

JOINT DISCUSSION DODGED BY MANN Tucker Challenge Referred to Democratic Committee.

DECIDES AGAINST MEETING

Tucker Protests and Claims He Did Not Have a Friend on the Committee—Both Speak from the Same Platform to the Same Crowd, but Not in Joint Debate.

Special to The Washington Herald. Christiansburg, Va., May 1.—There was no joint debate between Harry St. George Tucker and Judge William H. Mann at this place to-day. The crowd which gathered early anticipated a real old-fashioned encounter on the stump. Judge Mann arrived early this morning, but owing to the delay of the train which was bringing him from Buena Vista, Mr. Tucker did not arrive until nearly 10 o'clock instead of 10:30 o'clock.

A few minutes after Mr. Tucker reached the hotel he sent a note to Judge Mann suggesting a joint debate, the time to be divided as it was at Boydton, the speakers to reverse the positions they occupied there.

Mann Deprecates Debates. Judge Mann replied that he deprecated joint debates between Democrats, especially in a close county such as Montgomery is, and that he would leave the matter to the Democratic county committee. The letter said further, however, that he claimed the appointment as his, and therefore named the following terms: Mr. Tucker to open in one hour, Judge Mann to reply in an hour, Mr. Tucker to rejoin in fifteen minutes, and Judge Mann to close in fifteen minutes. Judge Mann stipulated that there should be no new matter introduced in the last fifteen minutes' speech.

Mr. Tucker said very promptly that he did not wish to do anything contrary to the wishes of the committee, at the same time declaring he was desirous of having a joint discussion, and asking that the county committee be called for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the debate should occur.

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Norfolk Justice Rejects Girl's Plea that It Was Christmas Gift. Norfolk, May 1.—J. D. McFarland, of the Monticello Hotel, to-day got judgment in Justice Denning's court for his \$55 engagement ring given Miss Lula B. Short, a young stenographer, who he said had jilted him and refused to return his ring. The girl said the ring was a Christmas present only, and appealed for a jury trial, which will be allowed later.

OPERATOR IS ROBBED.

Week's Pay Taken from His Pocket by Highwayman. Cumberland, Md., May 1.—Mont Harris, night operator on the Western Maryland Railroad at Harrison, W. Va., son of D. Harris, a merchant of Elk Garden, was assaulted and robbed at midnight after he had received his pay.

AIRSHIP SCARES NEGROES.

Panic Created in Small Settlement Near Norfolk. Norfolk, Va., May 1.—An airship or propelled balloon passed over Lambert's Point, near Norfolk, last night and left contentation in its wake, particularly among the negroes.

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HAILS FROM BEDFORD COUNTY He Has Long Been Identified with the Farming Industry in Virginia, and Led the Movement in the Constitutional Convention for Good Roads and Convict Labor.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., May 1.—The Lynchburg News to-morrow morning will print the formal announcement of the candidacy of John Thompson Brown, of Bedford County, for the Democratic nomination for State commissioner of agriculture, in opposition to G. W. Koiner, of Augusta County, the incumbent, who will be a candidate in the primary for this re-nomination.

Mr. Brown will make an active fight for the nomination, and he has the promise of substantial support from prominent Democrats of this section of the State.

Mr. Brown was a native of Hanover County, where he was born in 1861, but he has lived nearly all his life in Bedford County. He was educated at McCabe's School, of Petersburg, and the University of Virginia. He began farming shortly after completing his education. He has long been a leading factor in State agricultural circles. He was a member of the Farmers' Assembly, which antedated the Farmers' Alliance, of which he was also an active member.

Served Blackburg College. He was a life member of the old State Agricultural Fair, and three times was commissioned by the governor of the State as a delegate to the Farmers' National Congress. In 1880 he was named to the board of visitors of the Agricultural College, which is now the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and served to 1888. In 1888 he was appointed to the board, and served as rector until 1898, when he retired. Two years he acted as president without pay.

Mr. Brown has served as a member of the board of crop pest commissioners, the State live stock board, and a member of the board which established the experimental trucking station. He served in the general assembly in 1902 and 1903, and as a member of the constitutional convention of 1901. He has been a member of the board which made possible the present State aid to the construction of public roads, as well as the use of convict labor in their construction.

Mr. Brown's candidacy comes in the nature of a surprise here, and it is to be expected that he will pull a heavy vote in the Sixth Congressional district.

LEAVES PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Rev. S. N. Hart Is Prominent Leader in That Church. Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., May 1.—Rev. Samuel N. Hart, probably the most prominent minister in the Primitive Baptist Church in this State, to-day severed his connection from that denomination. He says: "The fundamental doctrines of the church, when divested of their extreme false and fatalistic interpretations, I regard as Scriptural and sound, and in accord in the main with the articles of faith, confession and statement of our by-laws, Methodists, and Missionary Baptists. But I am frank to confess to you that for several years I have felt that, as to their practice, the bed of the Primitive Baptist Church is too short to stretch myself in it, so much so that I feel that I have in a religious way been living not a third of a life. The bands of prejudice and superstition of our church are so closely drawn that necessarily it is a small world in which we live."

NEGRO FARMERS MEET.

Successful Ones Tell of Their Work in Maryland. Laurel, Md., May 1.—A large crowd gathered at the Laurel Agricultural and Industrial Institute yesterday and witnessed the first annual conference of the negro farmers of Howard and adjoining counties. Director Patterson, of the Maryland Agricultural College; Prof. Talliaferro, and many others addressed the meeting.

Many farmers told of how they started a short time ago with practically nothing and now own property. Mrs. B. Bruce, wife of the late Senator Bruce, addressed the women in the afternoon, and her remarks were principally of the proper care of the body and also of the home.

Zetina Clark, who is a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, under Booker T. Washington, was warmly commended by Director Patterson for the good work done.

Coal Found in Augusta County.

Stanton, Va., May 1.—J. G. Yeager, of Stanton, is showing specimens of what is believed to be pure coal found in Augusta County. The product has been pronounced to be coal by local men, and specimens will be sent to a New York chemist, who will ascertain the grade. The noise was at an elevation of about 1,000 feet and was apparently in perfect control.

It was about 9:30 o'clock when a strange noise was heard above the roofs of many houses at Lambert's Point, and investigation disclosed the presence of the airship sailing away like some huge bird.

The noise made by the propellers on the ship could be heard for some distance, and it was by this means that the presence of the strange traveler of the air was first discovered.

The ship made several circles above the houses at the point and then shot away in the direction of Hampton Roads. The noise made by the propellers on the airship caused many negroes to flee from their homes, thinking there was some supernatural visitation.

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"Lynch wired me that he had not signed with Greensboro, and was a free agent," said Manager Orth. "I wired for terms, and hearing from him, accepted them as I would any other player. Lynch then wired to me for transportation, and this was sent him, and Lynch reported here, and is still here. That is all there is to the whole transaction."

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Strasburg, Va.—Andreas Simon, who has relatives at Toms Brook, is dead in Chicago. He was editor of the Illinois Signal-Zeltung in the Union army, and was wounded at Cedar Creek, but was nursed back to health by the family of the late Ferdinand Schmucker, Toms Brook. He went West, and twenty years ago he wrote making inquiry as to the Schmucker family. He returned to visit them, and while there met and married Miss Emma Bushong, daughter of Mark A. Bushong, who survives him.

Strasburg, Va.—Application has been made to the State corporation commission for a charter for the Strasburg Hospital, founded some years ago by Dr. M. R. Bruhn, to be incorporated with \$500 minimum and \$2,000 maximum capital. The officers for the first year are to be Dr. M. R. Bruhn, president; Dr. D. M. Kippis, Front Royal, vice president; A. C. Stickle, secretary, and C. L. Kneisley, treasurer. The directors are M. R. Bruhn, Dr. M. Kippis, A. C. Stickle, C. L. Kneisley, J. D. Hamaker, G. A. Copp, and M. B. Wunder.

Cumberland, Md.—The contract for building an additional wing to the Western Maryland Hospital, this city, has been awarded to S. W. Wise, of Cumberland, for \$7,715. There were ten bids. The Western Maryland Hospital is a semi-State institution, governed by a board of managers appointed by the governor.

Elkton, Md.—Garfield Post, No. 18, G. A. R., of Rising Sun, will hold memorial exercises at Rosebank Cemetery on Memorial Day. Rev. J. Wynne Jones, past department chaplain, Department of Maryland, will be the orator of the day.

Cumberland, Md.—J. C. Hoffman, sr.; H. A. Minke, John Carscaden, C. Cannon, and W. Hensel have been elected by the Vigilant Hose Company, of Cumberland, delegates to the annual convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, which assembles during the first week in June at Cambridge.

Salisbury, N. C.—Paul H. Bernhardt, of Salisbury, and Miss Sallie Barlow, of Salisbury, will be married on June 15. Mr. Bernhardt is one of Salisbury's best-known young business men. Miss Barlow came to Salisbury a year ago to teach in the graded schools.

Spencer, N. C.—Cards received here announce the coming marriage on May 12 of Miss Flora Celeste Worthen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. S. Worthen, to John Spangenberg, of New Mexico. The ceremony will be performed in the Spencer Methodist Church by Rev. R. D. Sherrill.

INSPECT NEW RAILWAY ROUTE

Washington Capitalists Financiateing Hampshire Southern Line. Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., May 1.—M. E. Alles, president of the Ricks Bank, Washington; J. H. Small, a capitalist, of that city, and Mr. McEldowney, of New York City National Bank, who are financing the Hampshire Southern Railroad, projected from Romney, W. Va., through the South Branch Valley of the Potomac River to Petersburg, Grant County, via Moorefield, visited Moorefield and Petersburg with former State Senator John J. Caswell, of Romney, who is also interested in the project.

The section, which is very rich, is not traversed by a railroad. The visitors seemed much pleased with the situation. They will contribute \$25,000 to the project of purchasing \$30,000 in bonds to aid the project.

"GAY WHITE WAY" FOR TAFT.

Petersburg Plans Another Feature for May 19. Special to The Washington Herald. Petersburg, Va., May 1.—Petersburg will have a "gay white way" when President Taft comes here on May 19. This was announced this morning by a committee composed of Commodore Carter, R. Bishop, R. H. Mann, and Edward Eigenbrum, who had a conference with officials of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company in Richmond last night.

After a brief talk the officials announced that they will contribute \$25,000 to the illumination of Sycamore street, the principal thoroughfare of the city. The offer was accepted.

The company will string the wires, install the lights, and maintain the current throughout the night. President Taft will ride down this incandescent lane on his way to the railroad station to leave the city after having been the guest of honor at an alfresco luncheon and lawn fete.

OFFERS TO PAY HALF.

John T. Hopkins Wants Georgetown-Leesburg Pike Resurfaced. Special to The Washington Herald. Herndon, Va., May 1.—John T. Hopkins, a retired mine operator, who recently purchased the Cotton farm, formerly owned by the late Senator Stewart, has offered \$5,000, provided a like sum is raised by local authorities, or by the citizens here, to resurface the Georgetown-Leesburg pike from a point adjoining his farm to Dranesville, Fairfax County. Business men of Herndon, which is a good-roads center, though not on the road mentioned, have joined the movement, and there is little doubt of its success.

Find "Blind Tiger" in Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., May 1.—As far as appearances go, the police to-day, when they arrested William Harris, colored, and raided his home, at Fourteenth and Jackson streets, ran upon what they believed to be the first real "blind tiger" since Lynchburg went "dry." Harris had nearly a gallon of whisky, glasses, corkcorks, measuring cups, and other paraphernalia, all of which were taken with him to headquarters.

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POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

New Officials Named for Virginia and Maryland. Postmasters were appointed yesterday as follows: Maryland—Sangram, Garrett County, Milton W. Lytle, vice I. F. Cuppett, resigned. Virginia—Bertram, Lancaster County, John F. Cooksey; Booneville, Albemarle County, Mrs. Lucy M. Bruce; Grayville, Floyd County, Mrs. Martha J. Bowling; Grove Hill, Page County, Bertrand W. Petty; Peers, Goochland County, William R. Mills; Wellenard, Richmond County, Vernon W. Saffers.

West Virginia—Higginville, Hampshire County, Benjamin E. Miller, Dixie, Fayette County, Henry G. Vencill; Queen Shoals, Clay County, Willie R. Morris. Rural carriers were appointed, as follows: Virginia—Purcellville, Route 1, Edgar C. Love, carrier; Rufus T. Love, substitute. West Virginia—Falling Waters, Route 1, James C. Williamson, carrier; Samuel Ditts, substitute.

The following rural routes were ordered established July 1: Pittsylvania County, Va., Callands, Routes 2 and 3, serving 185 families; Chatham, Routes 2, 4 and 5, families 340; Dry Fork, Route 3, families 65; Hurr, Route 3, families 44; Java, Route 3, families 55.

SONS VISIT ANNAPOLIS.

Review Cadets and Are Entertained by Gov. Crothers. Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., May 1.—Annapolis was in the hands of the Sons of the American Revolution to-day. They came to town this morning from Baltimore on special cars.

The visitors, immediately upon reaching Annapolis, went to the Naval Academy, where a special feature drill had been arranged for them. The midshipmen paraded as a brigade of infantry, passed and re-passed in review, and went through all sorts of evolutions on the big athletic grounds.

After seeing the sights at the Academy, the visitors went to the executive mansion, where they were received and entertained by Gov. Crothers. The governor received his guests alone, and after holding an informal reception he tendered them a very attractive buffet luncheon in the state dining-room. After the reception at the mansion the Sons visited the historic old senate chamber in the Statehouse.

WRECKERS DERAIL CAR.

Switch Held Open—Attempt to Injure Motorman. Annapolis, Md., May 1.—The third attempt within a week to wreck one of the cars of the Maryland Electric Railways Company and apparently to injure or kill Motorman A. W. Beavers was made this morning at the West Annapolis switch, half a mile from Annapolis. A car from Baltimore was derailed.

Beavers was slightly cut on the face and a colored track hand was injured, but no one else was cut about. Those in the car were, however, badly shaken up.

The switch had been forced open and held that way by a section of heavy log chain.

Beavers has been unfortunate enough to have been the motorman in charge of two cars recently which were in accidents that cost two persons their lives, and there is supposed to be a plot against him on this account.

The car went for thirty or forty yards along the ties, and finally came to a stop, but was tilted nearly to the point of turning over.

LOVE LETTERS OF A CYNIC.

By HELEN ROWLAND. IN WHICH SHE SAYS THAT A SHOW-WEDDING IS AN IM-MODEST EXPOSURE OF THE SOUL.

My Dear Boy: Really, I hardly recognize the stern Roman of yesterday in the penitent lamb of to-day. To receive an eternal farewell, accompanied by a sketch of myself, etched in steel and acid, on Wednesday and a gentle prayer for mercy, with most of the florist's stock in trade, on Friday makes my head swim. For lightning changes of heart, command me to a man! They are as frequent and natural to him as his changes of waistcoat.

Forgive me? Dearest, I am so shallow that I can forgive almost anything to some people; especially when I have been waiting all morning just for the chance! Forgiveness is the acid test of love; the one thing that proves it the real, pure, unadulterated article. No woman should marry any man until she finds out that she can forgive him everything on earth—because that is probably what she will have to do sooner or later. A man sometimes fancies that he loves a woman for her perfection, but a woman knows that she has not to love a man in spite of his imperfections; and the man whom she loves most is usually the one to whom she has to forgive most.

Jack! Jack! Come and marry me quick! Before I change my mind again and the glass gets rubbed off our infatuation and the color gets washed out of love. Before we go on dissecting our emotions until all the fragrance evaporates from them.

I know that they have the stage all set for a show wedding, and the costumes ordered, and the press notices written, and the posters—I mean the invitations—ready to send out. But it's my wedding, after all, and it's going to be a sacrament, not a melodrama. A fashionable wedding is an immodest exposure of the soul! Why is it that a girl always seems to make a circus out of what is the most serious—and sometimes the most tragic—thing that ever will happen to her? The average woman is married only once—or three times at most—and you would fancy that she would want to make her first wedding a thing of sentiment and beauty like the first kiss or the first prayer, that hangs about the memory like a silver cross about one's neck. But sentiment isn't sentiment when it's unworked and passed around to the public; like wine, it spoils when it is aired.

Just come and take me to the parsonage and let us have our wedding all to ourselves. At the climax of a play there is nobody on the stage but the hero and the heroine, and the lights and the music are low and soft. And that's the way to go through with the climax of life—because after marriage almost everything is anti-climax.

Of course, we shall have to burn all the invitations and send back all the presents. But I fancy we can almost live without those six electroliers, and those seven ice cream forks, and those fourteen sugar spoons, don't you? Truly, truly, "To them that hath shall be given," for a moment a girl gets the one thing on earth she wants—a husband—the multitude gather together to shower a lot of things she doesn't want upon her. It's the trophy of fate!

Come and let's go into marriage as though it were going to be a real pleasure. And don't let's ask if it is all going to last forever—because forever is a long time. We don't ask that of a game, or a play, or a dinner, or a flirtation, or anything else nice. Don't let us spoil the present by thinking of the future. Half the happiness in marriage is ruined by the fear that it won't last. Let's enjoy the lovefeast while it is on—and be married to-morrow with no family, and no guests, and no fripperies—but just you and ME.

P. S.—Oh, won't it be delicious to fool them? And won't they all be shocked—and—excused? And, after all, we'll get plenty of advertising, for every paper in town will give us a column at the very least, with a heading in pink ink.

NOT IN HOSTILE MOVE. FIGHT IN A GRAVEYARD.

Virginian Railway Denies that It Is in Reported Deal. Norfolk, Va., May 1.—Strong denial was entered to-day by Assistant General Manager Reigart that Henry H. Rogers' Virginian Railway is in any way involved in the reported hostile moves of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Standard Oil interests for the control of the soft coal trade of the country. He says that the last report is but a revival of other, which were proved to be untrue. He knows of no combination in process of formation for the control of the soft coal trade.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

Klavuhn, hearing of it, went to the graveyard to stop Ash, if possible, and the latter, who had been hiding behind a tree, jumped on Klavuhn and seriously injured him. Klavuhn was taken to his home and a physician dressed his wounds.

Fat Is Out of Style.

To paraphrase Caesar's remark, the dietetic gown came, and was seen, and has conquered. So fat ladies are reduced, so to speak, to the necessity of either reducing at a very rapid rate or eliminating themselves from public view until the fashion dies out. Otherwise they risk being ridiculous.

Since many fat ladies will not eliminate themselves, however, but, per contra, will insist on wearing the curveless gowns, no course is open to this well-meaning scribe other than to tell them how they may eliminate the fat.

What is there, then, that reduces fat safely? What pleasant, inexpensive article is there on druggists' shelves that can reduce a pound a day without causing wrinkles or fat-mach ache? What can the pharmacist offer as an improvement over scanty victuals or ten-mile walks without breakfast? Is there anything pleasant to take and inexpensive to buy that will reduce one uniformly, quickly, and innocently thirty pounds a month? Here is the answer: Either write the Marmola Company, Dept. 857, Detroit, Mich., or ask your local druggist for Marmola Prescription Tablets, and for 25 cents they or he will give you one large case of these safe fat reducers, containing so generous a quantity of tablets that sometimes one case is only needed to produce the desired results. Can you match that for a simple solution of your problem?

THE WASHINGTON HERALD'S GREAT HOME CONTEST. NOMINATION BLANK. I hereby nominate Mr., Mrs., or Miss..... Name of Contestant. Street No..... Town or City..... As a candidate in The Herald's \$22,000 Contest. Signed..... Name of Sender. Address..... Town..... Date..... Hour..... THIS NOMINATION COUNTS 1,000 VOTES—Only one nomination to be credited to each contestant. Under no circumstances will the nominator's name be divulged, except the nominator of the winner of the First Grand Capital Prize.