

VIRGINIA.

HAMPDEN SYDNEY COMMENCEMENT.

HAMPDEN SYDNEY, June 12th, 1872.—The anniversaries of this venerable seminary of learning began on yesterday. A full number of trustees were in attendance, including Messrs Comfort, Patterson, Stokes, Tredway, Irving, Reynolds, Pitzer, Stumps, Venable, Ewing, McIlwaine, Carrington, Fitzgerald, Hooper, Finley, Drs. Hoge and Dabney, Judges Dickinson and Watkins. The President's report was a good exhibit. The professors have been faithful. The students seem to have been diligent.

Mr. Addison Hoge (son of the late Dr. W. J. Hoge) was elected Professor of Mathematics.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. J. Henry Smith, of Greensboro', North Carolina, and Rev. J. B. Shearer, of Tennessee; and the usual A. B. degree was awarded to the graduating class.

The young gentlemen who have thus far taken part in the public exercises have acquitted themselves with great credit.

Ro. B. Berkeley, of Farmville, made an address before the societies to day, which fully sustained the rising reputation of this worthy and gifted gentleman.

The Rev. Wm. Stoddard, of Tennessee, by special request, gave us his lecture on "Celibacy by Experience and Courtship by Observation." To passages of sound sense and pathos, he added inimitable wit, and much that he said might be favorably compared with the wit and wisdom of Sidney Smith, the dean of St. Pauls. J. G. L.

Conservative Meetings.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

At a mass meeting of the Conservative party of Buckingham, held on the 10th instant, the following resolutions, offered by William M. Cabell, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, as a party, we are unalterably opposed to U. S. Grant and the Radical Republicans; that from the action of U. S. Grant in the past, his re-election and perpetuation in power would be a calamity as great as war, pestilence and famine.

Resolved, That, while we will defer to the organized and authoritative action of the Conservative State Convention, we recommend acquiescence in, or the endorsement of, the nominations of the Liberal Republicans at Cincinnati.

The Chairman then appointed the following delegates and alternates, viz:

Maysville Township—George J. Hundley, delegate; William M. Perkins, alternate.

Francisco Township—L. D. Jones, delegate; John S. Forbes, alternate.

Curdville Township (Curdville Precinct)—R. T. Hubbard, delegate; A. C. Garnett, alternate.

Red Mills Precinct—Edward T. Page, delegate; J. B. Phillips, alternate.

Marshall Township—James B. Ficklen, delegate; J. T. McKenna, alternate.

Slate River Township—H. St. George Harris, delegate; John C. Turner, alternate.

James River Township—Camm Patterson, delegate; Carter Irving, alternate.

On the motion of Wm. P. Hall, it was resolved, that, in the event of the absence of the delegates and alternates appointed under the first resolution, Alexander Moseley (of the Richmond Whig), and R. K. Irving, the chairman of this meeting, or either of them, be requested to cast the vote of this county.

On the motion of Mr. James B. Ficklen, it was resolved that inasmuch as Horace Greeley is a land owner in the county of Buckingham, a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the headquarters of the Liberal Republicans.

ALEXANDRIA.

In Alexandria Tuesday night, a public meeting, attended by Conservatives and Liberal Republicans, was organized by the election of Hon. Lewis McKenzie (Republican) as President. Among the resolutions unanimously adopted were the following:

5. That a thorough reform in the civil service department, a plain recognition in the administration of the organic principles of the Government, a strict adherence to the constitutional obligations and honest administration of the affairs of this country is absolutely necessary for self-preservation.

6. That we recognize in the Cincinnati platform the principles upon which this restoration can be effected, and believe the surest way to accomplish it will be to unite all men and all parties professing this belief upon the nominees of that Convention, and thinking that the prospect of the triumph of those principles would be seriously impaired by any other nomination, we declare our sentiment to be against a nomination by the Democratic party and in favor of the concentration of all men upon Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown.

7. That we earnestly invite our fellow-citizens of all parties to unite with us in this effort to re-establish the whole country on a firm, equitable and enduring basis.

WYTHE COUNTY.

The Conservatives of Wythe County have elected the following delegates to the State Convention:

Black Lick Township—Dr. John D. Stuart, delegate, and James W. Stuart and Solomon Buck alternates.

Speedwell Township—Lilburn R. Ward delegate, and W. C. Saunders and G. Wythe Gleaves alternates.

Fort Chiswell Township—Tho. Wood delegate, and Stephen McGavock and John Robinson alternates.

Wytheville Township—Dr. Sam'l C. Gleaves delegate, and F. S. Blair and Abraham Umbarger alternates.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.

The delegates to the State Convention selected by the Conservatives of Shenandoah county are: G. A. Brown, J. H. Grabill, S. A. Danner, H. H. Riddlobarger, J. W. R. Moore, G. S. Meem.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by the Conservative party of Shenandoah county in public meeting assembled, That it is the sense of the meeting that no nominations should be made by the Democratic Convention, which is to assemble in Baltimore on the 9th of July, for President and Vice President of the United States.

The Shenandoah Democrat says:

The opposition of the "straight out" Democrats was very spirited, and at times considerable excitement prevailed, but after the adjournment there was a general expression of satisfaction with the result of the meeting.

ARREST OF A JUDGE OF ELECTION AT NORFOLK.

Wednesday morning last, Mr. John C. Baker, one of the judges of election in Norfolk, was arrested by United States Deputy Marshal Jno. W. Farrell, on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Barry, at the instance of H. H. Wells, Jr., charging Mr. Baker with obstructing certain persons, to the number of twelve, in the exercise of their right to vote at the late municipal election.

Commissioner Barry, before whom Mr. Baker was taken, decided to send the case on to a higher court. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$1,000, and Mr. Baker discharged from custody.

The Journal notices as a singular fact, that H. H. Wells, Jr., a resident of Richmond, comes to Norfolk as a witness in this case, and deliberately makes oath that certain offences were committed, of which he could know nothing of his own personal knowledge, since at the time, it is certain he was not in Norfolk. Mr. Wells appears in the ideal capacity of prosecutor and principal witness.

HARVEST.—The Rockbridge Citizen of 13th says: This important season is fast approaching. Farmers are already cutting their clover, and from the looks of some of the wheat fields, grain harvest will begin next week. Our people are in better spirits about the wheat than they were some weeks ago. It has headed and filled well, and without some unforeseen accident the quality will be first rate, and the quantity greater than many estimated. There is a singular diversity of opinion this year about the yield. This is because the crop itself varies so much in different neighborhoods. In one field will be first-rate wheat, and probably adjoining it in another field a complete failure. . . . The Shenandoah Herald says: In some sections of our county the wheat crop will be good, better than that of last year, while in other sections it is quite thin. Many of our farmers think there will be at least a half crop.

The West Point Star learns that 300 acres of the farm known as "Presqu Isle," belonging to the estate of A. G. Sale, deceased, a mile below Ayleta, on the Mattaponi river, has been purchased by Mr. W. Dabney, of Richmond city, who expects to locate there.

THE H. G. CROP.—On riding through the country a few weeks ago, we observed about the farms more hogs and pigs than we had been accustomed to see of late, and they seemed, too, to be in a thrifty condition. The farmers told us that the country is better stocked with hogs than it has been since the war, and that there will be more pork the coming Winter than has been slaughtered for several years. They attribute this partly to the heavy scorn mast of last year, which was a very full one, and on which the swine fed and fattened.—Danville Register.

A JUST REBUKE.—An attachment was issued from the County Court of Loudoun, against a man in Fairfax, and forwarded to the sheriff of that county to be executed. On Monday last the execution was returned bearing the following endorsement: "Damned if I can find Darnes, and I'm nearly froze looking for him." Judge Ball took the frost out of the irate sheriff by fining him five dollars for contempt.—Loudoun Mirror.

PIEDMONT AND POTOMAC RAILROAD.—The engineer corps of this improvement reached Middleburg last week, and on Monday were to have proceeded to their work. We understand that all necessary arrangements have been made for pushing the work forward with as little delay as possible, until by a juncture with the Chesapeake and Ohio Road, a direct line of communication from the Capital to the Ohio river is established.—Loudoun Mirror.

PRICE OF WHEAT.—Speculation as to the probable price of wheat has commenced, and from what we learn from those connected with the trade, we are inclined to the opinion that the market will open at about \$1 75 to \$1 80 for prime, delivered early in the season. The impression prevails that the market will finally settle down at \$1 50 to \$1 60.—Lynch. News.