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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1880.

Conservative State Convention.

A Convention of the Conservative party of Virginia will be held in the city of Richmond, on Wednesday, the 19th day of May, 1880, at 12 m., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which is to meet in Cincinnati on June 22d, 1880.

All Conservative, Democratic, or other citizens of Virginia, irrespective of past political associations or differences, who are willing to unite in the effort for a pure, economical, and constitutional government, and intend to support the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention and to oppose the nominees of the Republican party, are entitled to participate in meetings to send delegates to the said Convention.

There shall be one delegate and one alternate to every one hundred Conservative voters and multiples of one hundred exceeding fifty—on the basis of the Tilden and Hendricks vote in Virginia in November, 1876—to be elected or appointed in such manner as the county and city organization may prescribe.

JOHN T. LOVELL, Chairman;
W. A. BURKE,
J. H. H. FIGGAT,
JOHN W. WRIGHT,
R. H. LOGAN,
JOHN R. STROTHER,
J. B. RICHMOND,
H. SHEPPERD,
C. T. SMITH,
JOHN L. MARYE,
R. T. W. DUKE,
H. H. HURT,
J. Bell Bigger, Secretary.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted by the State Committee at its meeting in Richmond, March 10th:—

WHEREAS, Realizing the fact that the Conservatives of Virginia, though divided upon the local and transient issue of the State debt, are in communion and sympathy upon the great issues that divide the country, that diverse views upon that issue in nowise affect the relations of constituents or representatives with the great national parties that are about to compete for the suffrages of the people—recognizing that we are upon the eve of a critical conflict, in which the liberties of the people and the permanence of a free constitution are to be antagonized by powerful monopolies and political combinations which seek to subvert the courts into servile instruments of Federal oppression, to degrade the States into dependent provinces, and to destroy the fundamental principles of popular right upon which our Government was founded—we hold it to be the plain duty of all Conservatives and Democrats to lay aside all considerations which might impair their usefulness and to come together in cordial union to support these fundamental principles and uphold them as paramount and vital; therefore—

Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of three to communicate the action of this committee to the State Central Committee of the Readjuster party, and request them to cooperate with us, and to urge upon all the Conservative voters of the State to participate in the primary meetings held to send delegates to the State Convention.

The following is the committee to act under the above resolution: Messrs. Richmond, Strother, and Wright.

JOHN T. LOVELL, Chairman.
J. Bell Bigger, Secretary.

Laws Defeated for Want of Time.

A number of bills which had passed both houses, failed to become laws for the reason that the House would not grant time to have them enrolled and signed by the Governor.

The *State* says that it was seen early on Tuesday that all the bills passed could not be enrolled, and all the bills enrolled could not be considered by the Governor in time to approve or disapprove them, therefore Mr. Chamberlayne moved at the night session that the session be extended thirty minutes in order to give time to the Governor and enrolling clerk to perfect the bills already passed by both Houses. The House refused, and the consequence is that a number of very important bills failed to receive the signature of the Governor, a signature which would have been given had the House made the short and seasonable extension asked of them and explained by Mr. Chamberlayne.

Among these might be mentioned, that granting to the United States a quarantine station near Sewell's Point, off Norfolk; also that ceding a site for a postoffice, custom-house, &c., in Lynchburg; also, the maimed soldiers' bill appropriating some $15,000 and fixing the order of relief. A number of other bills were in the same way passed by, and it is our duty to say that it was not the fault of the enrolling clerks or the Governor, their functions being indeed fully performed, but was wholly the fault of the House, which unreasonably and absurdly refused to grant that extension of time which was absolutely necessary both to the enrolling clerk and to the Governor—to the one to enroll the bills, and to the other to approve or disapprove.

TRUE, O, KING.—In the House of Delegates on Monday of last week, Mr. Moffett, of Rockingham, one of the ablest of the leading Readjusters, made an honest confession. He said "that this Legislature had accomplished less than any he had ever seen. That they had been there all winter and had done absolutely nothing.". He might have said that they had "done absolutely nothing" that was good, but a great deal that was evil. May the State never be cursed with such another!

SALE OF TIMBER LANDS.—We learn from the Greenbrier *Independent* that Dr. Wm. L. Barksdale and Capt. Smith, of Alderson, have recently purchased a body of timber lands, lying in Greenbrier and Summers county, containing about five thousand acres, from Mr. Samuel Jarrett, of Muddy Creek, Greenbrier co., W. Va., for the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars.

CHILD FOUND IN A WELL AT FRONT ROYAL.—On Saturday week, whilst the Conference of the M. E. Church South was in session at Front Royal, a white female child was found in a well in that place. The alleged mother is Miss Mollie Mitchell of that place, reported to be "a young lady of high respectability and good standing."

CREMATED.—The body of Dr. Hahn, of New York, was cremated at Washington, Pa., last Tuesday, the work being accomplished within an hour. There were no religious services. The ashes were sent to friends in New York.

EXPELLED.—At the recent Conference at Front Royal, the committee of trial in the case of W. R. McNeer, charged with immorality, brought in the verdict guilty, and he was expelled from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

More Startling Opinions.

MAKING CONGRESS SUPREME.

Last week, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered several more decisions of a character to startle the people. One of these, delivered by Justice Bradley, was in the habeas corpus case of Augustus F. Clarke, a judge of election in Cincinnati, indicted and convicted in the United States Circuit Court in that city for a violation, as charged, of the *State law* in Ohio regulating the conduct of elections. One of the requirements of the Ohio law is that after the election the poll-book shall be delivered to the clerk of the State, "under cover and sealed." Clarke was charged with suffering the cover and seal of the book to be broken before delivery. There was no evidence offered that the returns had been altered or falsified in any way, but the United States Circuit Court held that he was amenable to punishment in the Federal court, under Federal law, for not keeping the book intact, as required by State law.

The opinion of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Bradley, Mr. Justice Field delivering a dissenting opinion in the Clarke case, which is applicable to all the cases. The court refuse, says the Balt. *Sun*, the writs of certiorari, dismiss the petitions for habeas corpus, and remand the prisoners into the custody of their gaolers. The constitutionality of the several sections of the Revised Statutes applicable to elections is maintained upon all points. The right of Congress to vest the appointment of supervisors in the judges of the circuit courts is affirmed, and the appointment and employment of deputy marshals at the polls is deduced from the paramount sovereignty of the United States, and the right of the general government to employ physical force at any time or place throughout the country to compel obedience to its laws. The pewer of Congress to make and alter regulations for holding elections for Representatives in Congress is declared to be a supervisory power. It may be exercised either by abolishing the State regulations and substituting such as Congress may prescribe, or by simply adding to or modifying the State regulations. Included in the power, the court say, is the power to impose new duties upon the State officers charged under State law with the duty of holding elections, and to punish them for any violation of the State law or of the Federal law. There can be no conflict or collision of authority, say the court, because the authority of the nation is paramount, and that of the State must yield. The conviction of Clarke, the Cincinnati judge, is therefore sustained, as well as that of the Baltimore judges of election. It is needless to point out what Judge Field so strongly emphasizes in his dissenting opinion, that this decision involves a complete overthrow and prostration of all State authority. The doctrine that a State officer may be punished by Federal authority for an offense committed, not against the United States, or any law of the United States, but against State law, is not only novel, but involves consequences of the most momentous character. It is a practical judicial repeal, Judge Field observes, of the tenth amendment to the constitution. It is difficult to see what rights can any longer be considered as reserved to the States or the people thereof which Congress cannot override. The opinion of the court forcibly recalls the unanimity with which the judges of England, in the reign of Charles I., declared that the royal prerogative was paramount over all law, and that there was no act of Parliament with which the royal authority might not dispense.

SUICIDE OF A YOUNG LADY.—One day last week, says the Bristol *News*, the body of Miss Eliza Snodgrass, daughter of Wm. H. Snodgrass, Esq., was found hanging dead and cold in the upper story of the family residence, in Sullivan county, some 5 miles southeast of Bristol The deceased was a most excellent and highly esteemed young lady. From a child she has been a pious member of the M. E. Church, and for some time taught school, giving excellent satisfaction as a teacher. She is a cousin of Messrs. Geo., Joe, and Robt. Pile, who are among the leading Main street merchants of Bristol and was aged about 24 years. She leaves a father, mother, and 3 brothers to mourn her death, which was due to a spinal affection of some two years' existence, and which had caused her to exhibit the most melancholy mental condition. A hank of thread was used for the deed.

A PRISONER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—A dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., states that, at 9 o'clock on the night of the 6th inst., about twenty prisoners confined in the Work house mutinied and, attacking the guard, escaped from custody. During the attack several of the prisoners were handling Frank McSherry, one of the guards, pretty roughly, and in self-defense he pulled a revolver and fired, the ball missing his assailants and striking Patrick Daley, a prisoner who was taking no part in the fight, in the abdomen, and killed him instantly. The attacking prisoners escaped unhurt.

DEATH OF A GALLANT SOLDIER.—Col. Abraham Spangler, of Moorefield, Hardy county, died there on the 29th ult., of consumption. He was formerly a resident of Winchester. He went into the war with a company from Moorefield, and rose to be Colonel of the 33d Virginia Infantry, which was one of the regiments of the Stonewall Brigade, and commanded by Gov. Holliday until he was disabled by his wounds. He was a gallant and faithful soldier, and has many friends throughout Virginia who will regret to hear of his death.

PARALYZED.—We learn from the Greenbrier *Independent* that Col. Alex. Humphreys, of Monroe county, was stricken with Paralysis on Friday week, while out on his farm suiting his sheep. He was found in the field, when he was taken to his residence in a helpless condition.

DROWNED.—At Charleston, W. Va., Mr. Morgan Jenkins, watchman of the tow-boat Oil Valley, was drowned from the boat, on Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock. He leaves a widow and five small children living in Charleston.

FOUND DEAD.—On Monday evening of last week, Col. John H. Kelly, a well known and respected citizen of Amsterdam, Botetourt county, was found dead in a small branch, near his home.

STARTLING DECISIONS—DEMOCRATS SHOULD UNITE.—In view of the recent startling decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court, perverting the character of our Gvoernment and drifting in into the whirlpool of consolidation, the intelligent Washington Correspondent of the Richmond *Commonwealth* appeals to "every good Democrat in Virginia to drop all merely local and State contentions and issues in order to effect a cordial union of the party upon an electoral ticket pledged to the regular Democratic candidate for President. If this shall be done, and the Democrats shall carry the presidential election, something may be done towards restoring the government of the Constitution and the rights of the States. Otherwise the usurpations of to-day and the utter abrogation of State authority and jurisdiction now declared will become the fixed will of our political system, and we shall be the subjects of an Imperial and centralized despotism—a despotism coarse, brutal and strong, with none of the refinements which mitigate its features in the Old World, and marked by all the cruelty of men heretofore unused to great power."

GREENBRIER WOOL-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—In response to a previous call, a number of gentlemen met in the Court-house in Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, W. Va., on Wednesday week, to take steps towards organizing a Woolgrowers' Association of that county, at which meeting were elected Mr. John Crawford, President, *pro tem.*, and and Capt. James W. Johnston, Secretary, *pro tem.*

Messrs. James H. Renick, Wm. R. Snyder, Wm. R. Johnson, Lewellyn Davis, Benjamin, Mann, Harvey Handly and S. W. N. Feamster were appointed a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Association.

A resolution was adopted appointing John H. Crawford and Wm. R. Johnson a committee to correspond with other Associations for the purpose of obtaining information and statistics in regard to the workings of similar organizations.

The Association adjourned to meet at the Court-house on the 19th instant for permanent organization.

A FREAK OF NATURE.—From the Preston county (West Virginia) *Journal*, we learn that "a woman of that county gave birth, a short time ago, to a wonderful monstrosity. Its legs and arms were just one-half the natural length, but the hands and feet were perfectly formed. Its head was half the length of its body, and was, therefore, exceedingly large for the size of the child. The head rested upon the body without a neck. It was a hermaphrodite, and one of the most singular in this respect the attending physician (who gave us these facts) ever saw, though he had seen hundreds of them in colleges and academies of natural arts and sciences. Fortunately, it was still-born."

That "attendinging physician" was a Munchausen. He had seen to much.

BILLS OF HON. J. R. TUCKER.—Last week, Hon. J. Ran. Tucker introduced in Congress two bills which strike at the ground-work of the recent alarming decisions by the Supreme Court. One repeals section 641 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the removal of certain causes, civil and criminal, to the Federal courts; the other repeals section 4 of the Civil Rights bill, under which Coles and the other judges are prosecuted.

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond *Commonwealth* says that Mr. Tucker does not have any hope of passing these laws with the Presidential veto barring the way, but they are intended to make a protest, and indicate the reforms which will be accomplished as soon as the Democratic party gain possession of the Government.

PAYMENT IN COUPONS FORBIDDEN.—State Auditor John E. Massey notifies all county treasurers that he will not in the future receive balances that may be due the treasury by them in coupons, as has been the custom by his predecessor for years It seems there are about $350,000 due from county treasurers on account of arrearages, who, in accordance with uniform custom heretofore, expected to settle up in coupons, and thus save margins in prices. Mr. Massey says he is fortified in his course by the opinion of the State attorney-general and will resist payment of any of these dues in anything except money.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE.—Bishop Doggett, President of the Virginia Bible Society, addressed the recent Conference at Front Royal, of the M. E Church South, in the interests of the Bible cause. He stated that the Bible had been published in 250 languages, and there had been distributed over 109,000,000 copies. This had been done by the gratuitous contributions of individuals. This society had by agents visited 109,853 families, of which 16,032 were destitute of the Bible. It had issued 119,395, and had given away 4,200.

CALLING OUR PROFESSORS AWAY.—The Charlottesville *Chronicle* says that it is rumored in that community that Prof. Mallet of the University of Virginia, has been invited to a new field of labor in Boston, Mass., and that Prof. Schele of the same Institution has been invited to accept a professorship in the University of Louisiana in New Orleans. We hope that of these distinguished Professors will not consent to leave their present positions, of which they are such distinguished ornaments.

INHUMAN MOTHER.—Near Arlington, Alexandria county, Milly Holmes, colored, left her infant child, three weeks old, in a fodder stack on the Arlington estate to perish of starvation. When found the dead child had its thumb in its mouth. The mother was arrested and confessed her guilt, assigning as a reason for the deed, that she was unable to provide for it. She will be tried for murder.

TRIAL OF JUDGES IN THE FEDERAL COURT.—The March term of the United States District court—Judge Alex. Rives presiding—will be opened in Lynchburg to-day. The cases of the county judges for failing to put negroes on juries will come up. Judge Haythe of that city, ex Judge Griffin of Roanoke, and others, have been recognized to appear. Under the late decision of the United States Supreme Court these cases can be tried.

RICH MINERAL RESOURCES.—Last week, the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburg, Pa., was addressed by Maj. Jed Hotchkiss of this city, Mr. W. C. Kerr, State Geologist of North Carolina, and Capt. T. P. Roberts, who had explored the line between Pittsburg and Grafton, who showed that in the States of Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina there was almost inconceivable mineral wealth awaiting development. The great iron beds of this State can be reached by the Pittsburg Southern railroad within the distance of two hundred miles from Pittsburg to Clifton Forge.

A line of railway following the route indicated, crossing but a single watershed will bring the city of Pittsburg in a distance of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty miles within reach of all the varieties of iron ores that are required in its blast furnaces. These iron ores are found in sufficient quanties above the water levels of the country, outcropping in great beds, to supply all the possible demands of this great iron manufacturing centre for ages to come.

THE TRIO OF READJUSTERS ON THE STATE CONSERVATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Danville *Post* says: The three bolting members of the committee, Wise, Groner, and Stovall, did not attend the meeting with any purpose of co-operation in its proceedings or endorsing its action, but simply to throw a new fire-brand into its deliberations and vent their spleen against the conservative party of the State. The long-winded protest, so-called, which they were permitted to read in the meeting, was evidently carefully prepared in the *Whig* building under the eye of the Grand Mogul of the party before it was ever read in the meeting, and was designed for no other purpose than to throw more discord into the ranks of the conservatives and widen the breach between the two wings of the party. "*Rule or ruin*" is the motto and purpose of the readjusters, and no middle ground, or harmony, or conciliation will ever meet their cooperation or consent.

VALLEY RAILROAD.—At the recent meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, President Garrett stated that the hostile and unreasonable legislation adopted at a previous session of the Legislature of Virginia in regard to the Valley railroad, which looked to the confiscation of the investments of the city of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Company, of upwards of $2,000,000, had been unconditionally repealed. He further stated that as the Valley Company is now no longer embarrassed by the antagonisms which had so much injured its prospects and progress, he hoped that at no distant day arrangements would be made to resume the construction of this road as originally designed. It is understood, in view especially of developments of large and valuable ore deposits upon the proposed route, the plans are being considered under which the completion of this important work can be accomplished.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says that Gen. Mahone "spent Saturday in Washington in consultation with prominent Republican politicians."—"He declined to state whether he would support Grant or not, if nominated."—He stated that his visit was in "reference to personal matters," and declined to be interviewed for publication, but said his party "could have no reconcilement with the Bourbons"—meaning the Conservative party. He will find that he will not be able to lead many Conservative readjusters into the Republican camp.

SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR ILLEGAL VOTING.—In the county court of King and Queen county last week, Jerry Hill, colored, was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year for voting when he had not paid his capitation tax. A petition for his pardon is in circulation on the ground that he was ignorant of the law. We have no doubt that he will be pardoned, and think he ought to be. The judges of the election were remiss in their duty, else he could not have voted in violation of the law as he did. He should have been required to show that he was entitled to vote.

SEYMOUR AND HENDRICKS.—This is the ticket that we have all the while believed to be the one that the Democratic National Convention should nominate, and have seen nothing to change this opinion, but much to confirm it. With that ticket, the Democratic party would enter the contest with confident hopes of success. It would at once unite the Democrats and inspire them with confidence, whilst it would discourage the Republicans who would feel that defeat awaited them.

THE REASON OF IT.—The majority of the Legislature adjourned that body without passing the appropriation bills, and refused to extend the session a half hour to give time for the enrollment and signature of the Governor to some bills which had been passed, with the view, no doubt, of forcing the Governor to call an extra session by which each member would pocket $180. In this we hope they will be disappointed.

A COUSIN OF SENATOR CONKLING BURNED TO DEATH.—At Norwich, Chenango county, N. Y., Saturday morning, Mrs. Mary E. Griffing, a wealthy widow and a cousin of Senator Conkling, was found upon the floor of the hall in her house horribly burned. When picked up she was unconscious, and she died in about an hour.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN TOKIO, JAPAN.—In a recent fire in Tokio, Japan, 68 streets, containing 11,464 houses, were burned, rendering over 40,000 people homeless. It is estimated that thirty people were trampled to death in the streets, and 100 wounded were conveyed to the hospital.

AN EXPECTED BRIDE DISAPPOINTED.—The *Alderson Enterprise* of the 9th inst., says:—

"We understand, from reliable authority, that all the arrangements were made for a wedding in the Muddy Creek region on Wednesday of last week. The supper was prepared, the minister present, the bride adorned, and the friends assembled; but the bridegroom, for some cause, did not put in his appearance. Report says, when the bridegroom elect was last heard from he was on his way to the West, entertaining a hope that he would be enabled to grow up with the country."

DR. LUTHER R. DICKINSON GUILTY OF FORGERIES.—It is with no little pain that we announce the startling and surprising fact that Dr. Luther R. Dickinson, the Editor and proprietor of the *Planter and Farmer*, has been guilty of a number of forgeries amounting to $28,000 or more.

He is the brother of Rev. A. E. Dickinson of the *Religious Herald* and brother-in-law of Rev. Geo. B. Taylor. The *Dispatch* says:

"It appears that for nearly two years he has been using the forged endorsations of Jeter & Dickinson, proprieters of the *Religious Herald*, to negotiable notes offered for discount at various banking institutions in Richmond city or sold to note-brokers. For several months past he has also forged the endorsations of Rev. George B. Taylor, D. D., of Rome, Italy, but who has recently been on a visit to this country, and also of Rev. Charles E. Taylor, professor in Wake Forest College, North Carolina—both of them brethers-in-law of Dr. Luther R. Dickinson. It is stated that all the endorsements of the names of these gentlemen—and they are said to be numerous—on paper drawn by Dr. L. R. Dickinson are forgeries. This is also true of all his notes bearing the endorsement of Jeter & Dickinson.

Dr. Luther R. Dickinson was at his office for the last time on Thursday morning the 11th instant. When he left he stated that he was going to Louisa county for a few days. He was perhaps then aware of the awful disclosures which were soon to break upon his friends and the public. On that day he wrote and signed the following confession of his guilt:

"MARCH 11, 1880.

"I desire to make to my friends and creditors a frank confession of my sin and folly in fraudulently using the name and credit of others in the vain hope of extricating myself from embarrassments caused by bad management of my affairs. Compelled to flee from my home, utterly penniless, I solemnly declare my purpose to devote the balance of my life to the payment of my every indebtedness, and I invoke a charitable judgment and treatment on the part of all concerned.

"L. R. Dickinson.

Before leaving the city Dr. Luther R. Dickinson made a deed of trust conveying the *Planter and Farmer* and all his real estate to secure his brother, Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson, for certain *bona fide* endorsements. It is understood, however, that Rev. Dr. Dickinson refuses to occupy the position of a preferred creditor, and has relinquished to the other creditors of his brother all his interest in the property conveyed to him. This he has done notwithstand the serious embarrassment in which he is himself involved by his liabilities for Dr. Luther R. Dickinson."

SUDDEN DEATH OF EX-AUDITOR WM. F. TAYLOR.—The late excellent Auditor of the State, Wm. F. Taylor, who was superseded by Rev. John E. Massey, was found dead in his bed at his residence in Richmond on last Friday morning, having died during the night before, it is supposed, of heart disease. He was 67 years of age. He leaves four children. His mother is in the 90th year of her age. He was elected Auditor in 1865.

Mr. Taylor was for many years a leading member of the Presbyterian church. At the time of his death he was senior elder in the First Presbyterian church, and had been for many years the superintendent of the Sunday school of that church.

He was also for many years president of the Male Orphan Asylum and was prominently connected with the Virginia Bible Society.

It is a singular coincidence that Mr. Taylor's father and his brother died suddenly. His father, by a misstep, slipped and struck his head upon the railroad track, inflicting a slight bruise, and he died that night. His brother, the celebrated Dr. Samuel Taylor, of Manchester, died while sitting in a chair talking to a patient.

DR. MOFFETT.—To the Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg *Appeal* Mr. Moffett said:

"But there is one thing about the whole matter, and that is we cannot afford to have three parties in this State in national politics. So long as it was a mere State issue, why it was all right, but when it comes to be a great party question, involving great national questions and issues, why it's something else."

Dr. Moffett is coming to the front in handsome style, and unless Paul and Riddleberger abandon the treacherous Mahone plan of running an independent electoral ticket, they will be abandoned by all good Conservative readjusters who prefer the election of a Democratic to a Republican President.

EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL.—The Washington correspondent of *The State* under date of the 9th inst, says;—

"A memorial prepared by Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, of Virginia, Chief Justice Waite, and Secretary Evarts, as a committee appointed by the trustees of the Peabody Fund, has been sent to senators and members of Congress. It is a strong argument in favor of an appropriation to supplement that portion of the Peabody fund which is devoted to education of colored children in the South."

This able memorial was prepared by our talented and distinguished citizen, Hon. A. H. H. Stuart.

A KIND WORD FOR MILLER.—The Montgomery *Messenyer*, in speaking of Mr. Miller of Scott county, the reported miraculous healer of diseases, says:—

"We hear it from the most reliable sources that he is a very worthy man, who believes in his powers as bestowed by his Maker, and who is using his gifts in charity to the afflicted. It may be a delusion, but his victims are certainly not swindled out of money, and believe they are cured, whether they are or are not.

Dr. S. H. Moffett was the only Readjuster from the Valley of Virginia who voted against the repeal of the law making the pre-payment of the capitation tax a prerequisite to voting, and in doing so, we think he but reflected the sentiments of a large majority of the people.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

The conservative press of Virginia without an exception, and all the leading press of the country of both of the national parties, warmly endorse Governor Holliday's veto message. The public sentiment of the world will do the same.—*Danville Post.*

Gen. John A. Logan,

Hero of the late war, and now U. S. Senator from Illinois, writes:—"Some years ago I was troubled more or less with inflammatory rheumatism, and have within the last year or so suffered intensely with same disease. I began to take 'Durang's Rheumatic Remedy,' and am thoroughly satisfied that I have been permanently cured by its use. I do not hesitate to recommend it."

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Appointments of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.

This Conference held at Front Royal adjourned last Tuesday night. The next Conference will be held at Harrisonburg.

The following is the list of appointments for the ensuing year:—

Baltimore District—S Rodgers, P E.—St. Paul's, I W Canter; Frederick Avenue, J F Baggs; Central, P H Whisner, J N Hank, sup.; Emmanuel, B E Wilburn; Baltimore Circuit, C M Brown; Arlington, J Landstreet; Freedom, J J Engle, W H Woolfe; Linganore, M G Balthis; Frederick City, A E Bradenbaugh; Rockville, G T Tyler, G M Strother, A R Martin, sup; Montgomery, W W Watts, J G Gralchen; Bladensburg and Emory, L R Jones; Beltsville, L W Haslup; Wesley Grove, W E Miller, J N Spangler, sup; South River, H S Coe; Upper Marlboro', D Thomas.

East Baltimore District—J E Armstrong, P E.—Trinity, W H D Harper; Calvary, S K Cox; North Baltimore, O W Hammond; East Baltimore, B F Ball; Taylor's Circuit, W A McDonald; West Harford, G B Allen; East Harford, J W Steele; Talbot, G H Zimmerman, Collins Denny; Trappe, J L Kibler; Kent, T W Brown; Queen Anne's, H A Gaver, J W Grubb; West River, J W Schoaff, W P C Coe; Calvert, S B Dolly, S B Thrasher; Prince George's, S Townsend, one to be supplied; Charles and St Mary's, E E Shipley; Severn, F Furr.

Washington District—S Regester, P E.—Mount Vernon, W P Harrison, W H Wilson, sup; J W Boteler, sup.; Alexandria, W K Boyle; Falls Church, J H Waugh; Fairfax, H P Hamill; Drainsville, J T Williams; Leesburg, J S Gardner; Hamilton, A A P Neele; Hillsboro', W R Stringer, J L Porterfield; Loudoun, L H Crenshaw, L R Green; Piedmont, L M Lyle, S S Roszel, sup.; Linden, J O Tackett; Warrenton, W G Hammond; Fauquier, J S Porter; Occoquan, R H Wilson; Sudley, G Mauzy; Stafford, W H Henry, W H Lefevre; Fredericksburg, J W Duffy.

Winchester District—N Head, P E.—Winchester, H H Kennedy; Winchester Circuit, W A Wade; Cedarville, F A Mercer; Front Royal, No. 1, S G Ferguson; Warren, O C Bealle; Berryville, F A Strother; Brucetown, J W Wolfe, W B Dorsey; Martinsburg, J H Davidson; Berkeley, J H Baker; Charlestown, J A Regester; Frederick Mission, J H Temple; E T Hoterick, sup.; Jefferson, R S Highley; Blue Ridge Mission, (supplied by J Wolf;) Shepherdstown, W G Eggleston; Gainsboro, James H Wolfe, one to be supplied; Capon Bridge, Andrew Robey; Wm Hedges, sup.; Strasburg, L Fox; Valley Female College, B Arbogast; Lonoak Female College, J P Hyde.

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Saturday, February 28th, 1880,

a tract of land containing about **164½ acres**, lying about two miles South-east of Craigsville, in Augusta county, and formerly owned by Caleb Crone, dec'd Said farm has a comfortable Dwelling and necessary outhouses upon it, besides an apple orchard and other fruit trees.

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J. E. GUY,
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POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is postponed until

Monday, March 15th, 1880,

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	Mail.	Express.	Acco.
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Le. Staunton	10 17	12.55	11.45
	P. M.		P. M.
Ar. Charlottesville	12.10	A 3.00	3.10
" Gordonsville	B 1.20	B 4.05	4.50
		P. M.	
" Louisa	1.35	4.35	6.20
" Junction	3 20		9.06
" Richmond	C 4.30	D 7.00	10.45

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