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ANOTHER SALARY GRAB

The Republicans are going deep into the public crib. They see, as they think, a long government lease before them, hence they will make hay while the sun shines. In addition to their care taking of broken down officers and politicians, they are looking to taking better care of those in high places, and a salary grab is imminent. For instance the Vice President gets only \$5,000 per year. His house runs in Washington costs about that sum, so there is now a bill to allow him \$25,000 per annum. Cabinet officers are to get \$15,000, and it is just a starter. When the ball begins to roll it will gather fast, and the salary grab of some twenty years ago will be mild by the side of it. There has been for a long time a disposition on the part of U. S. Senators to increase their salaries from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and as this may require the assent of the lower house of Congress, it is certain that they will not assent unless their salaries are also increased. Then we may expect all of these to be doubled. The Supreme Court is also a complainor. Their salaries are not large enough. The State of New York pays its judiciary more than the United States pays. This should not be they say, the government should pay the highest salaries paid judges. So the judges will have their's increased. Then it will be time to watch the small fry. They will come in for increases, and everything in the shape of a prominent officer will raid the treasury. This comes from the extravagance and about Washington and the rush of millionaires to that city. There are poor people there of course. Extreme poverty follows extreme riches, but the poor will remain as poor as before, while the rich will live more luxuriously, and the salaried officer will put on more airs, and grow more lordly, and the poor work cattle, the people, especially the farmer, will pay the bills.

THE ENGLISH HAVE IMITATORS.

There is much seeming righteous indignation in various parts of the country, especially north, over English barbery to the Boers, which the indignant say recalls English atrocities under Cockburn when he devastated the shores of the Chesapeake in 1813, and burned the capitol and White House at Washington. Those barbarities may have been very great in 1813, and there is no doubt that at present the English are doing all sorts of heathenish things in South Africa, but for precedents we would not go back so far, nor need we, when speaking of detestable outrages such as shock civilization, go out of our own country, nor further back than 1864, when that beast, old Alex. Hunter, and the now "much admired and lamented" Phil Sheridan, burned and devastated this Valley, insulted women and small created old men and little children, burned their homes, and their heads, destroyed every vestige of food found and left them to starve. This occurred under Hunter in 1864, and when Sheridan said, "a cross must carry its haversack" over this Valley, and then it was that hundreds of thousands of women, old men and little children were left without food or shelter by the ATILIZED officers and soldiers of the United States. The English have done no more. In courts of justice when authorities are cited those most apropos are sought, as well as the most recent, and especially those decided by our own courts. In cases of barbarity this rule might as well be adopted so that we cite Sheridan and Hunter as two of the most noteworthy examples of barbarity in modern warfare, leaving Ben Butler, who was said never to have been guilty of a decent or praiseworthy act during the whole war, far out of sight in the barbarity roll.

NET TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.

Gen. Fitz Lee has been talking we fear too much, but he has told a mighty truth. He ought not to have told it just now because he was talking out of school, but when he said, "the American flag is in Cuba and I tell you on the dead quiet it is going to stay there," he said something, and he was not talking through his hat. We are afraid the General will be deceived for this slip of the tongue, but out of the fullness of the heart the mouth hath spoken. Gen. Lee has been for a long time a rank reactionist, and he knows the policy of the government is to annex it, so he had to tell it. We may look for another war in Cuba, but the island will be part of the United States.

In regard to an article which appeared in the SPECTATOR of the 2nd of November, styled the Rosser Incident, Col. S. Brown Allen has taken exceptions to certain expressions therein contained. The editor of the SPECTATOR wishes here to say that in said article he had no thought of or intention of attributing to Col. Allen, who was the author, any conduct unbecoming a gentleman or an honest man. The editor of the SPECTATOR did not then know he was the author of the article, and did not attribute it to him. Hence could not have intended anything personal.

INDICTMENT AGAINST VIRGINIA.

We have received a letter from a well known Virginia lawyer, in which he says that there is no such thing as an honest election in the county in which he lives, nor in four other counties in that section of the State which he names. He says that for more than two hundred years his ancestors have been Virginians in Goodland, in Fowlsden, in Prince Edward and Roanoke counties. That he has always voted the Democratic ticket; that he voted for Horace Greeley and W. J. Bryan, but he knows that unless the office of Virginia singles out a man for preference, he stands no chance whatever for being nominated and elected. He says that he has four sons, and he has been his desire and ambition to have them live in Virginia and seek their fortunes here, but that under existing conditions he is only now that he may be able to dispose of his property at a fair value, and take and send his sons to some other State, where the will of the people may be regarded, and where they can enter the race of life with fair chance of success, and with the assurance that a political ring will not dominate. Richmond Times.

NATIONAL BANKS CAN BREAK.

Baltimore has seen a National Bank fail within the last week. There is some kind of impression that these favorites of Republican rule, these government agents for issuing shinplasters, cannot break. This is not a fact. Their managers, though Republicans generally, are like most Republicans not always above suspicion, and need not be trusted implicitly, though the average citizen does trust anything behind a glass door with the word "Bank" on it in gilt letters, and especially "National Bank." He thinks the word national links the bank with the United States Treasury so closely that Uncle Sam pays all the debts the bank owes and guarantees that they will be paid. A national bank is not a means a church from which only good can emanate. It is often as crooked as the hind leg of a dog, and doubtless since the new law passed Congress giving most anybody a chance to start a national bank there are many organized for the purpose of robbery. The fellow who cracks the safe is not near so bad as the chap who stands with pen behind his ear taking your money and then putting it in his own spacious pocket. Put not your trust in princes and national banks.

HAZING AT WEST POINT.

The hazing at West Point has become a very odious business. A cadet there by the name of Booz is said to have been so injured that he died a short time ago. An investigation is now pending, and while nobody has confessed that he killed him, or told on anyone else who did, there is certainly room for much censure of the management. Nobody blames the boys. Boys will play pranks and sometimes mistreat their comrades, but the country is blaming the officers in charge and there ought to be a clean sweep and a new set put in. It is a great and good thing to clean out the Augean stables sometimes, and this should be one of the times.

The holiday number of the Hampton Monitor is a great credit to that enterprising paper, and the publishers are to be congratulated on it.

Why, What, and Wherefore?

Editor SPECTATOR:
The Argus, in replying to "Why," mixed up the telephone exchange with "the persons elected to do the country people's business." Then we may rate the occupants "doing business" in said building under three classes, viz: those elected directly by the vote of the people, those who were appointed by a higher power, and exchange, which took up its abode there—in other words, elective officials, appointive officials, and privilege characters.

Why should the clerk of the Beverly Manor School Board, and a Beverly Justice of the Peace occupy places in the building rent free? These do district business alone.

Natural Bridge Sold.

The Natural Bridge Development Company, organized in and backed by Richmond capital, have come into possession of the Natural Bridge and about four hundred acres of adjoining lands. It is understood that the price paid was about \$50,000. A fine hotel and resort will be established and kept there all the year round.

Col. W. A. Turk Promoted.

Mr. W. W. Finley, second vice president of the Southern Railway, announces, as foreboded in The Post yesterday, that on account of the acquisition of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Consolidated Railway, on January 1, 1901, and the consequent enlargement of the territory, connections, and passenger traffic of the Southern Railway and its affiliated lines, it has been determined, effective January 1, 1901, to create the office of assistant passenger traffic manager, and to make several other promotions.

Col. W. A. Turk, now general passenger agent, is promoted to be assistant passenger traffic manager, with the office in this city.

S. H. Harwick, formerly assistant general passenger agent at Atlanta, is promoted to be general passenger agent, with headquarters in this city.

The following assistant general passenger agents are appointed: W. H. Taylor, at Atlanta, Ga.; R. E. L. Bunch, at St. Louis, Mo., and R. M. Allen, at Louisville, Ky.

The Washington Post in commenting on the promotion says: "Col. Turk has been a resident of Washington, as an official of the Southern Railway, for several years, and has many warm friends in this city and throughout the South who will rejoice in his well earned promotion. He is generally recognized as one of the most capable railroad men in the country, and has served as president of the General Passenger Agents' Association."

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch pays the following high compliment to Mr. Turk: Mr. Turk is one of the oldest and most experienced officials of the Southern Railway. He began years ago as an agent of the Richmond and Danville railway at Raleigh, N. C., and steadily went to the front until he became, not only the general passenger agent of the Southern railway, but also elected president of the International General Passenger Agents' Association, at its last meeting. He still holds this position, and his promotion by the general order to-day, issued by Second Vice President Finley, is a well-deserved tribute to his efficiency and the effective work he has done for his great system.

Confederate Veterans.

Grand Commander R. L. Maury, of the Grand Camp of Confederates of Virginia, yesterday issued general orders naming his aides and members of the history committee. The aides are Capt. Thos. L. Elliot, of Richmond; Adjutant General Major William W. Dentley, of Pulaski, and L. M. Blackford, of Lynchburg. Capt. Charles M. Blackford, of Lynchburg, is named a member of the history committee, to be the late Dr. Hunter McGuire, Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond, is continued as chairman of that committee.

Death of Congressman Wise.

Hon. Richard A. Wise, Republican member of the House of Representatives from the second district of Virginia, died at his home, Williamsburg, Va., early Thursday morning. He was son of General Henry A. Wise and was born at Philadelphia, Sept. 2, 1848. He served in the Confederate army throughout the civil war. Dr. Wise was serving his second term in Congress.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, &c.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Hicks for January.

The first day of the new year is the central day of a Vulcan storm period. The moon will be at extreme north declination on the 2nd and at the full on the 4th. The indications are that a change to southerly winds, rising temperature and falling barometer will be spreading eastward from western parts of the country in the opening days of January. These conditions will result in rain and snow progressively across the country from about the 2nd to 5th, and the culminating storms falling on and next to the 3rd and 4th. A very active high barometer will follow these storms closely out of the northwest accompanied by high northwesterly winds and a cold wave. The moon being at extreme north declination at this time will tend to hold the atmospheric tide northward from the equator, preventing in all probability that extreme cold which might certainly be expected were the moon at her south declination. It is a fact not generally understood that the great volume, or swell, of the atmosphere may be attracted either to the north or south of the equator, with decided wind currents passing through it in the opposite direction. In such cases in our northern hemisphere, the barometer, as a rule, will not rise so high, and the cold will not be so severe, even with stiff north winds, until the moon passes southward over the equator. Reactionary disturbances will appear on and about the 7th to 9th, causing change to warmer with falling barometer and more rain and snow. These perturbations will culminate on and touching the 9th, the date of the moon's passage southward across the celestial equator. Change to high barometer and much colder will wind up the reactionary storms.

On and about the 12th look for a rapid fall of the barometer in all western sections, followed by rising temperature and more storms of rain, wind and snow from the 12th to the 14th. The moon is at apogee and last quarter on the 12th, facts tending to squalls and blustering storms on and near that date. The indications are that a cold wave of wide extent and marked severity will bring up the rear of storms from about the 12th to 14th, causing a general spell of very cold weather up to the reactionary changes due about the 18th to the 20th. On these dates there will be a return to falling barometer, rising temperature and more storms of rain, wind and snow. Another sudden and sharp cold wave will follow these storms, spreading east and south immediately after the new moon on the 20th.

The storm program shows that the moon is in perigee and on the celestial equator in regular storm period. The Mercury period also extends into this period. We predict that a marked fall of the barometer and change to warmer will set in about the 23rd, that storms of rain and probable thunder will develop in southern sections, and that snow, sleet and blizzards will visit central and northern sections from about the 23rd to 26th. Arctic currents will flow down to meet the tropical conditions southward, drawing a great cold wave down over most parts of the country about the 24th to 27th. Mercury sleet storms will be accompanied to all the disturbances during the last part of January and into February. This will be especially noticeable during reactionary storms which may be expected during the 27th to 29th.

A Railroad Row in Lynchburg.

About a year ago the Norfolk and Western railway started to build a side track here on a strip of ground between the factory of the Hughes Buggy Company and James river. The Chesapeake and Ohio claimed the ground, got out an injunction in the Circuit Court against the Norfolk and Western and then built its own side track there. Recently Judge Whittle, in the Circuit Court, decided that the disputed ground belonged to the Norfolk and Western, and allowed the Chesapeake and Ohio ninety days in which to take an appeal, which they failed to do.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock City Sergeant Johnson placed the strip of land in possession of Superintendent Dabarry, of the Norfolk and Western, who, with a construction force, at once commenced to tear up the Chesapeake and Ohio tracks and lay down his own.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.

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BRIDGEMASTER BRIEFS.

N. D. Simmons has his heading factory building near the depot near about ready for the machinery.

Mrs. H. B. McFall and nephew, Walton McFall, of Mt. Solon, were callers at F. A. Richertek's on Wednesday.

Miss Allie Davies will go to Staunton on Friday, Dec. 21. From there she will go to Churchville to spend the holidays.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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As trustees in a deed of trust executed by Hannah Monroe and John Monroe and recorded in the clerk's office Hustings Court of Staunton, Va., D. B. 13, page 28, at the request of the said trustees, being part of the "Sunshine Property," and the same property conveyed to Hannah Monroe by Jane K. Taylor by deed dated March 24, 1882, of record in the clerk's office of the court of Hustings for the city of Staunton, Va., in D. B. 8, page 528 to which reference is hereby made. There is on the lot a desirable Dwelling House.

As substituted trustees in a deed of trust executed by Scott Wood and wife, and Eugene Keys and his wife, recorded in the clerk's office of the Hustings court of the city of Staunton, D. B. 11, page 193, we will, at the request of the beneficiaries, sell at public auction in front of the court house in Staunton, Va., at 12 o'clock on SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901, that certain house and lot situate in the city of Staunton, Va., and fronting 25 feet on Academy street and running back 100 feet, being the same property conveyed to Scott Wood & wife by Robt. Hill & wife by deed dated May 13, 1874, of record in the clerk's office of the Hustings court of the city of Staunton in Deed Book 6, page 429, to which reference is made, after deducting the conveyance made by Scott Wood to Wm. Lewis of a lot in rear of said premises—Cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of executing the trusts, taxes and the amount of the debt secured, viz: \$272.50, and the residue in three equal instalments payable one, two and three years from date of sale, with interest, said deferred payments to be secured by a deed of trust upon the property.

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