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This paper has the largest circulation of any Newspaper published in the Valley of Virginia.

As a matter of public interest we print this week a full text of Mr. Yost's speech made in his own behalf in his recent contest with Mr. Tucker.

Wm. A. Harris, a Virginian and an ex-Confederate soldier, has been elected to the U. S. Senate from Kansas by the people, in the room and stead of Mr. Peffer.

There is a good deal of difference between saying a thing and making people believe it, as Mr. Yost found the other day, when he told what "highwaymen" the election officers of the 10th District were.

Equity has elicited the fact that \$1,000 is usually appropriated for the burial of a Congressman. If this be true Hon. Jacob Yost ought certainly to get his funeral expenses.

In addition to the epithets formerly hurled at the democrats of the 10th District of Va., our next representative in Congress has learned that of Highwaymen in the next campaign we can address ourselves as fellow Highwaymen.

The C. & W. Ry. has put a shopping train on the road which runs to Harrisonburg every Saturday from both ends of the line, and given a court day rate which is a considerable reduction over the regular rate. We mention this as appropriate to our railroads.

As ballots were burned in this county at Verona, Mt. Sidney and Hermitage, at the election about which the contest of Yost vs. Tucker arose. We call attention of the officers who burned them to the statement of Mr. Yost who declared in his speech that he believed "it was done for the purpose of defrauding him of those votes which they knew were his."

Crumbs of Comfort. Now that the fight is over, Mr. Yost has much to console him. One thought is that like the setting hen, he only put in his time.

Another, that he "feels better than the other fellow." He says he does.

Another, that he might have wasted the money he would have gotten in riotous living.

Another, that he don't owe any back dues to Speaker Reed.

Another, that all is not lost. There is "honor" left, and maybe the Post Office—for a friend.

Tucker Triumphs. The Dispatch of the 21st says of the result of the Yost-Tucker contest: "It was a glorious victory this evening, when 53 republicans voted with 78 democrats (all that were present) to retain Representative Tucker in the seat to which he had been fairly elected from the Tenth District of Virginia."

It was also a crushing defeat for little Jake Yost, in his attempt to grab \$10,000 salary for the two years' term which Mr. Tucker has so creditably and faithfully served. It was, further, a well merited and stinging rebuke to James A. Walker, of the Ninth District of Virginia, who made the report in favor of Yost, and who opposed a majority of the republicans on the floor of the House yesterday and today.

Libor Unrequited. Mr. Jacob Yost who always is elected to Congress, no matter who gets the votes, made a speech in behalf of himself a few days ago on the floor of the hall of Congress in the Yost-Tucker contested election case. He grew eloquent, and pathetic, and impassioned, and he said all the mean things he could think of to say about the people amongst whom he lived and the country which gave him birth.

Mr. Yost was playing for a big stake. He saw Ten Thousand Dollars, fresh and crisp from the press laying almost within his grasp, and he wanted that ten thousand—just then he wanted it badly, he needed it in his business. It has been some time since Jacob had ten thousand—The public crib has been closed to him for a brief period at least, and his deft arm which he has poked so often and so deep into that crib and which arm has seemed to grow in length in the process of stretching it to the furthest recesses of the crib, has become a little numb and stiff from disuse. How lucky Jacob has been, or if it be merit, and we always acknowledge merit, we will say how meritorious he has been. Ever since the days of Grant a few crumbs at least have fallen within his reach. If it so happened that there was nothing enticing in the republican dining room, he could look up a morsel in the democratic banquet hall, if he could not swallow crow, with Mahone's sauce, he could eat Barbour's oiled ox plain, managing under any and all conditions to keep the wolf from the door. What will the country do when condemned to worry on without the services of this always elected Congressman. From him we learn what kind of people we are, and the nation has had spread upon its Congressional Record a history of the crimes and criminals of the 10th district of Virginia. But that Ten Thousand— we can not refrain from thinking of it. What a vast deal of good it would have done could it only have been brought into this community. The churches, the charities all would have felt its quickening power, the banks might have become rivals for its safe keeping, the proud possessor could have drawn himself even closer into his own shell, and strode with impudency through envious throngs, disregarding salutation and disdaining speech. Money talks, but the man who has it need never open his mouth. That was the matter with the man who hasn't got that ten thousand, he opened his mouth.

MR. YOST'S SPEECH.

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Mr. Walker, of Virginia. I yield one hour to the contestant [Mr. Yost]. Mr. Yost. Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for its courtesy, which I shall endeavor to abuse in the tabular.

The questions presented in this contest are few and clearly defined. I shall undertake to go at once to the very core of the matter.

After throwing out 3,797 ballots cast by honest and duly qualified electors, the judges of election returned a contest by a plurality of 892. The contest concludes that 831 of this plurality, including the 60 votes which they particularly count, were either erroneous or fraudulent. They are contained in the tabular which I have the honor to present.

It is an outrage on the farmers of Virginia that when they buy a farm they have to pay a tax of one dollar on every one thousand dollars simply for recording the deed, when a curb stone broker or paper shaver can sell and transfer a million dollars in bonds or other securities and never pay a cent.

Those of us who remember the campaign of last November cannot escape the conviction that the Democratic nominee this year must be a man who has a sufficiently intimate knowledge of the political field in his State to greatly aid in his own election.

Our present State Chairman, J. Taylor, who is the "chairman of victory" as he is called from his leading the party to so many victories and not a single defeat, strikes me as the man.

There are some mandatory provisions in that Virginia law, and I want to ask the attention of the House to them for a moment.

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Begining Friday, January 1, we will inaugurate one of the biggest suit and overcoat sales the city of Staunton has ever witnessed. At the beginning of the New Year we shall open wide the flood gates of low prices in suits and overcoats, and it will be to your own personal advantage and comfort to attend this sale.

Why? You Ask. Because we make our own goods at our own factory, at 411 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., and therefore save you the manufacturers profit. Hence if you need a suit or overcoat now or later on, you will be wise, economical and prudent, to buy now for the good reason you will nearly save one half, as every article in the house is marked down, way down in order to dispose of them, rather than carry them over.

Weinberg Clothing Co. Staunton's Most Reliable. Opposite Court House. Twenty Years a Dyspeptic. What a Richmond Lady says of the Electropoise. Mr. Paul Pratt, Dear Sir: For twenty years I have been suffering from indigestion, and my health has been in a wretched state, and being only 40 years of age, I have been unable to do my work, and I have been obliged to take a long vacation. I have tried many remedies, but have not been able to get any relief. I have purchased your Electropoise, and I have used it for a few weeks, and I have been able to do my work, and I feel much better. I have been able to eat and sleep, and I have been able to enjoy my life. I have been able to do my work, and I have been able to enjoy my life. I have been able to do my work, and I have been able to enjoy my life.

Gladness Comes With a better understanding of the present nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant remedy known as Gladness Comes promptly removes. This is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

VALUABLE FARM FOR RENT. The regular annual meeting of the stock and bondholders of the W. & O. RY. CO. will be held at the office of W. & O. RY. CO. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the City of Staunton, Va. The object of the meeting is to elect a new board of directors, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Commissioner's Sale OF THE A. B. LIGHTNER LANDS. In pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, Va., in the case of A. B. Lightner and others vs. A. B. Lightner, the undersigned Commissioner will proceed to sell at public auction on the 22d day of February, 1897, the following described lands, to-wit: A tract of 72 acres of land, known as the "Lightner" tract, lying on the north side of the Staunton and Parkersburg road, and containing 72 acres of land, more or less, and also a tract of 100 acres of land, known as the "Lightner" tract, lying on the south side of the Staunton and Parkersburg road, and containing 100 acres of land, more or less.

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