Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1885.

—STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.—

FOR GOVERNOR:—

FITZHUGH LEE,

OF FAIRFAX.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—

JOHN E. MASSEY,

OF ALBEMARLE.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—

RUFUS A. AYERS,

OF SCOTT.

FOR THE SENATE:—

ABSALOM KOINER.

FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGAES:—

EDWARD ECHOLS.
ALEX. B. LIGHTNER.

SPEAKING TO-NIGHT!

HON. CHAS. T. O'FERRALL.

Hon. Chas. T. O'Ferrall will make a speech at 8 o'clock to-night in the Club Room in the Hurley Building in behalf of the Democratic party. This simple announcement is sufficient to ensure a full attendence of the Democrats of the city.—Col. O'Ferrall is a good speaker and he has many warm personal as well as political friends in this city. Come to the speaking.

MR. JAS. O. HOBBS AND THE HIGHLAND RECORDER.—A candidate must be very free from objection when the greatest that is brought against him by his opponents is, that his wife was the owner of some State bonds and coupons when he married her. This certainly would be a strange objection to urge against a man were it true; but in the case of Mr. Jas. O. Hobbs, it is not true, and it is so far from being true, that neither he nor his wife has ever owned State bonds and coupons, and has never even seen any, The Highland *Recorder* will have to pick its flint and try again. It might urge against him that he has some bank notes, and that he should not be trusted with representative power for that reason. There might, at least, be truth in this statement, and it would be about as valid an objection to him as that his wife possessed State bonds and coupons before he married her. It is presumable, from the objection he urged against Hobbs, that our bachelor friend of the *Recorder* would not think for a moment of marrying a lady who possessed State bonds and coupons. He would consider that a fatal objection. She might possess all the virtues desirable in a wife, but if she possessed State bonds and coupons, though he loved her with all the fervid intensity of his nature, he would not think of marrying her—it would disqualify him to represent the people in the Legislature.

The editor of the *Recorder* seems to think that a lady cursed with the possession of State bonds, should not be blessed with matrimonial bonds.

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, REMEMBER, that the Prohibition movement at this time has neither the approval nor support of the great bulk of the temperance men of the State. It can only work harm without a solitary benefit. Democrats who are temperance men, keep away from it.—Try to persuade democrats who are in it to pause and not be the means by which Mahone may be put in the United State Senate for another six years.

"ON THE LAST DAY QUIETELY."

If it were possible, even by the aid of the concentrated vote of the Republican party, for the Prohibition nominees to be elected, the few democrats who are acting in that movement, should remember that Mahone says to his party friends after you see the democrats divided, then *"on the last day quietely"* put Republican candidates in the field and vote for them. The Democratic party will not be divided worth the count, but Prohibitionists of that party can see to what uses they would be put if perchance it could avail Mahone in retaining his seat in the U. S. Senate. Every Democrat on the Prohibition ticket scorns such a thought, but the republicans would use you nevertheless if they can. Better stop now and let the manipulators in republican tactics stand on their own ground and not have the privilege of fighting the democrats through you.

Mr. Wise discussed the tariff question at length in his speech Saturday. He declared himself in favor of protection, but in concluding one of his arguments left the impression that the consumers of manufactured articles had an unreasonable burden to bear in consequence. Though not in his language, it was the identical argument which Mr. Tucker has so often made.

The Prohibition ticket will command support outside of those who are in full sympathy with it". That is what the republicans say, and they know where the votes, if finally given, are to come from. Every day admonishes democrats in the movement, to come out from it.

The prohibition movement in this county in a nut-shell—it is too utterly too-too previous; it jumps before it gets within a mile of the ditch; it is prohibition intoxicated; it needs a little more temperance—a total abstinence, in fast, from all indulgence in cranky freaks.

Elect a Democratic Legislature and all will be well. To elect the State ticket, and fail to elect a majority of the Legislature, would be a barren victory; for then Mahone would have accomplished his main, if not his sole, object in this canvass.

The only way to prevent the re-election of Mahone to the U. S. Senate is to elect a Democratic Legislature. Every Democrat should go to the polls and vote the Democratic ticket solid. Scratch not a single name.

The cause of temperance may will exclaim: "Save me, save me from my injudicious and intemperate friends—I am wounded, sorely wounded, in the house of my friends."

REGISTER—REGISTER—SEE TO TRANSFERS.—Precinct democrats should be specially assigned to such work.

Place a brand of infamy on the forehead of the men who are slandering Virginians!

John S. Wise and the color-line and revenue.

We did not hear the speech of John S. Wise in the Skating Rink in this city last Saturday, but we heard one of our most intelligent citizens, who heard a part of it, say that he drew the color-line more distinctly and emphatically than any speaker he had ever heard. He said that all colored men were Republicans except such as were Democrats for revenue—that whenever a colored man was a Democrat, he was such for revenue.

It has not been a great while since John S. Wise said that white Virginians who were Republicans were "apostates for the price of their apostacy"—in others words, were Republicans for revenue. So, according to the theory of John S. Wise, white Republicans in Virginia and colored Democrats are alike such for revenue only. Johh S. Wise is a white Virginia Republican—white Virginia Republicans are such for revenue; therefore John S. Wise is a Republican for revenue.

Does it not occur to Wise that "that it is a poor rule that does not work both ways," and that if the color distinguishes the parties, and a colored man can only be a Democrat for revenue, that a white man can only be a Republican for revenue. It is Wise's purpose to unite the colored men solidly as Republicans on the color-line; but he is at the same time uniting the white men solidly as Democrats. When color is to mark the distinction of parties, there will not be many white Republicans in Virginia. According to Wise, if a colored Republican become a Democrat or a white Democrat become a Republican, he does so for revenue. He also says that the men who change are smarter than those who do not. Therefore those who change for revenue are smarter than those who do not; and thus it is that Wise proves himself to be smarter than those who have maintained their political consistency. He considers a man swart who apostatizes for the price of his apostacy, and hence considers himself one of the smartest men in Virginia. He is a political paradox—being a high protective tariff man, and yet for "revenue only."

The only way to effect Prohibition.

The only way in which it is possible, at any time in the near future, for prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors in this State to be effected, is by local option, and both parties are now pledged to that. Suppose the prohibitionists in this county should elect their candidates, what could they do more than the candidates of both the political parties are already pledged to do? They could do nothing but antagonize both the other parties. They would be in the Legislature without a party, and could do nothing but hold their fingers in their mouths. The friends of temperance must look to the Democratic party, for that is the party that will control legislation in this State. If they antagonize and make enemies of that party, they cannot hope to accomplish the object they have in view. They should have the friendship of both parties, and should bring the question of temperance before the people when there is no political contest, so that the full strength of the temperance sentiment may be expressed at the polls.—There are Democratic local-optionists, and Republican local-optionists, and, if the question be submitted wholly divorced from party politics, the vote of temperance men of both parties can be obtained, otherwise not.

Mr. Wise's Audience.

The Skating Rink in which Mr. Wise spoke Saturday, will hold about two thousand persons, seated as the crowd was on that occasion. The arrangements were good in every feature. Seats with chairs and settees covered about half the floor.—On the extreme right of the stand a row of seats was assigned to the colored people.—They numbered about two hundred and fifty. The centre block and the extreme left were assigned to the whites. Ushers—who, as far is the reporter observed, were all colored men—waited upon the people as they entered and courteously directed them to seats. There was a number of ladies, some bearing beautiful collections of flowers, and a large number of persons not old enough to vote. In the assemblage were from three to four hundred democrats.—When it is stated that the entire crowd was not over one thousand, with more than a fourth democrats and non-voters, the reader can form a fair estimate of the number of republicans present.

Mr. Jacob Yost very handsomely introduced Mr. Wise who made a lengthy speech much after the order of his addresses at other points in the State, which have been often reported, and sketched in communications to the press.

The Mount Sidney Band furnished the music.

The New York Candidates.

The nominees of the democratic party in New York for Governor and Lieut. Governor revives a number of pleasant incidents to which we are not strangers in Virginia.

Many of our readers will recollect the early efforts, which were crowned with complete success, by Major N. H. Hotchkiss to bring the North and South together in fraternal accord through the associations of the press of the two sections. The volume he wrote "The Pine and the Palm," in which so many good things are recorded, becomes more valuable as time wears on.—We all remember the Northern editors, Major Hotchkiss introduced through the South in 1871 and their visit to this city.—Gov. Hill was a member of the press and with that party. He made a speech in this city, as did General Jones the candidate for Lieutenant-Governer in Binghampton, New York, when in the following year the Virginia Press Association visited the North.

The speeches of both gentlemen are reported in "The Pine and the Palm." They were truly national and every sentence uttered fraternal sentiments and expressed the most cordial feelings for Vrginia and the South.

DEMOCRATIC PROHIBITIONISTS should remember that Republicans have no sympathy with their movement outside of the good it may do their defunct party in breaking the democratic ranks. Not by their strength, but through divided democrats, they hope to gain a new foot-hold.—You should come out from a movement which does temperance no good and works in every way for the comfort of those whose cause upon its merits is hopeless.

The Norfolk *Landmark* says that as long as the colored people shall "vote as sheep follow the bell-weather they can never have their own respect, or that of the white people of the country."

REGISTER in time. Attend to TRANSFERS in time. Be in place at all the Democratic meetings, and know no other than the straight democratic ticket.

Prohibition—Status Round-about.

We have carefully examined the field roundabout to see the progress of the Prohibition movement, which is, so far, mainly confined to Staunton. We regret the movement, because it can do temperance no good, and is calculated to work mischief in the democratic ranks. There is nothing of it in Albemarle, Rockingham, Highland, Bath, or Alleghany counties. In Rockbridge, the matter is discussed to some extent, and presently we will come to that county. Waynesboro' and Greenville are will fortified in their temperance strength and have no bar-rooms within their corporate limits, but the democrats of those towns, who favor total abstinence, are not in the Prohibition movement.

In Rockbridge, as remarked, the question has been discussed, and Mr. B. C. Moomaw, a constant contributor to the press in behalf of prohibition, has not carried his advocacy of it into this election as has been done in Augusta. On the contrary, he is the President of one of the largest and most active democratic clubs in that county, and will not jeopard the political interests, and the success of the democray, by introducing a ticket in opposition to that party.

And again, the Rev. A. P. Boude, editor of the Rockbridge *News*, who is personally known and highly esteemed in all this section of the State, is second to no man in his open advocacy of the temperance cause. Now see what he says about the Augusta movement in his paper of last week. Here it is:—

"We learn from the Staunton *Spectator* that Mr. J. H. Callison, Prohibition candidate for the House of Delegates for Augusta county, has withdrawn. We think the reason he gives is a very good one. We are sorry to the see the question of Prohibition pressed by the Augusta people at this time. The way the matter stands in this State at present, any attempt to force a third party upon the country can only do harm. We ought to take warning from the fate of the party in North Caroline, where, by undue haste, Prohibition was buried out of sight of this generation. Let well enough alone.—The leaven is working. The necessity of a third party in Virginia may arise, probably *will*, but it is not yet."

Certainly with such authority, we are fortified in expressing the views we have.—Mr. Boude's counsel is wise and timely offered, and we hope it will have weight with all good temperance men, who are not willing to sacrifice the best interests of the democratic party in this important contest.

DON'T DO IT, DEMOCRATS. There is no place for you but in the regular ranks of your party. Democrats who are temperance men can effect more by maintaining their full democratic strength in this contest than by throwing away their votes on tickets which, if elected, could accomplish no more than is secured by the party platform upon which every democratic candidate stands.

An Interesting Incident.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* says that at the conclusion of Gen. Lee's speech last Thursday evening at Roanoke city an incident of an exceedingly touching character occurred. A bouquet was presented to the General on behalf of Mrs. Andrew Lewis, a venerable lady of more than eighty years, the widow of a great-grandson of General Andrew Lewis of Revolutionary fame, and mother of Major Andrew and Colonel Thomas Lewis, of Roanoke. It came with words of cheer and warm commendation from this venerable Virginia matron.—Major Samuel Griffin, of Bedford, performed, the pleasing presentation duty in a charming manner; the act itself seemed to have inspired him to more than ordinary eloquence, and when those flowers, together with a basket from Mrs. Fry, were handed General Lee, there were more bosoms than one in that vast audience that heaved with emotions of gratitude to the noble women of Virginia. General Lee's reply, full of chivalric feeling, was worthy the man and the occasion, during the delivery of which he referred to the well known incident in the life of General Forrest, when the child held up her frock between General Forrest and the bullets of the enemy. If, said General Lee, the ladies be for us, who can be against us. At the conclusion of the General's remarks, a bouquet was presented him by the ladies of East Roanoke. So, being literally overwhelmed with floral offerings, General Lee handed the two original bouquets to Gen. Early to hold, as he said, temporarily, while he (Lee) made what General Early could not do, a speech to the ladies; the latter had never yet been able to make the proper speech to one.

REMEMBER PLEASE that the Republicans last fall said, that if Cleveland was elected that our furnaces would be closed and our iron interests would be "swamped."

The result thus far is: 1st, Longdale Furance is making pig-iron at the same speed as last fall, and the *iron is selling for more per ton than this time last year.* 2nd. Low Moor is increasing her out-put and has under *consideration the erection of a new furance to meet the demand.* 3rd. *Thirty thousand dollars were invested* by a Northern firm in *Alleghany mineral lands this Spring*, and a *new mining town will be the result of this purchase.* 4th. A large and wealthy Iron Company have *leased several hundred acres of Alleghany mineral lands, and will shortly begin operations with the erection of another new furnace.*

If Democracy will destroy, as charged by Republicans, can we not just as reasonably believe that it has contributed to this upbuilding in our county. The truth of the whole business is, it is the rarest thing in world that you get a Republican politician to stick to the truth.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

The most important contest in this canvass is the election of members of the Legislature. Nothing should prevent a Democrat from voting for the Democratic candidates for the Legislature. "LOOK TO THE LEGISLATURE" should be the watchward.

What Mahone is fighting for in this canvass is a majority of the Legislature, that he may be re-elected U. S. Senator. He cares nothing for the election of the republican State Ticket, but is bending all his energies to the election of Mahone members of the Legislature. He cares nothing for the politics of a member, if he will vote for Mahone.

Gen. E. F. Jones, of Binghamton, has been chosen for Lieutenant-Governor on the democratic ticket in the place of Roswell P. Flower, who declined the nomination.

The Winchester *News* says that Mr. Funkhouser, of Frederick County, will exhibit at the Winchester Fair a steer which weighs four thousand pounds.

The wife of the Rev. Gibson Mauzy, of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, died in Fauquier county week before last.

Rally votes for good and honest government—rally for the schools, rally to crush out Bossism, corruption and jobbery.

JUDGE WARD'S WOUNDS.—A dispatch from Abingdon, Va., says: "The condition of Judge G. W. Ward, who was so fearfully assailed by Dr. White and his two nephews here on Sunday, was more favorable to-night. The wound in the groin is regarded as the most serious. The other eight, while some of them are painful, are not regarded as so dangerous. Mr. Ward's physicians decline to express any opinion as to what will be the result of his wounds. The assrult upon Mr. Ward is deplored by fair-minded men in both parties. The manner of Dr. White's attack, in company with his two relatives, is generally severely condemned.

AN ATTACK ON GOV. CAMERON.—The recent letter of Gov. Cameron, in which he expressed the opinion that the election in this State last fall was fairly conducted has drawn a raking fire from the republican quarters. A special correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* recently visited Petersburg, Va., the home of Gen. Mahone, and then went to Richmond, from which point he has written a column letter, entirely devoted to abuse of Gov. Cameron.

HE MET THE FATE HE DESERVED.—The negro man Mebane, who outraged and afterwards killed Mrs. Hugh Walker, near Milton, N. C., on September 28, was arrested Friday night, and on Saturday, while being carried from Milton to Yanceyville, N. C., was taken from the officers by about 200 men and hung and shot.

A LADY FATALLY BURNED.—Mrs. Ezra Herring, an aged and well-known lady of Martinsburg, was fatally burned Saturday morning while attempting to kindle a fire with coal oil. She died at 3.30 o'clock that afternoon. Mrs. Herring leaves a husband and several grown children.

CONDITION OF JOHN E. OWENS.—The condition of John E. Owens, the comedian, who is at his home, Aigburth Vale, near Towsontown Md., is very critical. He is suffering from cancer of the liver, and owing to the great suffering and pain has frequently been delirious.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS DOOMED ALREADY to defeat in the State, but in dividing democrats in certain counties the Legislature may be secured for Mahone. Then how they would chuckle over democratic gullibility.

Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, has accepted an invitation from the Virginia democratic State committee to speak in Leesburg, Loudoun county, Monday, October 12. It is expected that Mr. Voorhees will also speak at other points in the State.

George Bancroft, the vonerable historian, celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth on Saturday at Newport, R. I. Mr. Bancroft is still vigorous and in good health.

The Wise-Smith Assault.

AN ACCOUNT BY AN EYE-WITNESS.

The Washington papers devote considerable space to descriptions of the difficulty between the Hons. John S. Wise and J. Ambler Smith, on a railroad train between Washington and Alexandria Thursday evening.

The Reporter of the Washington *Star* says:—

Mr. C. K. Ramsburg, of Maryland, the friend who accompanied Mr. Smith to Alexandria and witnessed the altercation, gave the following account of it:

"Mr. Smith invited me to accompany him to Alexandria to hear Mr. Wise's speech. I accepted, and we reached the depot just before the train started. We boarded the train, but could not get seats, so we went into the baggage car in search of better accommodations. There were no seats there, so we turned back and entered the smoking car. Mr. Smith was in front of me, and when we had taken but a few steps Mr. Wise, who was seated several seats only from the door, accosted him with, 'How are you, John Ambler?' Mr. Smith returned the salutation, and the two engaged in conversation in regard to the attitude of the Lewis family in the Virginia canvass. After a few words Mr. Smith said: 'You know, Wise, that I can not support you because you are a Mahone man.' Mr. Wise said: 'I am not a Mahone man: I am a repnblican.' Mr. Smith retorted: 'And you know full well that you sold me out when I was a candidate for Congress. I can't support any Mahoneite.' Mr. Wise denied having sold Mr. Smith out, and said that if Smith stated that, he stated what was false. Mr. Smith retorted that Wise lied. Wise looked right at Smith, but at the instant made no sort of response. Then suddenly he arose and struck Mr. Smith a blow in the mouth, knocking him into the lap of a man who was seated opposite. I saw several negroes advance in a threatening manner, so I seized Wise and demanded fair play. I forced Wise into his seat, whereupon Smith was furiously attacked by some negroes. The negroes also assailed me, and we would have been roughly handled if it had not been for the interference of the conductor and brakeman, who put a stop to the row. Seeing that we had a show for fair play, then Mr Smith demanded of Wise that he should meet him at Alexandria immediately upon the arrival of the train and give him satisfaction. At Alexandria we got out on the platform and waited, Mr. Smith expecting, of course, that Wise would meet him. We soon learned that some of Wise's friends had taken him out of the other end of the car. We went up to the Tontine, where we met some of Mr. Smith's personal friends, and they were consulted as to what should be done. Mr. Smith disclaimed any intention of visiting Alexandria for the purpose of taking any part in the meeting or of creating any disturbance. His friends advised him to go to the meeting, and that if Wise made any allusion to the affair on the train he (Smith) should then and there state the facts. I accompanied Mr. Smith to the meeting. He did not say a word until some one in the audience called out to Wise: 'Why don't you give John Ambler Smith fair play now or after the meeting.' Mr. Wise replied that he 'had slapped the face of Smith as he would that of any other blackguard.' Thereupon Mr. Smith arose, and, taking off his hat, said very deliberately to Wise: 'You struck me a foul blow, and I demand satisfaction. You are a liar, a coward and a poltroon.' He addressed Wise directly, so that he and everybody else present could hear him."

Mr. Ramsburg stated that Mr. Smith waited until the meeting dispersed, expecting Mr. Wise to meet him, but that the latter made his exit from the hall quietly through a back door.

A later edition of the *Star* says: "Mr. Smith after consultation with his friends this morning decided to let the affair stand where it is, leaving Mr. Wise to take the aggressive if he feels so disposed. He was advised that his public denunciation of Wise and the latter's method of escaping from the hall had left the stigma upon Wise and made it incumbent on him to be the aggressor if the affair is to be carried further."

J. C. Parran, Green Spring, W. Va., says he has been using Powell's Prepared Chemicals and other fertilizers manufactured by the Brown Chemical Co., for several years, and is sure they are all that is claimed for them. Would recommend them to all who want *reliable* fertilizers. Powell's Prepared Chemicals cost only $6.00 per barrel, a sufficient quantity to make one-half ton of complete fertiiizer. Brown Chemical Co., manufacturers, Baltimore, Md.

ELOPED.—We learn that Mr. W. D. Bryant, miller for Mr. Peter D. Mauck, at McClannahan's mill, eloped, on Tuesday last, with Mr. Mauck's daughter, Miss Minnie. It is stated they went to Bristol, where they were married.—*Roanoke Leader.*

Gen. Fitz Lee in the Southwest.

CHRISTIANSBURG, Sept. 29.—Gen. Fitz Lee and Hon. John E. Massey addressed a crowd of nearly 2,000 in the courthouse yard to-day. They were escorted from the depot to town by six or eight hundred cavalry, and three bands of music. Cheer after cheer was heard all along the line, and when they entered town, one spontaneous shout was heard from one end of the town to the other. Gen. Lee spoke for nearly two hours, and convinced the people present that he knows how to speak. Many persons, including ladies, mounted the seats and gave vent to their feelings by cheering him. He discussed national and State affairs in that statesmanship manner that characterized the man not only as a statesman but a soldier. He was presented a number of beatuiful bouquets by Hon. A. A. Phlegar, as a token of love and affection from the fair daughters of Montgomery county.

Mr. Massey was received with deafening rounds of applause, and his speech was delivered and received with more enthusiasm than any he has made during the canvass.

It is said that the speech of Hon. Rufus A. Ayers at Newport, in Giles county, on Saturday last, was the best one and that he accomplished more for the cause of democracy than any speech ever did in that county.

General Lee left this evening for Floyd courthouse, and Parson Massey for the east. Mr. Ayers spoke to-day at Newcastle, Craig county.

FLOYD COURTHOUSE VIA BANGS, VA. Sept. 30.—Gen Fitz Lee arrived at this place from Christiansburg to-day at 12 o'clock, notwithstanding the enemy had blockaded his way on the mountain by cutting trees across the road, thereby endeavoring to prevent his arrival here. He was not detained, however, for his advance guard had cleared the way. Had breastworks been substituted, the Gen. might have had a slight skirmish, but the enemy being deserters and bushwhackers, they fled at his approach.

He was met some three miles out of town by nearly three hundred mounted cavalrymen, and triumphantly escorted into town, amid the shout and huzzahs of nearly one thousand persons, including many ladies. He addressed them for over two hours, and enthused new democratic life into the party. His speech was grand, convincing and soul-stirring, and its affect was wonderful. He left in the evening for Salem, amid cheers and shouts of a happy people.—Floyd county will be redeemed.

SALEM, October 1.—Gen. Fitz Lee spoke in Salem to-day to a large crowd of people. His reception in this place was a grand one. Over 700 men, mounted on horseback, escorted him from the depot. Mr. Whalen, of Roanoke, had the black stallion "Mohawk" ready for him, and when the Gen. mounted, a shout rent the air that could be heard for miles around. The General made a very eloquent address to the people, who in their eagerness to show their appreciation of his remarks shouted themselves hoarse. The General said: "When I see the farmers, lawyers and mechanics, leaving their duties and manifesting such joy at my presence, I do not take it to myself, but I feel that it is because I come to represent the democratic party."

Gen. Early has joined the cavalry, and when we see this accession to our ranks, it means that the infantry and artillery are coming to the support of the cavalry.

The General was introduced by Gen. Jubal A. Early amid rounds of applause.

Rufus Ayers joined the procession and drove a little dog cart around the town.—He is addressing the crowd at this time; not less than 2,000 being present.

The ovation was the grandest ever seen in Southwest Virginia, and the enthusiasm of the people unbounded.

Lee is now speaking and will be followed by Dunlop, of Richmond, and others.

Gen. Lee will be escorted to Roanoke this evening by an immense procession, and will speak there to-night.

ROANOKE October 1.—Clouds of dust, waves and billows of dust, encircled the Roanoke contingent of Lee's legion on its march from Salem to the city this evening. Before a mile had been traversed, men, horses, drums, bugles and banners seemed all to have been remanded to the elemental dust, and the speakers to-night all had dust in their throats, which they had rather had thrown in their adversaries' eyes. A big street parade led the procession through town to the Roanoke, and another led to the stand in Rorer Park to-night.

Phlegar led off in a sharp arraignment of Mahoneism for nearly an hour, and was followed by Fitz Lee, who had a lot of Roanoke turnpike added to his hoarseness. He spoke something over an hour and after a few minutes regained his voice so that the three thousand people who listened could hear every word.

After the usual flower presentation Rufus Ayers made a short and effective speech. Numerous other gentlemen were called on until finally loud calls for Huffman brought out the little game-cock of the Alleghanies, who made a ringing speech to his fellow-citizens.

The speaking closed in a grand round of cheers, tigers, and waving of hats. Two beautiful incidents of the evening were the presentation to Lee of a bouquet by a granddaughter of Andrew Lewis of revolutionary fame, and one from the northern ladies of Roanoke. A splendid display of fireworks entertained the audience during an interval in the programme. Lee and Ayers leave here on the western train at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning for Carroll.—There is a splendid feeling here to-night, and I have heard several northern gentlemen heretofore Republicans, give cheerful praise to Lee and the other speakers.

The Colored Voters.

The colored voters of the State, we have reason to know, will not as a body, blindly follow the mahone party by voting for his candidates—State, District and County—this Fall. They have been deceived by false representations and have come to know that they must act as freemen, in voting, as they do in the usual vocations of life, and no longer go to the polls to vote as party leaders tell them to do. They were told, and made to believe, that when the Democrats took control of the Federal government, they would lose their liberties, and be reduced to slavery—and they well remember the fear which possessed many of them, when told that Mr. Cleveland was elected. The Democrats have been in power, and the colored people have learned, by experience, that they are now just as well protected in their rights of freedom and all the privileges of citizenship, as the white race—and they know the Democrats will protect their rights as sacredly as they would their own. They know these facts, and knowing them, what reason have they for voting in opposition to those who mostly employ them, and to whom they mainly look for the kindly offices of friendship when they stand in need?

We believe, that hundreds of the sensible colored people of this section, will vote with us, at this election, and show that they regard the welfare of their State above the tyranny of party, to which they have been subject.—*Leesburg Washingtonian.*

DEMOCRATS, WHO ARE PROHIBITIONISTS, how can you expect to succeed with an isolated movement at the cost of the unity and making weakness in democratic ranks? Do you not see that you will embitter democrats of other counties to your cause, managed as it is in Augusta county?

SNAKES.—We were shown a few days since the horn taken from a Horned Snake that was killed in Falling Spring Valley. This is a rare species of snake, but is said to be the third of the kind killed in that Valley. The horn is about a half an inch long and was attached to the tail of the reptile and used altogether as a means of attack. In color the snake resembles the female rattlesnake and is equally as poisonous.—*Alleghany Sentinel.*

Fred. Hawkins a colored boy aged about eleven years stole a gold watch from the pocket of Mr. Wm. Peck engineer, while the latter was lying asleep near the roundhouse on last Friday. The boy was subsequently arrested in Charlottesville and carried to Covington for trial.—*Clifton-Forge Independent.*

Put a Candidate out on the last day quietly.

In a letter of Mahone's to Mr. James R. Deadmore, of Abingdon, dated September 23rd, he tells him he should not vote for Dr. White, an independent candidate who would not vote for the re-election of Mahone, and that they "had better put a candidate out on the last day quietly."—This is the game that will be played. The Republicans will get out Independent Democratic candidates, and allow the fight between Democrats to proceed thoughout the canvass, and then they will put out a Republican candidate on the last day *quietly.* They will first divide the Democrats and then unexpectedly run in a Republican.

In commenting on this letter of Mahone to Deadmore, the Lynchburg *Virginian* says:—

"This letter affords the key-note to the present canvass, It is now evident that the candidacy of Wise is a mere ambush—He never expected to be elected. He has sunk to the infamy of playing second fiddle to Mahone. The real game is to return Mahone to the Senate. To this end candidates are to be "quietly" put in the field at "the last moment" in all the doubtful districts. It is certainly a matter of astonishment that a son of Henry A. Wise should lend himself to such an ignominious role. And yet such seems to be the case. Wise knows as well as anybody in Virginia that he is already beaten by thirty thousand majority. And yet like a pulling puppet he remains in the field in obedience to the behest of his "master" Mahone.

Democrats and freemen of Virginia, remember that, being forewarned, you are forearmed. Here is an authentic letter from this midnight conspirator, Mahone, in which he tells his suppliant tools to quietly put out independent candidates at the last hour.

But it will not avail. We thoroughly understand the tactics of the abominable outcasts and scoundrels who are endeavoring to betray the people of Virginia. Their game will not work. Come out with your pretty scheme. Put out your candidates "quietly" at the last hour, and we will be prepared for you. It will not avail.—The people understand the matter. They are thoroughly aroused. The Legislature will be ours by a good working majority, and the Governor will be ours by over thirty thousand. Mark the prediction."

ROCKBRIDGE ABLAZE.

MAJOR DANIEL'S GREAT SPEECH—HON. C. P. JONES FOR THE SENATE MADE A FINE IMPRESSION—THE COUNTY THOROUGHLY AROUSED.

LEXINGTON, VA., Oct. 5th, 1885.

This was a glorious day for the Democracy of Rockbridge county. Never in its political history was there such enthusiasm manifested as there was to-day. The whole county was out in full force, and if there be anything in signs, the Democratic ticket will sweep the county by a majority which cannot possibly fall under three hundred.

Chas. P. Jones, the nominee for the State Senate for this District, was introduced by Judge J. K. Edmondson, the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and made a whole souled, ringing, and patriotic address. He was attentively listened to, and what he said was terse, to the point, and cannot but be productive of the greatest good.

Hon. Wm. A. Anderson then in splendid style introduced Major John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, who made a speech of three hours in a way that only Daniel can do. It was full of facts and arguments which were unanswerable. He held spell-bound his vast audience during the whole time occupied in the delivery of his speech, and could have spoken till midnight if he had been so disposed. It is, of course, impossible to give the readers of the SPECTATOR in these few lines, written hurriedly to catch the mail, a correct idea of Maj. Daniel's grand, eloquent, and magnificent speech, and your correspondent will not attempt to do it

Too much credit cannot be given Judge Edmondson, and those associated with him, for the ability and tact with which they are managing the canvass here, and victory is as certain to follow their noble efforts as night follows day.

LET US HOPE, that democrats engaged in the Prohibition movement at this time will see the matter as Mr. Callison, a true and good temperance man did, and keep that question out of the contest where it can only hurt democratic success and help the fallen and doomed republican party.

THE LEGISLATURE.—Be active, be vigilant, be constant in well-doing. The new Legislature is to elect Mahone or to defeat him. He makes the fight on the Legislature. He declares that he will support no man who will not vote for him as United States Senator. Read again his letter to Mr. Deadmore, and you will see that he distinctly says this. Dr. White was running against a regular Democratic candidate, but that was not enough. He would not pledge himself to vote for Mahone. Therefore Mahone wrote to Mr. Deadmore that he would certainly vote for no such man. We quote:

"As a Republican I could never vote for him. *We had better put a candidate out on the last day quietly.*"

What a compliment to the Independent candidates. Independent of what? as we once before asked. What sort of "independence" is that which is not independent of Mahone?

Independents, read your fate in the lines quoted above. You are mere workers for Mahone. You are doomed to defeat. The Democrats won't support you if you are for Mahone, and the Mahoneites won't support you unless you promise to vote for him.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

John S. Wise.

A contemporary in speaking of John S. Wise, "Billy's trick mule," represents him as one—

Who vainly seeks applause to win,
By sporting in a lion's skin,
He rears and plunges, snorts and kicks,
And plays some other dirty tricks,
But lo! amidst the rousing cheers
The skin drops off—the ass appears—
And hisses greet the ignoble thing
Who tries to ape the forest-king,
Thus may it ever be with those
Who strut around in borrowed clothes
And seek the people's votes to gain
By "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain,"
For which the trick-mule is peculiar.

He [John S. Wise] is by practice a Judge at Dog Shows; by confession a holder of Kitchen Caucuses; by instinct a Demagogue. On the other hand Lee is a courtly gentleman, a tiller of the soil—open, frank, manly, without shadow of duplicity or double dealing—by practice, a patriot, by instinct a gentleman, upon whose good name not a shadow of cloud rests; in fine, he is an honor to the honored name he bears.—*Warrenton Index.*

MR. WISE AS THE FRIEND OF WORKINGMEN.—Mr. Wise, at the hotel, after his return from the Town Hall on Saturday where he had spoken, in response to the hope, expressed by a gentleman who met him, that nothing unpleasant had occurred, said: "No, nothing except a damned *carpenter* called me a liar, but of course I took no notice of what *he* said."—*Warrenton Virginian.*

If Judge Ward had been a Mahoneite assassinated by three democrats what a howl would have gone up from the bloody shirt press North and South. But Judge Ward being a democrat, we are informed that "it was an unfortunate affair much to be regretted, but which has no political significance whatever."—*Charlottesville Chronicle.*

Lessons from a Mastodon.

The tusks of a mastodon recently found in Illinois, weighed 175 pounds each. What a gigantic toothache that animal must have been capable of having! And such neuralgia! Neuralgia, or nerve-ache, generally proceeds from a disordered condition of the blood. Brown's Iron Bitters enriches and purifies this drives neuralgia out. Mr. W. W. Redman, Piqua, O., says, "Brown's Iron Bitters permanently cured me of neuralgia."

ENHTUSIASM FOR LEE.—The Southwest is on fire. We are familiar with the old song "fire in the mountains, run boys, run." So it is in this instance. The Alleghanies and the Blue Ridge are ablaze! Nothing like it was ever known. The days of 1840—"Tippecanoe and Tyler too,"—are revived. The enthusiasm excited by the candidacy of Fitz Lee exceeds the most sanguine calculations of his most ardent admirers. It is nothing less than a "triumphal entry" into the gubernatorial mansion.

Poor Wise! Poor Wise! How we pity him! Yes, we do indeed pity him. With inevitable and overwhelming defeat staring him in the face he has grown desperate, and, in his extremity of disappointment and chagrin, he has come to

—unpack his heart with words,
And fall a-cursing like a very drab.
—*Lynchburg Virginian.*

When we first nominated Gen. Fitz Lee as early as March, we assigned as one of the reasons why he should be the Democratic candidate, that he would excite more enthusiasm than any other. The result has shown that we were right in our judgment of his persmal popularity and magnetism. His canvass is an ovation unprecedented.

HARD TO WORK.—General Mahone is hard at work. We know the fact. He is minute enough to send written appeals to individuals signed simply "Mahone," in which he tries to terrify them into the belief that their dearest rights are threatened. He is making a still hunt now, but when he gets ready to throw his money into the campaign we shall begin to realize his methods. We must meet work with work, and tell the simple truth to the voters when we meet them in the public assemblies.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

The Washington correspondent of the Alex. *Gazette* says:—

"Ex-Congressman Dezendorf has gone to Norfolk and will take an active part in the anti-Mahone canvass in that District. But this is by no means strange, as nearly all the real republicans of Virginia are opposed to Mahone."

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