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THE APPROACHING CRISIS.

The contemplated attack on the Virginia constitution, assisted by some white Republicans, is probably the most ill advised movement they have recently made. In the first place, the negroes will fit themselves for citizenship if they will; in the second place they will outstage the whites that their condition will become worse instead of better; in the third place they are wasting their money on scheming lawyers and politicians who do not care anything for their real welfare, providing these shifty gentlemen pocket their cash.

The case made out is not strong, indeed it does not seem a case against the constitution at all, but one against the persons claiming the right to register, and from whose decision the injured parties had an appeal which did not perfect or even apply for a claim when ignorance and worthless lawyers must take a back seat. For nearly half a century the vote of the most influential, capable and worthy citizen could be nullified by the most brutal, depraved, ignorant creature in the land. It was usual also that the depraved voter voted for the meanest candidate in the field, while the opposite was the fact in regard to intelligent and worthy voter. Under this state of affairs in the South and in particular in Virginia, a scurry lot of white politicians succeeded in getting the federal officers to hold the negro and keeping him wrought up by designs and persistent lies about the designs of the white men to put him again into slavery, his life in no danger from them generally, and that he was left under the excitement of a readjustment of a large debt owed by the State, with the solid and unbroken support of the negro vote, to hold office in the State for a brief period. The history of that period will not pass without a note to relate, it is too well remembered, and the scars it has left are fresh to the recollection of all. Enough was learned from what then happened to assure the people of the State who have any regard for decency and good government that they will never permit a recurrence of those conditions if they can avoid it.

With the remembrance of that baleful period, with a lot of the same class of politicians still inciting the negroes to acts he would possibly never have of himself conceived, the sober sense of the State determined to put its electorate, as it had done in the past, in the hands of a better class, in so far as intelligence, education and property rights were concerned. Having made up its mind to this it cast about for the means of doing so, and had constantly waded in her nostrils a constitution the stretch of which is indescribable, a constitution imposed on her when many of the best men of the State were in the land and foot when Federal bayonets gleamed about the polling places and over the land; a constitution framed by a body of seal-wags beside whom the negroes that body were as ambrosia to sewage. A few good and true Virginians were there, but were as powerless as an arm with the tendons severed. From amidst that pretentious came the constitution we have just relegated to the junk pile. It is strange that a free and liberty loving people should discard such a law; it is strange that they should bear malice toward a body of men of the stripe of Underwood and his pirates; it is strange that they should determine now to cut out that ignominious excrement which has so long disgraced the State, and restore the body politic to sound health and comeliness. It is not strange it is natural.

But of course there are those who profit by the old conditions, who would probably be earning their daily bread in ways far different and in work far more humble than the labor they now perform in Uncle Sam's military and naval service, and who are kept above those white men whom those office holders so despise, and whom they would humiliate if they could. Again there are scheming lawyers who "for the fees assured would overturn high heaven," and there too are deserters and renegades, we will not say Judases and Benedict Arnolds, those phrases might fit, but we will apply them to the high minded and honorable gentlemen who may enter upon the work of assassination now being hatched by conspirators within the State. Then too there are those who are sons of Virginia with whom her good name, her prosperity, her exalted citizenship, her past history, the fact that she gave them birth, and the relatives ought to weigh, but who "by heavens could tear her joint by joint, and strew a hungry chureyard with her limbs." These would chuckle in glee to behold her again in agony, her sons humiliated, her daughters despoiled. The feast is not for a day, Virginia has entered upon a new role, not in passion, not in prejudice, not through hatred, not to humiliate, not to destroy, but for self preservation, and to exalted citizenship, and with that set up, which has always characterized those who love and revere her, with that fortitude which has displayed itself when any great crisis was imminent, she will meet whatever foe advances, meet any issue that may arise, let the consequences be what they may. Those who invade soil to dig down, under mine and destroy the bastion of her liberty should come armed and ready for the fray, because they will find a determined foe.

If the American public is not already becoming disgusted with the tariff, the fact that the friends and relatives of our soldiers in the Philippines will not be allowed to send them Christmas boxes without paying duty on them, ought to be the last straw that breaks the camel's back. This is the last and most disgusting feature of these odious laws made professedly in the interest of labor, but really to rob and plunder the public, and now depriving our soldiers of the only pleasure left to them. "Our plain duty" now seems to be to arrange matters with reference to campaign funds, and this is why the tariff thieves are holding the noses of the public so close to the grindstone.

Should Mr. Cleveland be nominated by the Democrats for President, he will see something of a "War of the Rebellion," unless he should hire substitute to look at it for him.

President Roosevelt will have conferred one favor on the people of Virginia when he has appointed Judge L. L. Lewis as District Attorney.

THE PATIENT ANIMAL.

The railroads made a great flourish a few days ago when they increased the wages of some employees who had been working hard on annual salaries. Then came the corporation journals, those who sneeze when Mr. Morgan and some others take snuff, and told of the immensity of that lie which says "Corporations are soulless and unfeeling entities who are said to be going to poor wealth into the lap of labor. It has been some time since corporations began wasting their money on labor. The various explanations of this munificence. One is that the presidential election will be on before long and those employees must be kept in line, but there is no doubt that the wages of some workers are really to be increased, but at the same time freight rates are to be increased all along the line, so that these railroads to pay labor more wages than before, in fact it is said by many who have studied the situation, to be a ruse on their part to advance their rates. The advance which is reported about to be made will pay twenty times the increased wages promised the employees. The farmer will do all the paying, because the consumer suffers always from the outbursts of liberality, and the great consumer is the farmer. But the farmer will go on bearing the burden and suffering the lash and never complain nor do ought to make his load lighter. At the next election, as he has done for many years, he will positively beg his owners to lay on a little more sharply because they tell him when he has to work hard they will put more oats in the trough and he believes it is so.

We wonder if the Democratic members of the Senate will desire to renew the agitation of the Philippine question. Or did they acquire some wisdom from the recent voting? Washington Post.

It seems to us we have heard something of a "Philippine question," but may we ask, was the question whether Kate Smith or a volcano killed and burnt it.

Mr. John G. Carlisle of New York, is to assist Mr. John S. Wise of New York, in his contemplated attack on the Virginia constitution. We seldom advise persons to go armed, but if they come down, we cannot refrain from saying, "Johnny get your gun."

Somebody has mentioned the name of the Hon. Grover Cleveland for nomination by the Democrats, but no sooner was the announcement made than the party disappeared behind the drop curtain.

Is Jim Hays who is to be assisted by Hon. John S. Wise and Hon. John G. Carlisle, a free trader? We seldom advise persons to go armed, but if they come down, we cannot refrain from saying, "Johnny get your gun."

Papa, did the President really kill old Wab when he was hunting bear in Mississippi? I don't know my son, but I think he did, as he goes by the name of Wobler.

Mr. Watterson went to the horse show and saw the 400—"not face to face, but through a glass darkly."

The more laws we have to suppress whiskey, the more drunkenness we have. This was never known to fail.

The people of the State will generally welcome Mr. Churchill's bill to regulate the speed of automobiles.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, Nov. 24.—There is probably no more perplexed man in the United States than President Roosevelt. After yielding his own convictions, that the tariff ought to be revised, and accepting the dictum of Senator Hanna and his school of politicians, that the winning policy for the republican party was to "stand pat," after being assured that if he wanted to be elected in 1904 he must not countenance revision, the President is now receiving the assurances of the western members and senators that the only hope of the party in their section of the country, lies in making good the pledges of the last campaign, that the tariff would be "revised by his friends." In the hope of gaining a clearer insight into the situation the President has appealed to the members of his Cabinet and to the republican leaders. There is no doubt amongst the eastern members who all say "stand pat," but Secretary Wilson, for instance, says his state wants revision. The representative of the Minnesota delegation say that they were elected on a tariff reform platform. The same is true of Idaho and other western states which were carried for the republican party only by the personal popularity of the President and the assurance that he would insist on a revision of the tariff which would curtail the inordinate profits of the trusts.

The argument advanced by the "stand pat" party is that the tariff is a prosperity cannot last, that tariff revision will precipitate the reversal of present conditions and that if the republican party is caught in the midst of a tariff revision, it will be inevitably attend by endless personal bickering and strife, the country will administer a prompt rebuke to the trusts. And the "stand pat" party of the kind of advice proffered to the President by his friends was recently afforded by Senators Lodge and Burrows. The former signified his assent to the tariff revision, but the latter because it would not injure his constituents who raise neither tobacco nor beet sugar, but he protested vigorously against the tariff revision, and he urged the President to vote for the New Foundland treaty but protested against the Cuban treaty. The fact that the tariff is a local issue is again being demonstrated together with the fact that no republicanism is willing to sacrifice one cent of protection to the interests of the country at large. The President has held open his message, hoping to be able to judge which will be more politic course for him to pursue, after he has conferred with the senators and representatives who have been invited to call on him this week.

The failure of the last session to pass the Cuban reciprocity bill is bearing fruit in a way that is a cause of grave anxiety to the administration. The United States to grant the same concessions from the Dingley rates, have now been flattered and cajoled into the belief that they are quite independent of the tariff, and that there is no reason why they should seek concessions from this government at the expense of their relations with foreign nations. The fact that the Cuban tariff on imports from the United States shall remain the same, while it is raised 50 per cent. on imports from other countries, and that the Dingley rates on Cuban imports to this country shall be reduced 25 per cent, reports that he is meeting with insurmountable difficulties. The President said at his last Cabinet meeting that he did not propose to offer any further concessions to Cuba which he regarded as foolish and ungrateful and that in so far as he was concerned there would

be no deviation from enforcing every provision of the Platt amendment to the line. This pleases the advocates of annexation who say that sooner or later there will be friction with Cuba which will result in that end.

Secretary Root says he will again urge his general staff for the army on Congress and hopes this time to be more successful than he was before. The fact that the law would hardly go into effect before the time for general Miles retirement may have some effect on the consideration given the Secretary's recommendation by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs.

"There will be a pretty scrap when Speaker Cannon comes to reorganize the Ways and Means Committee," said a republican member today. "There is already no end of friction between Chairman Payne and Representative Payne and there is every prospect that Mr. Babcock will lock horns with the chairman on the tariff question. Mr. Payne will lose three of his valuable supporters this year, for Representative Long and Hopkins will go to the Senate and Major Steel will be re-elected. There is little doubt but the revisionists will attempt to prevent Payne from being chairman through the re-election of Mr. Babcock. Mr. Payne has trouble in plenty ahead of him."

JAMES E. A. GIBBS.

The Last of the Original Sewing Machine Inventors.

James Edward Allen Gibbs, who died Tuesday at his home at Raphine, was the last of the original sewing machine men and one of Virginia's great inventors.

Mr. Gibbs was of New England ancestry. His first American progenitor of the name of Gibbs was a Scotch Presbyterian minister who came to Connecticut in the beginning of the 18th century. His earliest American ancestor was Dr. John Hirling, a Hungarian physician, born in Rochester, France, in 1800 and immigrated to Connecticut in 1715. His massive tombstone still stands in the cemetery at Milford, Conn., with this inscription: "For fifty years he practiced physic and surgery in this place with distinguished reputation." Mr. Gibbs was also a great grand nephew of Ethan Allen of revolutionary fame.

His father, Richard Gibbs, came to Fairfax county, Va., in 1816, and brought the first wool-carding machinery ever in the State, but was not patronized as the carding was done by hand by the slaves. He then moved to Rockbridge county, where he married Isabella Poague, of pure Scotch-Irish lineage. There he also engaged in the carding business, but owing to ill health was not successful, and therefore was able to give his son only a common school education.

Mr. Gibbs was born August 1, 1829, in the town of Raphine, where his father was burned, leaving him without employment. He then went to Pocahontas county, W. Va., and built a carding machine of a new pattern—an invention of his own—but he soon realized that large factories were superceding the smaller mills, and disposed of his invention.

It was at this time that Mr. Gibbs' attention was first attracted to sewing machines by the wood-cutts in advertisements. These only presented a top view of the machine, which he thought of the needle and the manipulation of the thread under the cloth a mystery. There was nothing in the cut to show that there was more than one thread, and to do the work with a single thread he invented the revolving hook of the Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine, its most distinguishing feature. He gave up no money for a patent, but he was afflicted with weak kidneys, and he thought he had merely solved a newspaper puzzle. Some months afterward he saw a Singer machine with its shuttle and underthread, and then realized that he had made an invention. He had unconsciously done what other minds, with effort, had failed to do. After taking out some minor patents, he obtained his most important one June 2, 1857. After overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties, he completed his ideal machine, and got the manufacture started with a royalty accruing to him.

At this time the civil war came on, and though his interests were in the north, where his machine was being manufactured, he sacrificed his business and all that he held dear, and gave himself with unyielding devotion to the cause of the south. His weak constitution preventing his going to the field, he placed his service at the disposal of the government and received an appointment from the ordnance department, in which position he continued until the close of the war.

During the first year of the war he took refuge with his family in his native county, where he bought a farm on which he had his residence for the last forty years of his life. At the close of the war he again went to Europe to look after his business, and found that through the fidelity of his partner, James Wilcox, he had suffered no loss. In 1869 he went to Europe to look after his business, and found that through the fidelity of his partner, James Wilcox, he had suffered no loss. In 1869 he went to Europe to look after his business, and found that through the fidelity of his partner, James Wilcox, he had suffered no loss.

day morning after a long sickness, although it was not until the last few weeks that he was confined to his bed. He was buried from the chapel at Raphine Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Quarles of W. & L. University, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. S. W. Haddon of Old Providence, Dr. Quarles' text was from Exodus 31:1-6, especially these words: "The Lord called by name Balaazel and gave him wisdom and understanding to devise curious works." He began his discourse by referring to the great men of Rockbridge and said Mr. Gibbs was last but by no means the least. There was a large crowd in attendance and the active pallbearers were J. W. Stoner, G. W. Huffmann, H. S. Campbell, W. S. Brown, L. C. Lockridge, and James Wade. Honorary, C. J. Bell, J. A. Spencer, J. W. Miller, J. Stoner, S. F. Mullins and E. L. Smith.

Hi Henry's Big Minstrel Show.

Hi Henry's Big Minstrel Show, who recently opened their season in New York City, and scored the biggest minstrel hit known in years, will present a grand new programme of novelties at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2. There is said to be fifty all white minstrel stars in this big company, fourteen high grade vaudeville comedians, eight bright comedians, headed by the real comedian, Billy Clark, the dancing comedians, Corrigan and Dove, the wonderful bird imitator, J. F. Frost, the unique star of the opera house, the European troupe of Acrobats, and the European novelty, the marvelous Portuguese wonders, Senor and Senora Francisca, who perform incredible feats of muscle training.

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