn, Peas, and other goods. Columns include item names and prices.

BALTIMORE MARKET. REPORTED FOR THE STAR.

Table with market prices for Baltimore, including Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other goods. Columns include item names and prices.

SAVE YOUR MONEY. RICHMOND, VA. Sewing Machines and other goods. Text describing the quality and variety of machines available.

MANSON HOUSE HOTEL. N. W. Cor. Fayette & St. Paul St. Opp. Barnum's City Hotel. Text describing the hotel's amenities and location.

W. C. DILLARD. Manufacturer and Repairer of Wagons, Carts, Carriages, Buggies, &c. LANEVILLE, VA. Text describing the services offered.

HAIR and HUSK MATRESSES. Text describing the quality and durability of the mattresses.

SHeldon's Celebrated Improved Steam Renovator. Text describing the steam renovator's features and benefits.

CRAMPTON'S IMPERIAL SOAP. IS THE "BEST." Text describing the soap's quality and uses.

CHROMOS. The largest stock in the world, embracing over 2,000,000 Chromos, Paintings and Choice Art. Text describing the variety of chromos available.

FRESH SUPPLY OF Groceries. Text listing various grocery items and their prices.

COPY YOUR LETTERS. Excelsior Copying Book. Text describing the copying book's features.

It Will Remove Stains. Text describing a stain-removing product.

KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO STARCH. IS THE BEST and MOST ECONOMICAL. Text describing the starch's quality.

R. S. DUKE. FASHIONABLE BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTURER. Text describing the shoe manufacturing business.

STIEFF. UPRIGHT PIANOS. Text describing the pianos and other musical instruments.

Matchless Burette Organs. Text describing the organs and their features.

TRU OIL. Text describing the oil's quality and uses.

EMMA BIDWELL. Text describing a person or service.

A Card to the Public. Text providing public information or a notice.

FURNITURE!! Furniture!!! Text describing furniture items and services.

WILLIAM DAFRO. Text describing a person or business.

SASH, Doors, Shutters. Text describing window treatments and other items.

