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FOR CONGRESS.

10th District, HENRY GEORGE TUCKER, OF STAUNTON, VA.

The Purpose of the Force Bill.

The Republicans in Congress have several diabolical purposes in view in their advocacy of the adoption of the Lodge Election Bill, known as the "Force Bill."

"It is all very well to rejoice in the prosperity and growth of the new northwest, for there sound new room for its development."

The bill passed the House of Representatives, and would have passed the Senate also, but for the fact that the Democrats had within their power in that body to delay legislation to such a degree that if the Republicans persisted in their efforts to pass it, the Tariff Bill could not be passed.

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ELKTON.

A NEW TOWN ON HISTORIC GROUND—IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY GREAT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF "MASSANUTTING TOWN" OF 1727, ELKTON RISES IN THE EFFULGENCE OF DEVELOPMENT IN 1890.

Governor Spotswood, the founder of iron-production in the colony of Virginia, was a conspicuous patron of the progress of varied development. He was honored for his generous dealings with the people and directed his long administration for their instruction and enduring prosperity.

The introduction to the *Annals of Augusta County*, by Hon. Jos. A. Waddell, refers to the passage across the "High" or "Blue Ridge Mountains" by Governor Spotswood and his party, an event in Virginia history which has claimed the attention of historians of the deepest research, eliciting increasing interest as time rolled on, and now blends the romance of the earliest pioneer discoveries with the dawn of achievements which may have been discerned, and in a measure realized. Mr. Waddell has doubtless collected into authentic and condensed shape more of that occurrence than is furnished by any other writer, and his record will be most interesting to the student of history who studies in connection with the new interest which centers in and around Elkton at the western terminus of Swift Run Gap. Not only for the associations that colonial history has imparted to the locality, will it be commemorated, for along that passage through the mountains Stonewall Jackson maneuvered his troops to the defeat of opposing armies.

Mr. Waddell is conversant with all the authorities extant relating to Governor Spotswood's explorations, as he conducted the first party of his race from the East to the Valley, and there to plant the banner of civilization. He quotes from the Governor's letter to the Board of Trade, giving his account of the expedition which he says was in 1716. The letter is dated August 14th, 1718. Continuing, Mr. Waddell writes:

"The first passage of the Blue Ridge and entrance into the Valley by white men, was made by Governor Spotswood in 1716. About the last of July or first of August in that year, the Governor, with some members of his staff, starting from Williamsburg, proceeded to Germanna, a small frontier settlement, where he left his coach and took to horse. He was there joined by the rest of his party, gentlemen and their retainers, a company of rangers, and four Meherin Indians, comprising in all about fifty persons. These, with pack-horses laden with provisions, journeyed by way of the upper Rappahannock river, and after thirty-six days, on the date of their departure from Williamsburg, on September 5th, reached the mountains at Swift Run Gap, it is believed. Descending the western side of the mountain into the Valley, they reached the Shenandoah river and encamped on its bank."

Then follows the narrative of occurrences during the sojourn of the party, including that of formally taking possession of the country by the Governor for King George the 1st, of England, and the return of the party to Williamsburg.

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LARGE SALE OF LOTS.

THE WAYNE LAND COMPANY'S SALE. The Wayne Land Company's sale of lots takes place the 30th and 31st instants.

The lengthy and full description given in the SPECTATOR September 24th presenting the location and advantages for residences and industries on the property of the Wayne Land Company need not be gone over again. Now the time for realizing such a project has arrived, and the attractive investment to be found in this issue recites the other side of the property of this Company and much of the space appropriated for industries are on the line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, near to the possessions of the Basic City property on the west side of the South River. Superior in all the advantages for such plants, it is equally so in residence lots as the inviting situation exposed southward, taking in all its relations to Basic City and Waynesboro'.

In their visit to the property the throng that will attend the sale on the 30th and 31st instants will at a glance realize that over its extensive surface industrial enterprises and elegant homes are destined to fill the space. These investments will find a profitable future with all the growing enterprises which have commenced on a scale of large proportions worthy of the Valley junction between the two great lines of railroads—the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Shenandoah Valley. Now that the Norfolk & Western, having become the owner of it, is more fully to identify the latter with its own gigantic movements, securing further north a direct line to Washington city, as well as the entire completion of its perfect connection with Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, Basic City and Waynesboro' and all surrounding properties will have complete facilities for immense growth. Equally are the advantages secured through the Chesapeake & Ohio line in every department of transportation.

When the question is asked, "What is the best place to build a house?" the answer is, "In the Valley." The Valley is the best place to build a house, and the Valley is the best place to build a house.

There can be no question as to the superior resources and advantages possessed by Elkton for a grand career in the morning times of this age, and that all interested will hail its advent upon the broad arena of the new progress with the liveliest degree of satisfaction.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GEN. WM. W. BELKNAP.—Gen. William W. Belknap, ex-Secretary of War, was found dead in bed Monday morning in his room in Evans' building, on New York avenue, in Washington, D. C. It is believed that death occurred between 1 o'clock Saturday night and 9 o'clock Sunday morning. His death, it is supposed, was caused by apoplexy.

Well, no wonder. From 1879 to 1888 the renegeed Mahone was practically the boss of the State. In 1883 and 1888 values were overthrown. A large number of men in large numbers, and outside capital could not be attracted here. But in the fall of 1888 Mahone and his Republican following were overthrown. A large number of men in large numbers, and outside capital could not be attracted here.

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"But if I am to name the typical American, it is the man who loves and believes in his country. He is the man who, in his duty, cannot be swayed from the path, the man who is doggedly persistent in his efforts to do what he believes is right, the man who thinks not of self, but of his country and its needs, I would name Grover Cleveland. That he has accomplished is the highest tribute that can be paid to the American citizenry."

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Death of Prof. John H. Hewitt.

In his notice of the death in Baltimore on the 7th inst. of Prof. John H. Hewitt, the venerable father of Geo. W. Hewitt of this city, the Baltimore Sun says, "It is a somewhat noteworthy coincidence that Prof. John H. Hewitt, the venerable writer and musician, who was a competitor of Edgar Allan Poe, and divided honors and prizes with him in the old Saturday Visitor's memorable literary contest, should have died on the same day of October, 7th of the month—Poe in 1849 and Hewitt in 1890, forty-one years apart. Mr. Hewitt lived to be 89 years of age. In his varied career he found many congenial occupations for a bright and versatile intellectual capacity. Like Poe, he began life at the West Point Military Academy, doing better there, indeed, than his contemporary, for he graduated and obtained his commission of a lieutenant in infantry. By turns soldier, lawyer, music teacher, editor, artist and tutor, seeing life in different parts of the country and in variable phases, his musical and poetic sensibilities predominated, not, however, to the material advantage of the possessor. He was too versatile for practical success, doing many clever things, both literary and musical, but not obtaining the recognition accorded to the rare genius of his early competitor in literature. At the time of Poe's death, in Baltimore, on the 7th of the month, Mr. Hewitt was in the city, and he took the first prize, Hewitt's "Song of the Wind" was awarded the premium for poetry. Mr. Hewitt was the author of an oratorio and of many tales, and the composer of music for a number of songs, some of it well remembered and highly popular, such as that which accompanied the lines of "Rock Me to Sleep, Mother" and "The Minstrel's Return from the War." His long life was contemporaneous with nearly the whole period of American literary development, and was employed to the extent of the abilities in its services."

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According to the census office the population of West Virginia is 760,448, an increase of 29.96 per cent.

The democratic convention for the second district of Virginia nominated Dr. John W. Lawson, of Isle of Wight county, for Congress.

It is thought now that President Harrison will not make his promised visit to Richmond during the coming emancipation celebration.

The mother of Gen. Lew Wallace, who is 75 years old, is lecturing in the West on women's social and civil position from a Bible standpoint.

Mr. Gladstone says the new United States tariff act is in his eyes a deplorable error, attended with severe and cruel consequences to innocent persons.

A young man, whose name is supposed to be Edward Cato, committed suicide in Washington by jamming his neck between iron palings back of the White House.

The municipal authorities of Vienna have voted 5,000 florins for the fund for the relief of workmen who may be thrown out of employment through the operation of the United States tariff law.

General John M. Palmer, of Illinois, is seventy-three years old on the 13th inst., and celebrated it by delivering the thirtieth speech of his career for the United States senatorship.

Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford of New England has bequeathed a large amount of money for charitable purpose, of which the "Return for the Sick" at Richmond, Va., gets \$30,000.

Isaac Frazier, colored, 106 years old, died at Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 7th. After having passed his 95th year the old man was married. He seldom wore spectacles, having received his second sight.

TUCKER AT COVINGTON.—The Allegheny Sentinel of the 10th inst., in speaking of Tucker's speech at Covington, says: "Harry Tucker's speech at the court house Tuesday was enjoyed by all our people."

The New York Herald says: "The new tariff authorized a vast amount of taxation which would have been devised for no other purpose than to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Whatever the great manufacturers produce, they pay for the medicine required for sickness; the school books his children must have to fit them for the competition of the world; the laborer is heavily taxed. On the other hand, the luxuries enjoyed only by the wealthy, and the material from which wealth is obtained are all tax free. The tax on the farmer is reduced from former standards."

The repeated attempts made by cowardly Republican newspapers to assassinate Congressman Clifton Brockridge, of Arkansas, do not seem to be filling the souls of Northern Republican editors with indignation. They will flatteringly refer to the man in reality rejoice to know that Brockridge had been thus prevented from returning to his country. He had his reputation would be a vindication of his title to the seat from which Reed and his desperate crew of political business arbiters ousted him.—Norfolk Landmark.

ASSIGNMENT BY A FARMER.—On the 7th inst. Caleb E. Johnson, Esq., an estimable citizen and large farmer of Monroe Co., W. Va., made an assignment. His debts are large, and his assets are estimated at \$50,000. The Monroe Watchman says: "No event of this sort has ever caused deeper or more general regret. Mr. Johnson has the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this calamity which has befallen him."

There is no portion of the population of this country upon which the new tariff will fall more directly than upon the women. The classes of goods which they use will show an early and a marked advance. There is reason to believe that many a Republican father and husband will be converted to tariff reform by the increased portions of the dry goods bills made by the female members of the household. The new tariff will be called upon to settle out of his own pocket.—Rich. State.

LIBERAL SUBSIDY TO A COLLEGE.—From Norfolk, Va., October 10.—To-night Fort Royal and Riverton raised \$67,000, a sum valued at \$85,000 for Randolph college, and will be used for a great academy since that building opened at Bedford City, Va. President W. W. Smith, of the college, assumed \$10,000 in addition to the contributions. The money will be called upon to settle out of his own pocket.—Rich. State.

RAWLEY SPRINGS SOLD.—Negotiations have been pending for some time for the purchase of Rawley Springs and the capitalization of the same at \$500,000. New York and Richmond capitalists are believed to be interested in the purchase. The \$100,000 hotel will be erected in that event, and the shipping of the water to northern and southern markets will be made a specialty.—State Republican.

The Republicans say the tax imposed by the tariff is paid by the foreign producer. When a man goes to a store and the storekeeper tells him the price of what he wants to buy has been advanced by reason of the tariff, he may vote, the republican says, for a tariff reduction. The man realizing sense of the deception that has been played upon him by republican speakers and writers.—Alex. Gazette.