

morning she was extremely quiet. She accomplished her household duties and ate her meagre dinner with an appetite. At two she came to her mother.

"I have some little business to attend to in Farmington," she said. "And I have been thinking it would be pleasant to have you and Peter and the children there in the evening."

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STAUNTON SPECTATOR.

BY STRASSBURG & ARGENTHART.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1865.

The Spectator will be issued regularly to subscribers, and its management, until the death of Mr. Manly, who has been named in Lewisburg. He will be at his post in time, it is hoped, to resume his editorial duties, and give life and vigor to the columns of the Spectator. For particulars, see first page. The patrons of the paper, who are in arrears, are requested to come forward and settle up, in order that the necessary material may be purchased to bring it out in a better style than it presents at present.

THE OATH OF AMNESTY.

A strange delusion prevails in regard to the propriety of taking the oath of amnesty. Many seem to think that there is no necessity for taking it and that they can take it or not, as happens to suit the fancy of individuals.

This is a dangerous error, and one which should be promptly dispelled. Under existing laws of the U. S. States, every citizen of the Southern States, [with very few exceptions] has been guilty of treason. Treason consists not only in giving war against the United States, but in giving "aid and comfort" to its enemies. "Aid and comfort" are very broad terms. They embrace all who have aided or assisted the Confederate Government in any form or shape, directly or indirectly. All who have voted for any officer of the Confederate or State Government, during the war. All who have been in the military or civil service of either Government—all who have given horses, arms, clothing, food, or money to any of the Confederate soldiers—every Tinker who has paid \$500 to the U. S. States, to keep out of the service—every detailed farmer who has raised provisions for the U. S. Government, under contract with it, has given aid and comfort to the enemies of the U. S., and has, therefore, technically been guilty of treason, and is liable to its penalties. These penalties are: confiscation, imprisonment, and death.

The President of the U. S. influenced by humane motives, has offered amnesty, or pardon, to all, except certain specified classes, on terms prescribed by himself. But the offer is conditional—He says you may be pardoned if you will take the oath of amnesty.

That is the condition and the only condition, on which the pardon is proffered. Those who do not choose to take the oath, are not entitled to the pardon—those who do take it, are absolved from the penalties.

It will be seen, therefore, that all who desire pardon, had better take the oath without delay. If they do not, both their property and persons are in danger. They will, at least, be at the mercy of every malicious enemy, until they do take it. The oath squares the account, and relieves the party from all apprehension.

Every man, therefore, who wishes to stand on a safe footing, and to have his life, liberty and property secure from hazard, had better take it without any hesitation.

If they fail to do so, they may find proceedings instituted against them, in the U. S. Court, and then it will be too late—the door will be slammed in their faces. Then they will begin to whine, and say: "I did not know such would be the consequences; I was intended to take the oath, but was too busy, &c." But it will then be too late, and they must take the consequences of their folly.

It would be better for them to leave nothing else undone to attend to this most important duty.

Let all then take warning in time.—The oath can certainly do no harm. It requires nothing unreasonable, and it will certainly save all who take it much trouble and anxiety in the future.

We have this given our advice to our readers. If they choose to disregard it, well and good. We, at least, have discharged our duty as a journalist.

The M. E. Sunday School of this place had a good and interesting meeting Wednesday last, the 6th inst. The school met at the church at 7 o'clock, singing, and after singing the prayer by its most excellent pastor, Rev. T. C. Taylor, was formed in pious exercises, and then, under the management of Mr. Wm. T. Jewell, Assistant Superintendent.

On arriving at the woods, ranks were broken and the children turned loose to enjoy the day in swinging, throwing, grace hoops, and engaging in all the plays and sports usual on such occasions.

The hour for dinner at hand, parties of five, ten, twenty, thirty, forty and fifty, might be seen all seated on the ground—soldier style—partaking of all the delicacies and refreshments of the season. We took a "stand" at that game ourselves and can testify that everything in the eating line was gotten up in the very best style, and we enjoyed it to our "fullest extent."

After dinner the usual plays and festivities were entered into with a fresh zest and all seemed to enjoy themselves finely.

There was a slight shower about 3 o'clock in the evening, which only tended to cool and refresh the party for new enjoyments.

Night rapidly approaching, the school was marched back to town, after a day spent in the richest enjoyment. May we all live to enjoy many more such days of happiness and pleasure.

RAILROAD COMMUNICATION.

We learn from the Richmond Bulletin, of the 4th inst., that the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad was to have been turned over to the authorities thereof, on the 3d inst., when a new schedule will be run.

Trains on the Orange and Alexandria road commenced making regular trips to Manassas on the 3d inst. W. W. McCafferty, Esq., has been appointed General Superintendent.

On the Virginia and Tennessee road we have the best authority for a saying that trains will be running from Lynchburg to Bristol in four weeks at the farthest.

A prominent railroad official gives it as his opinion that the Roads will be so far repaired in less than two months, that we may go by rail from Richmond City to all points South and West, as before the war, without interruption or other delay than that which may at any time be caused by accident. We shall be truly gratified to hail the day when this happy consummation shall have arrived and we sincerely hope the prediction may prove true.

IMPORTANT OPINIONS.

We call the attention of the people to the very able opinion of the Hon. A. H. Stuart, upon the necessary qualifications for voters and candidates for office, published on the 4th page of this paper, and also to the opinion of Attorney Genl. Bowden, as published by the Commissioners of Election. We congratulate the people of Virginia that the rights of suffrage and of office holding are thus thrown open to nearly every one. If our best men are not now elected to office, it will be the fault of the people themselves. Let every man come forward, at once, and take the oath necessary to qualify himself to vote.

Ex Senator Henry S. Foote, now sojourning in Montreal, Canada, has applied for pardon.

The Government expense during the past year amounted to three and a half millions per day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce SAMUEL PAUL, a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff of Augusta county.

FOR COUNTY CLERK. We are authorized to announce Wm. A. BERTS as a candidate for election to the office of Clerk of the County Court of Augusta.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY. Fellow Citizens, I am a candidate for the office of County Clerk, and I beg to propose to you a free and open election, with no secret of the ballot, and no influence to be exerted.

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GVERNOR APPOINTED.

President Johnson has issued a proclamation appointing B. F. Perry, Provisional Governor of South Carolina, continuing upon him the arduous task of reorganizing the State Government under the Constitution of the United States...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHEFFEY & BUMGARDNER, Attorneys at Law, STAUNTON, VA.

THE undersigned have obtained the partnership in the business of Real Estate Agency and Exchange Business...

Real Estate Agency AND EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

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RENTAL BUSINESS FOR MONEY, LANDS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER STATES...

At a public sale, to wit: a certain parcel of land, situated in the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia...

WESLEYAN FEMALE Collegiate Institute.

THIS Institution has been in operation during the whole period of the term, and has through the aid of the Society, made a great improvement in its studies...

THE Terms for the next year will be as follows: For the first term, \$100.00...

For the second term, \$100.00. For the third term, \$100.00.

KER, STEVENSON & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

OFFER their professional services to the public of Staunton and vicinity, for the sale of...

REAL ESTATE, HORSES, MULES, HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE, &c., &c.

At public Auction, on private property, in the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia...

Again on the Track.

THE undersigned would receive bids for certain property, to wit: a certain parcel of land...

JOHN B. EVANS' Tobacco and Grocery Store.

I have added to my Tobacco Store, the following: Choice Havana, No. 1 and No. 2...

ROANE & ALBY'S READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Can be found on the Grand Stand, on Va. H. H. where they are prepared to furnish customers at all times...

SELECT SCHOOL.

Rev. E. P. WATSON, A. M., Principal. A limited number of Scholars will be admitted to this school...

MALE ACADEMY.

THE Academy of this Academy will be opened on the 1st of September next. The course of study will be as follows...

ELECTION NOTICE.

AUGUSTA COUNTY TO WIT:

The following persons are appointed Commissioners to prepare the election of County Officers at the several precincts on Tuesday the 1st day of July...

JOHN HOUSE, - William Berry, C. C. Francisco, James A. Fisher, William B. and John C. Hancock, James A. Hill, John G. Hill, W. W. Hill, John H. Hill, E. Hill, Robert J. Hill and Wm. H. Hill...

NOTICE. - A copy of the Commission may be seen in possession of all of the Conductors of the roads...

AGUSTA COUNTY ELECTIONS. The Governor of Virginia has by his late proclamation appointed the following persons to act as Judges of the Precincts...

Auction Sale. On Wednesday, the 12th inst., we will sell, at Auction, at the residence of Miss Sally Waddell, in Staunton, a quantity of...

STANTON MALE ACADEMY. THIS Institution will be opened in the fall of the next year. The course of study will be as follows...

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For the Spectator.

Members East and West. Entertaining it is the desire that the restoration of civil law and order...

For the Spectator. At a meeting of the citizens of the 11th Magisterial District, held in Churchville, on the 24th inst., Dr. P. H. Espy, was called to the chair...

Resolved, That we recommend the following gentlemen to fill the offices now declared vacant in the 11th Magisterial District...

W. W. NEWMAN, Secy. With pleasure.

FOUR OF THE CONSPIRATORS TO BE HANGED AND THREE IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

Washington, July 1. - The following are the names of the conspirators who were hanged and imprisoned...

By the Military Commission appointed in pursuance of Special Order No. 10, of the War Department, Major Inspector General...

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