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GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.

THE DEBT SETTLED—A CONSUMMATION DEVOUTLY WISHED—GREAT CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.

We have the pleasure in this issue to make an announcement which will be gratifying to every son of Virginia, and that is—that the question of the State debt, which has been the Iliad of our woes, is on the point of being finally and difinitely settled to the satisfaction and the interests of both the State and her creditors.—The incubus which has rested for years upon Virginia, distressing and oppressing her, is about to be removed. The question which has divided her people and arrayed them in hostile ranks in opposition to each other is about to be settled. The great clog to the wheels of progress is about to be removed, and increased speed in advancement and greater prosperity will be the result. Virginia having made an honorable adjustment, in agreeing to pay to the utmost of her ability, no stain of dishonor attaches to her bright escutcheon, and she can look the world in the face unabashed. She can now turn her face with confidence to the East which is roseate with the promise of increased prosperity. She will now become, not a new Virginia, but the revived old Virginia, whose integrity was above suspicion and whose credit stood A No. 1. Virginia will feel that she is herself again.

The bright prospect of the definite settlement of the State debt, has given patriotic Virginians of all parties additional cause for the observance of Thanksgiving day—to-morrow. She has more cause for thanksgiving than any State in the Union.

No true and patriotic and honest Virginian can contemplate this settlement, so honorable to both the parties concerned, without experiencing a fervid glow of satisfaction, for he cannot fail to appreciate the welcome fact that all the dark clouds that lowered over our house are about to be in the deep bosom of the ocean buried, and that Virginia will soon enter upon a career of unexampled prosperity. Every former enterprise will be invigorated with new life and countless others will spring into existence. The terms of the agreement arrived at by the Virginia Commission, and the Olcott Committee, representing the bondholders, is such as should be, and we have no doubt will be, ratified by the bondholders on the one hand, and by the Virginia Legislature on the other. The Legislature should ratify it by a unanimous vote, after first carefully examining all the details to be sure that there is no defect that could give rise to future contention.

After this is done, and all found to be secure, it would be better for a member of the Legislature to have a stone about his neck and be cast into the sea, than to vote against the ratification of the terms of settlement.

On the basis of settlement agreed upon, Virginia can pay the interest on the public debt—as she has always been willing and anxious to do—and support her government, and sustain, without detriment, the public schools, colleges, public charitable institutions, &c., without any increase of the rate of taxation. The bonds to be issued are to be for $19,000,000, for a debt of $28,000,000 outstanding, other than those held by schools and colleges, and to run for 100 years, bearing 2 per cent interest for the first 10 years, and 3 per cent for the remaining 90 years. The present assessment will enable Virginia to pay the 2 per cent, and before ten years the increased values of property in the State will enable her to pay the 3 per cent without any increase in the *rate* of taxation.

The basis of settlement agreed upon is that the State shall issue in lieu of all outstanding claims, unfunded and in default, $19,000,000 in bonds having one hundred years to run and bearing interest at 2 per annum for ten years and 3 per cent. per annum for ninety years.

This does not affect the $6,000,000 in bonds funded under the Riddleberger act and in the hands of the people or the securities held by schools and colleges. All other securities, however, are brought into the $19,000,000 pool, and the start is to be made with a clean score.

For a fuller account and that our readers may know the details, we publish the correspondence below which effected the settlement:—

VIRGINIA'S PROPOSITION.

"*To Frederick P. Olcott, Wm. L. Bull, Chas. D. Dickey, Jr., Henry Budge, John Gill, Hugh R. Garden, committee:*

"*Gentlemen:*—On yesterday you submitted to the Virginia commission a proposition to sell the obligations of Virginia mentioned in the Riddleberger bill (not heretofore funded under the bill and now outstanding in the hands of the public, but not including bonds held by schools and colleges) on one of the two following bases, viz., an issue of $18,000,000 of bonds as one alternative and of $19,000,000 as the other in lieu of the outstanding obligations aforsaid. Your proposition was that the $18,000,000 of bonds, if issued, should run for one hundred years, bearing 3 per cent. the entire period, and that the $19,000,000 of bonds, if issued, should run for one hundred years, bearing 2 per cent., for five years, 2½ for five years and 3 per cent. for the remaining ninety years. You further suggested that the proposed new bonds and the interest obligation on them should in either case conform in their general character to those issued under the Riddleberger bill. We have carefully considered your proposition and are constrained to say that apart from other objections thereto, which occur to some or all of us, we fear that the State would be financially unable to meet a settlement in accordance with either of them. It is, of course, conceded on all hands that a settlement which cannot be met would be worse than no settlement at all. Upon reflection, however, the Virginia commission has come to the conclusion that there are certain sources of revenue which the State may avail herself of without increasing taxes. The additional income to be derived from these sources will perhaps not amount to very much, but the Virginia commission hope they may be utilized for the purpose of accomplishing a final settlement of this much vexed question. It is a well recognized fact that the large business interests of the State, among which may be mentioned the railroad companies, in their anxiety for a final settlement, and looking to the general increase of credit and prosperity to result therefrom, have evinced a willingness to respond to such public demands as may fairly be made upon them for the attainment of the object in view. This commission will therefore make to the Legislature a favorable report upon the $19,000,000 proposition if the same be modified—that is to say: We will recommend a proposition to issue a maximum amount of $19 000,000 of bonds to be exchanged for the outstanding obligation of the State mentioned in the Riddleberger act (other than those had by schools and colleges) now in the hands of the public, but not including bonds already funded under this act, such new bonds to run for 100 years and to bear 2 per cent. interest for 10 years and 3 per cent. for 90 years. The bonds and interest obligations shall be of the same general character as those provided for by the Riddleberger bill, and it is distinctly understood that the coupons or other interest obligations are not to be receivable for taxes. The proposed new bonds shall be exchangeable for the outstanding obligations aforesaid in the proposition of 19 of the former for 28 of the latter. This recommendation is, of course, to be made conditional on the understanding that your committee hold and has the authority to exchange the obligations mentioned in your previous communication to us, amounting to at least $23,000,000.

P. W. McKINNEY,
J. HOGE TYLER,
R. H. CARDWELL,
TAYLOR BERRY,
H. T. WICKHAM,
W. D. DABNEY,
ROBT. H. TYLER,
Virginia Commission.
P. C. WARWICK, Secretary.

THE PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

To the Governor of the State of Virginia and the members of the debt commission:

Gentlemen:—We acknowledge the receipt to-day of your communication dated the 18th instant. Our understanding of your communication is that if we will amend our proposition on the following basis it will be unanimously adopted by your commission, viz: That there be an issue of $19,000,000, having one hundred years to run, bearing interest at 2 per cent. per year for ten years and 3 per cent. for the remaining ninety years, and that the new bonds issued are to conform in the general character to those issued unter the Riddleberger bill. We represent over $23,000,000 out of $28,000,000 of debt stated by you as outstanding, excluding bonds held by the United States and the schools and colleges of the State.

We, therefore, understand that under such amended proposition we should receive $19,000,000 of new bonds for every $28,000,000 of old indebtedness surrendered. It may go without saying that we are to receive for the West Virginia portion of the old bonds and interest thereon similar certificates to those issued by the State under the Riddleberger bill. We beg to say that the proposition submitted by us as amended by you will go to our constituents with our cheerful recommendation, new bonds to bear interest from July 1, 1891. We desire now to acknowledge the uninterrupted courtesy of your commission during these protracted and delicate negotiations, and if in discussing these questions any abruptness has been shown, we trust that your honorable body will not attribute it to a want of appreciation of the courtesy which has at all times been extended to us. We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants, for the Virginia bondholders' commission.

E. P. OLCOTT.
HUGH R. GARDEN.

This settlement exterminates the army of the "cut-worms of the treasury," as there will be no longer any tax-payable coupons, enabling the rich to pay their taxes with 40 cents in the dollar whilst the poor had to pay the full dollar. This inequality and injustice will be remedied.

The following from the *Dispatch* shows the amount Virginia will have to pay and the annual interest:

"The Olcott people represent in round figures $23,000,000 of the $28,000,000 of obligations outstanding and in default.—They will get 23-28 of the $19,000,000 and the remainder will be held to be exchanged for the balance of the securities should they come in. Mr. Olcott said Thursday to a *Dispatch* reporter that he believed the amount of the outstanding obligations his people controlled was practically all that would ever be heard from.

The maximum amount of annual interest charge that the Commonwealth can be called upon to meet, even should all the securities be presented for exchange, is for the first ten years as follows:

$6,000,000 Riddlebergers at 3 per cent	$180,000
$19,000,000 new bonds at 2 per cent	380,000
Total per annum	$560,000
And for the ninety years succeeding $6,000,000 Riddlebergers at 3 per cent	$180,000
$19,000,000 new bonds at 3 per cent.	570,000
Total per annum	$750,000

HELD BY COLLEGES.

This calculation does not include the $142,000 per annum interest on bonds held by schools and colleges, but this is regarded more in the light of an annuity than an interest charge on the public debt, and is with other expenses provided for in the general revenues of the Commonwealth as distinct from the revenue applicable to interest. In other words, the way is clear under the settlement to meet the interest on the Riddleberger and the new bonds without increasing taxation or interfering with school and college securities or the proper conduct of the government."

The Legislature.

The Legislature will meet next Wednesday, December 3rd. It will have a great deal to do, and as it will be composed in great part of new and inexperienced members, unacquainted with the rules and science of legislation, the probability is that they will not be able to get through in the time of the regular session. It is hoped that it will be a business- and not a speaking-body. The matters that will come before it will be many and of great importance requiring wisdom and good, sound, practical sense to determine them aright. It is hoped that it will be a harmonious body; but the fact that the Democrats have such an unprecedented majority may have the effect of creating serious divisions.

What the Legislature Should Do.

If the Virginia Legislature, about to convene, will, after ratifying the debt settlement as agreed upon by the Virginia Commission and the Olcott Committee, pass a good road law and a good temperance law, it will be entitled to the commendation and gratitude of the people, and will make that Legislature famous as marking a new and glorious epoch in the history of the Old Dominion, and show that she is still the mother of statesmen. There are other things to do, but these are paramount and should not be neglected.

People are now beginning to realize that, after all, there is truth in the homely old adage that "you cannot get blood out of a turnip," and that it is equally impossible to bombard rain out of atmosphere which contains no moisture.—Baltimore Sun.

Those who believe that rain can be obtained by prayer, must think it a very foolish and expensive thing to be sending up large balloons, exploding dynamite, and oxygen and hydrogen in the air, as in Texas recently. Prayer is equally as effective, and much less expensive. To those who wish to control the elements, we would recommend prayer in preference to dynamite.

The report of the State treasurer of West Virginia shows receipts for the year ended September 30th $1,357,772.67 and disbursements $1,311,328.56.

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State Board of Agriculture.

We have the report of Maj. W. T. Sutherlin, President of the State Board of Agriculture, which is a very full and interesting public document. We regret that its great length precludes its publication in full in these columns. As the Lynchburg *Virginian*, in noticing it, says, it reviews the work of the Board during the year and suggests a number of subjects for legislation looking to the protection and promotion of agricultural interests. The Board is encouraged to believe that a large portion of the five thousand people or more who have settled in Virginia during the last three years, were induced to do so in part at least by its efforts, and expresses the confident belief that with proper aid from the Legislature a great deal more can be accomplished in this direction. In order to facilitate the distribution of information the Board is having a complete register of all farmers in Virginia and their holdings prepared. Up to this date 36,500 names have been received, and the list will be completed as soon as possible.

Among the subjects of legislation suggested are the following: A further amendment of the fertilizer law, requiring all sacks containing fertilizers to contain 200 pounds, the same to be taxed by the ton as evidenced by the labels, and to punish offenders by indictment rather than by suit; legislation to protect the farmer in his purchases of seeds so as to guarantee pure seede; a law to protect sheep husbandry from destruction by dogs; and an act to provide for the adequate representation of the resources of the State at the World's Fair in Chicago.

On the subject of public roads the report speaks as follows:

"The Board is of the opinion that it is a recognized fact throughout the State of Virginia that something must be done to improve public roads. This they regard as one of the most important interests of the State. They think it is generally conceded that this cannot be accomplished without taxation in some form. The great difficulty has been heretofore to find some plan upon which the people can agree.

They call your special attention to this subject, in the hope that you may be able to formulate and recommend to the Legislature some plan that will meet the necessities of the case. Virginia cannot grow and prosper as she should until something is done to improve her public highways.

The Board, appreciating the absolute necessity of action on this question, will, if desired, most cordially co operate with you and the Legislature in the adoption of some plan that will be acceptable to the people and accomplish the object."

Execution of Henry Nolin, Colored.

Henry Nolin, colored, was executed in Botetourt last Friday for the murder of Mosca, an Italian peddler. This murder was committed in August, near Buchanan. Nolin and another negro named Will Dandridge had been tending a negro festival held at a church, and had left, when they came upon the two peddlers, Tomat and Mosca. In his confession Nolin says that when they saw the men Will Dandridge said: "These men have got money; let's take it from them." Nolin says he objected to this, and offered to give Will half of what he had, which was $5. He said: "No, I don't want your money; these fellows have no business with money when I've got none." Will then gave Nolin a pistol and told him to hold it on one of them and he would take the money. They passed on by the men and hid under some trees. When the peddlers arrived they ordered them to stop and throw up their hands. While Will Dandridge was getting Tomat's money Nolin says he was holding two pistols on Mosca. Mosca got the best of him, and he fired twice to scare him.—Then Mosca succeeded in getting one of the pistols. Nolin then shot him twice and ran off to the top of the hill. Dandridge got his money and watch and came up to where Nolin was. They then went to a house near by, stole a horse and rode the balance of the night. After being pursued for several days he was arrested at Atkins's Tank by Detective Campbell.

OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION.—At the meeting of the Virginia Press Association at Bristol last week, the following officers were elected:

Jas. A. Pugh, of the Roanoke *Times*, was re-elected President. The vote stood, for Pugh, 39; for W. B. Fitzhugh, 33.

First Vice-President—W. B. Fitzhugh, of the Cape Charles City *Pioneer*.

Second Vice-President—T. C. Morton, of Staunton.

Third Vice-President—A. C. Smith, Bristol *News*.

Secretary—J. T. Booz, Waynesboro' *Times*.

Assistant Secretary—Hitchcock, Roanoke *World*.

Treasurer—J. G. Fiveash, Norfolk *Ledger*.

A SHOOTING PREACHER.—R. S. Bingham, a Methodist minister, who lives near Emory and Henry College, surrendered himself at Abingdon last Friday saying he shot Frank Quesenberry during a quarrel. He claims that the shooting was done in self-defense and after Quesenberry had assaulted him. The injured man, it is said, will die. It is stated that three men assaulted the preacher on the highway for a reproof administered by him for disturbing public worship on the previous Sabbath. He had been forewarned of their bellicose purpose, and being one of the mountain-bred kind that had never learned to turn the other cheek, armed himself for the fray, and when the confident desperadoes proceeded to "lay on, Macduff," he opened his masked artillery with telling effect Three shots from a 38 calibre "bulldog" pistol penetrated the anatomy of Quesenberry, and the other two parties skipped the bloody field.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.—The General Assembly of the Knights of Labor declared in favor of having the World's Fair open on Sunday for the education of the masses, provided that no one employed at the fair shall work more than six days per week. The Knights declined to indorse a resolution of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the prevention of the sale of liquor on the World's Fair grounds.

CATTLE AND SHEEP FROZEN.—It is reported that in the cold snap last week many cattle and sheep were frozen in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Come South, young man, come South, and bring the old man with you.

We Can't Talk

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The Albany Argus (Dem.) remarks that the rattle of the American tin plate is no longer heard in the land. The infant industry was as sonorous as stage thunder during the campaign; but it is now laid away until 1892, when the 'works' will be rebuilt in the editorial columns of the Republican newspapers.

It is not believed that the alliance members of the next House of Representatives will undertake to act by themselves, and it is thought that if they do so they will find it bad policy.

The administration is very much encouraged by the news that Chili is disposed to act more reasonably. She has agreed to furnish the United States with copies of all the testimony taken before the court of inquiry.

John Parnell, a brother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, who resides at West Point, Ga., is expected at Bordentown, N. J., in a few days to pay a visit to his aged mother, Mrs. Delia Parnell. Mr. Parnell will accompany his mother to England and Ireland.

Miss Lifoe's boarding-school for young ladies at Rye, N. Y., was broken into Thursday night by a thief, who robbed the inmates of their watches and diamonds and escaped. No arrests have yet been made. The total loss is variously estimated from $1,500 to $2,000.

Peter Jackson, the well-known colored pugilist, has received a cablegram from London announcing that the National Club of that city had agreed to allow him $750 for expenses if he would come to London and fight Frank Slavin for a purse of $10,000, which they offered. Slavin has agreed to the match, and, as Jackson's terms have all been agreed to, he has practically done so. The fight will take place in June.

Bishop Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, is trying to raise money to rebuild a school recently destroyed by fire at Heroshima, Japan.

Secretary Foster has declared in favor of the re-election of Senator Sherman, of Ohio. It is thought the Sherman-Foraker contest, however it may result, will leave a great deal of bitterness behind.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union closed at Boston last Wednesday. Reports on the use of unfermented wine in communion, flower mission and international arbitration were made.—Mrs. Theresa A. Jenkins said the free ballot for women is only a question of time.

CHILDREN DEVOURED BY WOLVES.—Wolves killed three children of Andrew Gulick last Thursday at the iron rolling mills near New Brighton, Minn., ten miles north of St. Paul. During the great fires in Pine county in September great droves of wolves were driven south into Ramsey and Anoka counties. The Gulick children wandered from home into the woods at noon and were attacked and devoured by the beasts.

RAISING BLACK CATS.—A novel company has been organized on Puget sound for the propagation of black cats. An island is to be purchased so that the cats cannot mingle with the other cats of surrounding regions, and there the black cat breed is to be perpetuated. These cats will live on fish and thus the expense of running the big cat ranch will be reduced to the minimum. The cats are to be raised for their fur.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls was present at a dinner given by the ladies of the Protestant Episcopal Church at odd-Fellow's Hall, Atchison, Kansas, at the close of the Diocesan Convention on Thursday. Responding to a call for a speech, he said that while he was not identified with any religious denomination he had a brother engaged in the business. He recognized the fact that the Church of Christ was the great conservative force of modern society and said he was heartily in sympathy with the work.

Two masked men entered the Northern Pacific express car on the Missoula and Couer d'Alene Railroad, and at the points of their guns made Express Messenger Case open the safe and give up all the money it contains—$2,020. The robbery occurred between Dorsey and Mullan, near the Montana and Idaho line—a wild mountainous country.

NATIONAL W. C. T. U.—Miss Frances E. Willard was re-elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Boston, November 17th. Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge was elected recording secretary. Mrs. Caroline E. Buell, of Chicago, corresponding secretary, and Miss Esther Pugh, of Chicago, treasurer. The president's prize banner was presented to the State of Maine. The banner given to the banner State of the National Juvenile Association went to Iowa. Numerous reports were received, all of an encouraging character.

Hundreds of men have returned to Minneapolis, Minn., from North Dakota, where they have been assisting at thrashing.—They say that at least one-third of the wheat is still unthrashed, but that they could not remain there with the temperature hovering about the zero point.

The jury at Plymouth, N. H., in the case of Frank C. Almy, who murdered Miss Christie Warden, found a verdict of murder in the first degree and decreed that he be hanged on the first Tuesday in December, 1892. As the prisoner was being taken to Concord the crowd cried, "Hang him!" "String him up with a rope!" "Lynch him!"

Four thousand miners are on a strike now in Indiana, 500 of them having quit work Saturday. This cripples the coal-mining interest in that State.

United States Senator Quay has sued the Pittsburg Post, claiming $100,000 damages for criminal libel for publishing the Bardsley certificate of deposit and commenting editorially thereon.

Leading republicans of Kansas are inclined to the belief that the State will lose a presidential elector unless Governor Humphrey convenes the Legislature in special session for the purpose of redistricting the State for congressional purposes. The Governor said nothing short of a public calamity would induce him to do so. The same condition exists in Missouri.

Francis McCarry, an iron moulder, thirty-eight years old, attempted to rival Steve Brodie by jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge and was drowned.

Andrew Jackson, city marshal of Buena Vista, Ga., shot and killed A. E. Butt, at that place, Saturday, while Butt was drunk and advancing on the officer with a knife.

KILLED BY A TRAIN IN HINTON.—On Monday last, a young man named Blakenship, in Hinton, W. Va., got on a freight near the new depot of that place, expecting to ride to his home in Upper Hinton. A lurch of the train threw him between the cars. He struggled violently, but was unable to extricate himself, and was slowly drawn under the wheels and cut in two, in the presence of a dozen witnesses. About a year ago while riding in the same way, a companion of his suffered the same fate before his eyes. The young man had been employed in a grocery store in Hinton and was off for a holliday.—Alleghany Sentinel, Nov 20.

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THE NEXT YEAR.

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OUT OF DOOR PAPERS.

In the early spring will be begun a number of seasonable articles, among them them being:

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