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Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette

Mr. John Starbuck, an old farmer and owner of the property near this place called the "Stone House," came into Manassas on Tuesday morning last armed with a musket and acting in a very strange and excited manner. There was a large crowd of persons about the depot, to whom he stated that his wife was about to leave with another man, and that they wished to kill him before they went. He was anxious to employ a lawyer, and from his manner of talking was evidently laboring under an aberration of mind at the time.

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Brentsville, Va. April 7, - Our County Court which met on Monday last, held over until today, so as to give all dealers in the "ardent" an opportunity of taking out license at this term, and thus escape the bell punch system.

Yesterday evening Mr. Starbuck, who lives in the Old Stone House made famous by the battle of Manassas, was committed to jail to await being sent to the asylum, he having been pronounced insane by a board of physicians. He imagined the war is still going on and is expecting a battle all the time.