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AT THE State republican convention yesterday, the republican contestant for a seat in Congress from the 9th district made a speech in which he advocated harmony in the party and said the republicans would have thirty thousand majority with a fair election. But, before he finally turned republican, he was a kicker in the democratic party, and has been a kicker in the republican party ever since he became a member thereof. Where the thirty thousand republican majority he talks about is to come from, he and he alone can tell.

JUDGING FROM the way the State republican convention denounced Mr. Hull, chairman of the national republican congressional campaign committee, yesterday, it is not likely that any more party differences in this State will be submitted to him for settlement. Every time Northern republicans interfere with political affairs in Virginia they do harm to themselves, and must of necessity injure their party in this State. Virginia republicans know what is good for themselves, better than any of their Northern allies do.

IT WAS stated in yesterday's Gazette that the entire Congressional delegation from Virginia is opposed to making the calling of the constitutional convention a party question. There is not a member of the delegation who is not in favor of amending the present objectionable constitution, but as the democratic party is now united and safe in all the districts, they wisely think it would be better to do nothing that might possibly change that condition until after next fall's election.

MR. CLEVELAND, in his second lecture at Princeton, last night, expressed himself as not so much opposed to office seekers as he was during the two terms of his Presidency. It will be recollected that then he had a very poor opinion of them, and that his Secretary of State so diagnated a distinguished Southern Senator who recommended a constituent for office, by saying that political work could not be requited with office, that he never called upon him again.

THE DEMOCRATS of this city, after their little friendly tussle of yesterday in selecting their nominees for some of their State offices, having definitely settled that matter, should now be, and doubtless are, satisfied with the result, and, should their be opposing candidates, which, however, is hardly probable, resolve to give theirs the biggest sort of a majority.

MR. BRYAN has lost no votes by declaring in favor of an income tax, as he did at Los Angeles Monday, as all the men with surplus incomes would have voted against him whether he had done so or not; but that he will gain the votes of hundreds of men who have no incomes to tax, but who are taxed on the necessaries of life, goes without saying.

THE FACT that the death rate among the Boer prisoners is a great deal higher than among the British, is by no means conducive to belief in the ill-founded assertion that the latter are the more civilized and humanized. But all history teaches that war is the most degrading and debasing of all conditions.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, April 11.

Representative Long, the republican "whip," made the following statement this morning: "Every republican member of the House who favors the bill, with the exception of Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, will either be present this afternoon when the vote on the Porto Rico bill is taken or paired in favor of the bill. Altogether there will be 16 or 17 pairs representing 32 or 34 not voting. Twenty-five to thirty republican members are now on railroad trains en route here. The latest arrival will be at 1 p. m. Every absentee will be heard from. The republican majority in the House is 19. Nine republicans are against the bill. That makes a majority of one for the bill. Sibley, classified as a democrat, will support the bill, making a majority of three. De Vries, of California, has flopped back into the democratic column. The democrats from Louisiana, Davey and Meyer, are absent and not paired. That swells the majority for the bill to five. Then the following democrats are either out of the city or not paired: Bailey, of Texas; Stallings, of Alabama; Cox of Mississippi; Cochran, of Missouri; Robertson, of Louisiana; Crowley, of Illinois, and Ridgeley, of Kansas. Every one of these who do not vote will add one to the majority. It is quite unlikely that Robertson, Crowley and Ridgeley, who are ill, will be able to be here. There is no sickness among the republicans."

James M. Hayden, representing the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and other firms, appeared before the House committee on labor today in opposition to the bill requiring a day of 8 hours for labor on government work in private establishments. He said if the bill became a law it would produce a revolution in the trade conditions of the country because every article consumed by the government, even as small as rubber bands and pens, would have to be manufactured in accordance with the provisions of this law.

Senator Clark did not make his appearance in the State chamber today. At his hotel, however a number of his legislative associates called. Mr. Clark has not yet made up his mind whether he will resign or let the case come to a vote in the Senate. The gossip today is that he will probably let the matter take its course, with the bare possibility that no action will be taken this session. If he were to resign now the governor of Montana would appoint some one friendly to the Daly faction to fill the vacancy. The general opinion at the Capitol is that no action in this case will be taken until the Quay resolution is disposed of.

President McKinley will visit New York on April 21 to make an address before the Methodist Ecumenical Conference on Missions. Later in the month he will visit his old home at Canton to inspect the alterations being made in the building which he has bought.

Senator Daniel appeared before the Senate claims committee this morning and in a short time secured favorable reports upon the bill for the settlement of the interest account between Virginia and the federal government, by which it is expected the State will be benefited to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars; on a bill to pay Col. John S. Mosby for a large quantity of his tobacco seized by the federal authorities in Richmond after the close of the war between the States, and on a bill for the relief of the heirs of Major Tarlton Woodson of Virginia, an officer of the Revolutionary war—to pay them the sum that was due him.

The House committee on agriculture heard a large delegation today representing the cotton seed oil interests, who are also manufacturers of butterine. Their arguments were in opposition to the pending Grout oleomargarine bill.

Several republican members of the House who are by no means pleased with their party in Virginia have been provoked by the action of the Virginia republican convention yesterday in denouncing Mr. Hull, chairman of their campaign committee, and with General Walker, who is now contesting for a seat in Congress, who sat still and never said a word in defence of him.

At the election that was held at the different polling precincts in the District of Columbia last night for members of the convention to select delegates to the national democratic convention, the Norrisites elected fifty-six of the sixty-six.

In the Senate today the bill for making a national agricultural experimental station of a large tract of the Arlington reservation—all the flat portion between the heights and the river—was passed. Having previously passed the House, all the bill needs now to become a law is the President's signature, which it will doubtless receive.

Rev. Mr. Warfield, of the M. P. Church, who has been assigned to the church in Alexandria, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph Button, clerk of the Virginia State Senate and secretary of the State democratic committee, who was at the Capitol today.

The latest New Yorker named for Vice President is James Schoolcraft Sherman, representing the 25th New York district in Congress. He is a lawyer, ex-mayor of Utica and is serving his sixth term in Congress.

One of the Confederate cannon captured at the surrender of Charleston now "adorns" the front of the War Department—of course to show that bygones are bygones.

Representative Wise of the Norfolk district is by no means pleased with the action of the republican convention of his State yesterday. He intends to be a candidate for re-election irrespective of the opposition of the State executive committee of his party. He says his delegates to the convention were not even allowed seats on the floor, but were directed to the gallery, and that the chairmen of the committees of all the counties in his district were removed without notice, and such old and reputable republicans as Messrs. Martin, Libby, Peachy, Cavney, Lyon, Hopkins, and many others were utterly and entirely ignored. Dr. Wise doesn't understand why men who have heretofore opposed the committee should now be doing all it asks them to do.

At the recent election at Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. T. J. Powell, a nephew of the late Col. John Powell of Fairfax Court House, was elected by four thousand majority—the largest democratic majority ever given there.

Mr. S. M. Newhouse, member of the Virginia legislature from Culpeper county, was on the floor of the House today with his friend, Representative Rixey.

The bill for the relief of the widow of the late W. W. Ashby, U. S. Consul at Colon, has passed the Senate and is now a law.

Major Ebenezer Ball, the nearest living relative of General Washington, is dying at the residence of Mrs. A. T. Leathers, in this city.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Fire at Ashland yesterday destroyed the old town hall, engine house and other buildings.

Miss Lizzie Blackburn died at her home, near Garrisonville, Stafford county, yesterday morning.

Mrs. Joseph Garnett, jr., of Caroline county, was burned to death Saturday while trying to extinguish burning sage brush.

The town of Bowling Green, in Caroline county, was visited last night by a destructive fire and eight houses were burned.

Emporia, the town in Greensville county, the scene of the lynching of Cotton and O'Grady, proposes to organize a military company.

Destructive fires have been raging for several days in the Massanutton mountains and Blue Ridge, in Page county, destroying thousands of dollars worth of timber.

Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, was able to take some nourishment yesterday, the first time in nearly a week. This fact gave encouragement to his family and friends.

Orin C. Schoolfield, eldest son of Evangelist James E. Schoolfield, died yesterday at his home on Main street, Danville, of consumption. His wife, formerly Miss Gambill, of Roanoke, survives him.

In the Richmond city primary yesterday C. W. Hardwicke, chairman of the board of aldermen's finance committee, was defeated by Jas. B. Wood, and J. C. Smith beat H. Claiborne Epps, the incumbent, for city sergeant.

The large frame leaf tobacco factory in Petersburg owned by W. L. Venable, and occupied by W. G. Dunnington & Co., was burned to the ground last night. In the building over 1,000,000 pounds of the finest leaf tobacco purchased for the Austrian government was consumed. The loss is estimated at fully $125,000; covered by insurance. Reed Williams, a fireman, was badly burned about the face. Several houses in the neighborhood occupied by colored people were also burned.

The Markets.

Chicago, April 11.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—May 67⅞@67⅝@67⅞; July 69⅛@68⅞@69. Corn—May —, Pork—May —.

Georgetown, April 11.—Wheat 70@76.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, April 11.

SENATE.

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At 12:35 Mr. Burro[illegible] call up the on the Quay resolution, [illegible] bill. Mr. Allison, who desired to [illegible] the District of Columbia appropria[illegible] Mr. Penrose took the ground that [illegible] Quay case had precedence over appropriation bills, but did not object to taking up the District of Columbia bill.

Mr. Allison said he understood that under the unanimous agreement appropriation bills took precedence over everything else.

The District of Columbia bill was then taken up.

Mr. Pettigrew gave notice he would speak next Friday on his resolution of sympathy for the Boers.

Mr. Pettigrew's resolution regarding demands made upon China by the United States was referred to the foreign relations committee.

The Navy Department sent to the Senate a communication calling attention to the urgent necessity for providing such a change in the laws relating to appointment to the Naval Academy as will fill vacancies in the line of the navy.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Pettigrew was passed requesting the President to inform the Senate whether persons have been executed in Porto Rico by the Spanish method of the garrote since he has been governing that country and if so why this mode of execution is used.

Bills introduced by Senators Tillman and Sullivan to increase the pensions of soldiers and widows of soldiers of the Mexican war, reported adversely, were by request sent to the calendar.

In response to a resolution the Secretary of the Treasury sent to the Senate a statement of the action of the Treasury Department in the case of Jorge Cruz, a resident of Porto Rico, alleged to have been brought to New York under contract to labor in the United States, together with all correspondence in the case, including the record of the board of special inquiry. The board of inquiry held that he must be excluded as having come to the United States in violation of the alien contract law. The case has been referred to the Department of Justice.

The District bill was passed without division. The calendar was then taken up.

HOUSE.

In anticipation of the financial struggle in the House over the Porto Rican bill with its provision for the establishment of a civil government in that island, the galleries were crowded when the House was called to order. The gay costumes of the ladies added a bright dash of color to the scene.

On the floor it was evident that something unusual was expected from the large attendance.

As soon as the journal had been read Mr. Dalzell reported from the committee on rules a rule providing for a vote on the bill at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He said the country demanded action without further delay and the rule proposed the acceptance by the House of all the amendments made by the Senate and concurrence in the bill as amended.

Mr. Richardson, the democratic floor leader, said the Senate amendments provided an imperialistic form of government for Porto Rico, which remark was applauded by his democratic colleagues. He denounced the tariff policy of the republicans towards Porto Rico and quoted ex-Speaker Reed, ex-President Harrison and other prominent republicans in favor of free trade with the island. Criticising the change in the policy of the republicans he said it was probably, as had been charged in the public press, due to the fact that it had been paid for by the promise of a large campaign contribution from the trusts.

Mr. DeArmond said the democrats would appeal to this country on the question.

Mr. Babcock denied absolutely that the republicans had been influenced by money considerations from the trusts and he challenged any democrat to bring proof of their charge. On the contrary, he declared, the shoe was on the other foot, for the ones that had started the agitation to have free trade between the United States and Porto Rico were the great sugar and tobacco trusts. This was greeted with democratic laughter and republican applause.

Mr. Grosvenor raised a laugh by saying that he had never seen the democrats so solicitous for the republican party, so anxious that it should not outrage public sentiment, as they were on this bill. He hurled at Mr. Richardson the statement he had made that the republicans had yielded to bribery, and suggested that the charge was hypocritical. He knew it was a lie, and if any republican was the authority for the statement he was a liar. He asked why Mr. Richardson had not attempted to investigate the truth of the alleged interview if he believed it, and challenged him to introduce a resolution for such an investigation.

Mr. Dalzell concluded the debate on the rule, upon the adoption of which the vote was then taken.

The rule was adopted 158 to 142. Present and not voting 11. The following republicans voted against the rule: Crumpacker, Heatwole, Lane, Littlefield, McCall, Henry C. Smith, Warner and Lorimer.

M. Sibley was the only democrat to vote for it.

The debate on the bill was then begun, Mr. Watson defending the republican policy in placing a tariff on Porto Rican products for the purpose of raising revenue.

Mr. Jones recalled that this is the anniversary of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States and criticised the republicans for choosing such a day for the perpetration of this legislation of wrong and injustice to the people of Porto Rico.

Replying to one of Watson's queries as to what the democrats would do for Porto Rico, Mr. Jones said if they had the power they would give the island a representative free government and the people the same rights, privileges and immunites as are enjoyed by American citizens on the soil of the United States. He proceeded to denounce the civil government features of the bill as absolutely un American and predicted that under it the wealthy corporations would speedily grab all the valuable franchises to be had in Porto Rico.

W. H. Shipman, Beardsley, Minn., under oath, says he suffered from dyspepsia for twenty-five years. Doctors and dieting gave but little relief. Finally he used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and now eats what he likes and as much as he wants, and feels like a new man. It digests what you eat.

THE CONFERENCES.

Business at yesterday's session in Washington of the Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was suspended for three-quarters of an hour, during which time Bishop Candler gave those present an opportunity to contribute to the building of a Methodist Church at Matanzas, Cuba, and the sum of $554 was subscribed.

The examination of preachers was then taken up. The characters of all those names were called were passed without objection. Most of the reports showed a healthy condition of their finances. Monday resolutions were offered by Dr. Crafts placing the conference on record as urging action upon various matters before Congress and the country, including the anti-polgamy and anti-canteen bills, and a reform in the divorce laws of the District of Columbia. The resolutions were submitted to a committee which yesterday reported adversely and the report was adopted.

The report of the Epworth League board was received and adopted. There are at present 211 chapters of the league in the conference, with a membership of 9,244, an increase over last year of 1,041. The board has appointed a committee, to investigate orphanages, training schools and like philanthropic institutions, to report as a basis of future endeavor by the league.

Resolutions were passed expressing regret at the continued illness of Bishop Wilson, after which the report on church extension was read and that on home missions. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of only $3.43 in the treasury, and then Secretary Armstrong read the report of the board of education, and also that of the missionary secretary. The latter report showed that $10,652.20 had been expended on foreign and $7,420.29 on home missions. The report of the Sunday-school board showed an expense of $13,280 and a membership of 46,397 pupils in the schools. The corporate board of finance also submitted its report. All were accepted.

The statistics showed that 1,483 infants and 1,244 adults had been baptized during the year. There was expended for old preachers, $10,574; in Bible cause, $866; presiding elders' salaries, $12,899; preachers in charge, $103,211; bishops, $2,261. There are 634 societies in the conference, 551 houses of worship and 30 charges without parsonages. The sum of $1,900 was spent on education, and the increase in membership was 300. Bishop Candler took occasion to say that the showing was not as satisfactory as it might have been.

The appointments were announced and conference adjourned.

But one change was made in presiding elders, Rev. J. D. Martin, of Lewisburg district, being relieved by Rev. J. S. Hutchinson. Presiding Elder J. H. Boyd is returned to the Washington district, Rev. F. L. Day, of West Washington and Del Ray, and Rev. E. V. Regester, of Alexandria, who were appointed last year, are returned.

The appointments are as follows: Washington district—Presiding elder, J. H. Boyd, Washington city—Mount Vernon Place, J. W. Duffey; Epworth, W. S. Hammond; Marvin, H. I. Stephens; West Washington and Del Ray, F. L. Day; Alexandria, E. V. Regester; Fredericksburg, J. P. Stump; Falls Church, G. T. Tyler; Leesburg, J. H. Light; Loudoun, C. Sydenstricker and L. H. Kincaid; Middleburg, C. B. Sutton; Hillsboro, C. H. Buchanan; Hamilton, W. H. Wolf; Marshall, W. P. Coe and W. R. Carr; Warrenton, J. H. Wells; Fairfax, D. L. Blakemore and one to be supplied by R. M. Hammond; Sterling, S. B. Dolly and B. D. Harrison; Occoquan, S. V. Hildebrand; Fauquier, W. T. Gover; Remington, W. H. March; Sudley, J. W. Bain; Manassas, J. C. Sedwick; Stafford, J. K. Gilbert; Morrisville, W. A. Sites.

Winchester district—Presiding elder, B. W. Bond; Winchester, W. H. H. Joyce; Middletown, A. M. Cackley; Strasburg, R. M. Wheeler; Woodstock, J. C. Jones; Woodstock Mission to be supplied by C. M. Hessler; Edenburg, H. M. Reed; Front Royal and Riverton, W. F. Locke; Warren, T. J. Miller; Linden, I. G. Mitchell; Page, J. H. Wolf; White Post, F. A. Gaines, and one to be supplied by J. Haley; Berryville, R. R. S. Hough; Brucetown, William Entsler and one to be supplied by G. W. Staples.

In Westminster, Md., the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was rushed with business yesterday in an effort to conclude its labors and adjourn. Numerous committee reports were disposed of, as well as matters of considerable importance.

The statistical committee reported the number of unstationed ministers as 82; probationers, 1,969, increase, 1,298; members, not including probationers, 22,691, increase, 743; received during the year, 2,439, increase, 1,385; adult baptisms, 391; increase, 235; infant baptisms, 1,524; increase, 79; Sunday-schools, 258½; decrease, 3; officers and teachers, 3,447; decrease, 128; new scholars, 3,393; increase, 1,043, scholars on roll, 24,836; decrease, 121; conversions in Sunday-schools, 895; increase, 595; conversions in congregations, 3,030; increase, 1,816; number of apportionments, 289; increase, 2; churches, 285; increase, 1½; parsonages, 91, increase, 4; church papers taken 1,896, decrease 12; Sunday-school papers taken 21,420, increase 1,717; value of church property, $1,081,203; value of parsonage property, $176,255; church debt, $97,411.97; decrease, $37,434.91; insurance on churches, $543,353.20; insurance on parsonages, $96,642.50; rental value of parsonages, $11,785; total increase increase in value of church and parsonage property, $8,502.50. The committee reported 117 Y. P. S. C. E. societies, an increase of six, with an increase of 1,681 members; 201 conversions, an increase of 69, and money raised, $3,495.91.

President Melvin formally received the following ministers into the conference and in doing so made an earnest address: Frederick J. Philips, of Sharpstown; J. L. Nichols, of Oxford; E. H. Jones, of Clear Spring; E. P. Perry, of Baltimore; Charles M. Compher, of Forestville, Va., and W. R. Sherwood, of Chestertown.

The proposition of J. R. Caton to submit the question of a time limit for the pastorate to the membership of the various churches was adopted after a spirited discussion.

The invitation to meet at Easton next year was accepted.

President Melvin announced the plan of appointments for the ensuing year, among them: Alexandria, A. A. Warfield; Central Washington, J. Kirk; Georgetown J. D. Kinzer; Fairfax, Hammond S. Leas.

Rev. T. P. Bevelle formerly of this city, was loaned to the Board of Home Missions and will go to Seattle, Washington.

A radical change in the form of church government was adopted by the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, which will today, in Washington, conclude its annual session. The proposed change is the election of the presiding elders by the votes of conference members instead of their appointment by the presiding bishop. A second resolution lavering the giving of presiding elders co-ordinate power in the cabinet in the matter of appointments was voted down.

The "Rock River resolution," advocating the election of bishops for a term of years, instead of for life, as at present, was laid on the table.

The conference will meet next year in Hagerstown, Md.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

The republican State convention was called to order in the Academy of Music in Norfolk at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by State Chairman Park Agnew. Carter M. Louthan, of Madison, was made temporary chairman. It was decided that all resolutions should be referred without debate to the committee on resolutions.

Committees on plan of organization, permanent organization and resolutions were then appointed, the presiding officer naming the chairmen as follows: Committee on credentials, J. Hampton Hoge, of Roanoke; committee on permanent organization, C. M. Givens, of Winchester; committee on resolutions, S. Brown Allen, of Staunton; committee on plan of organization, C. M. Givens.

The order of business for the afternoon session was then decided upon, and, after a session of less than one hour, the convention adjourned to reconvene at 8 o'clock.

That the fight between the present State organization and the faction adhering to Congressman Wise would be a feature of the convention was early manifested. It was before the committee on credentials that the battle was begun. Contesting delegations from Norfolk county and Alexandria were first disposed of. Alvah H. Martin headed the Norfolk county Wise contestants and J. E. West the Bowden faction. The case was to constitute a precedent. It resulted in the seating of the Bowdenites.

The Alexandria delegation had prepared an elaborate brief to be presented to the convention. It was entitled "The voice of the republican majority of Alexandria hushed by the arbitrary and tyrannical reign of City Chairman Joseph L. Crupper." The memorial, as stated yesterday, was not presented, the delegation abandoning the contest and returning home last night. Mr. Crupper, whom they were to oppose, was made a member of the committee on credentials, which they declared sealed the fate of their contest. One of the delegation said after leaving the hall that the sole test being applied to contestants was that of unswerving fealty to State Chairman Agnew and the organization.

While the Bowden and Agnew forces strongly dominated the convention, many Wise adherents made themselves heard.

Calls were made for a speech from General James A. Walker before the convention came to order in the evening. The general said that he was tired of fights within the party. "I am tired of quarreling inside the ranks. Put on your arms in the face of the enemy, but lay them down inside our own camp." He severely arraigned the Virginia election laws.

The report of the committee on credentials was read. In every case, save that of Prince Edward county, the contestants were unseated. Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk county, arose to protest, but his opening sentence was drowned in hoots. The report was adopted, and in the confusion the contesting delegations left the hall.

The committee on permanent organization recommended R. T. Thorp, of Mecklenburg, for permanent chairman and Asa Rogers for secretary. Mr. Thorp declared that the fraudulent election laws of the State had at last disgusted the honest democrats and for this he thanked these same questionable methods. He referred to the national campaign and every reference to President McKinley brought forth cheers.

The committee on resolutions submitted its report, endorsing the administration, its foreign and financial policies, the ship subsidy bill, expressing opposition to the civil service laws and urging their repeal or modification; denouncing the recent legislature for adding to the present iniquitous election laws and increasing the number of officeholders and for the provision for holding the constitutional convention, believing it would result in the formation of an officeholding oligarchy which could be overthrown only by revolution.

A resolution denouncing the "slanderous attack made by Congressman Hull, of Iowa, upon the State organization and the member of the national committee from Virginia" was also reported and adopted.

A resolution calling for the seating by Congress of Gen. James A. Walker was adopted, as was also one requesting Hon. Marcus A. Hanna to again accept the national chairmanship, and paying tribute to him.

J. Hampton Hoge, of Roanoke, nominated Mr. Park Agnew for State chairman. The nomination was seconded by James Hayes, colored, of Richmond, who made an earnest plea for the colored voters. Mr. Agnew was then re-elected by acclamation. A delegate stated that a discourtesy had been inadvertently offered by the convention to Senator Hanna, and he asked that the resolution eulogizing the national chairman be adopted. Amid disorder this was done.

The election of delegates at large to the national convention was then gone into, and Park Agnew, of Alexandria; Gen. James A. Walker, of Wytheville; Col. James D. Brady, of Petersburg, and S. Brown Allen, of Staunton, were elected by acclamation. Four alternates were then elected. They were J. Hampton Hoge, W. H. C. Brown, colored, of Newport News; A. P. Funkhouser, of Rockbridge, and J. H. Hayes, of Richmond.

"Are we to be kicked out?" was the impassioned query of James H. Hayes, colored, of Richmond. "I want nothing," he said. "I ask the erasure of my name from the list of alternates and the substitution of W. H. Stetson, of Orange." A scene of great confusion ensued, but the chairman decided the four delegates as first named elected. The delegates were instructed to vote for George E. Bowden for reelection to the national committee. Hayes here again requested the erasure of his name from the list of alternates. This was done, and John J. Allen was substituted.

Candidates for presidential electors from Virginia were then nominated as follows: George W. Butler, of Newport News; J. Lucien Gleaves.

The name of W. S. Lurty, of Harrisonburg, was substituted for Gleaves, and the two nominations were then made.

The committee on plan of organization recommended the increase of the membership of the State executive committee from five to ten. Opposition was developed, but it was overcome and a motion to table was lost. It was decided that each district elect its own member of the executive committee.

The convention then, at 1:10 this morning, adjourned.

Mr. Joseph L. Crupper has been unanimously elected a member of the State executive committee. His policy of conducting affairs as city chairman of Alexandria was heartily endorsed.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

The Situation in South Africa.

London, April 11.—The War Office discredits the report of a disaster at Meerketsfontein, but this fails to calm the public in view of the reported activity of the Boers in that vicinity. Brabant's position at Wepener is serious without a doubt. General Gatacre, who who has been in command of the British south of Bloemfontein, is apparently blamed for this state of affairs.

The seventh month of the war begins today. The results of the six months fighting have been startlingly meagre to the British arms. Roberts alone has made a decided advance. The taking of Pretoria seems as far from accomplishment as ever.

London, April 11.—General Roberts wires the war office the following from Bloemfontein under date of April 10:

"The enemy has been very active the past few days. One commando is on the north bank of the Orange river near Aliwal North. Another is attacking Wepener where the garrison is bravely resisting. They have inflicted serious loss on the enemy. Troops are being moved up rapidly."

Bloemfontein, April 10.—General Gatacre has been recalled. He will return immediately to England. Sir Herbert Chermside has been promoted to the command of the eleventh division. Gen. Gatacre's recall was, it is said, owing to his slowness in conducting the relief of Wepener. The British loss at Wepener yesterday were 11 killed and 41 wounded.

Bloemfontein, April 10.—A force under commandant Olivier is proceeding toward Smithfield, south of Wepener in the Free State.

Murdered and Thrown in a Well.

Springfield, Mass., April 10.—Jack Eusuck, a Pole, disappeared last December and nothing was learned of his whereabouts until yesterday when his naked, headless body was found in an old well on a farm in Granby, Mass. The trunk was partially enclosed in a sack. Both legs were terribly hacked and there were two deep wounds in the abdomen probably inflicted with an axe. The body had probably been in the well three months. The head is still missing. Franceska Umillian and his wife, Rosalie, also Poles, are under arrest charged with the murder. Ever since Eusuck disappeared suspicion has been directed toward Umillian and his wife, as it was well known that Umillian was jealous of Eusuck.

Charged With Poisoning.

Baltimore, April 11.—Charles O. Winold, who is wanted in Cincinnati on a charge of administering poison to four persons in that city on March 30 last, was arrested in this city yesterday. Winold, by the confession of a servant girl, stands accused of poisoning four people in an attempt to wreak vengeance upon his wife. On the morning of April 30 oatmeal was served at breakfast to Miss Alice Galvin, Mrs. Aiken Harold and Frances Winold, the latter two being children of Winold. After partaking of the food, the four were taken violently ill and manifested symptoms of arsenical poisoning. Mrs. Winold did not desire oatmeal and thus escaped.

Foreign News.

Berlin, April 11.—On the occasion of Emperor Franz Josef's visit to Berlin, early in May, the question of strengthening the triple alliance by commercial stipulations among Italy, Germany and Austria with England and the United States will be fully discussed.

Brussels, April 11.—King Leopold today signed papers transferring all his real estate to the Belgian nation.

Rome, April 11.—The Pope today received Frederick Willam, the German Crown Prince.

Rome, April 11.—The Pope has written to the mother of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, imploring her to dissuade the prince from leaving the Catholic church for the Greek church.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Burglars stole diamonds and jewelry valued at $40,000 from the residence of Orrin P. Potter, in Chicago, last night, while the family was at dinner. It is supposed the thieves entered the house by climbing over a porch on a rope.

James P. Kellogg was sentenced today by Recorder Goff in New York to seven and a half years at hard labor for grand larceny in connection with the F. S. Dean discretionary pool swindle, which operated thee years.

Richard Croker, the well known Tammany leader, has, it is stated, left London for New York to consult the leaders there as to the advisability of a flop to Dewey. After arranging matters, the story goes, he will return to England.

J. A. Sowell, watchman of the Standard Oil Company's plant in Manchester, Va., was overpowered by five men early this morning. The men blew open the safe and took $500 in cash.

The Transportation building at the Omaha Exposition caught fire at 2 o'clock this morning and was burned.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Druggists. Guaranteed.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Alexandria, Va., held April 10, 1900, there were present:

Wm. H. Marbury, esq., President, and Messrs. Curtin, W. H. Sweeney and J. T. Sweeney.

A quorum not being present, the board adjourned to meet again on April 11 at 8 p. m.

W. H. MARBURY, President.

Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 10, 1900, there were present:

John H. Strider, esq., President, and Messrs. Trimyer, Burke, Snowden, Latham, Desmond, Baader, Paff, Harrison, Appich, Lawler, Evans and Kelly.

The following report was received:

To the President of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, and the Committee on Light, Alexandria, Va.:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned Board of Examiners, selected by your honorable body, beg leave to submit the following report:

Four candidates for the position of superintendent of Gas appeared before us at the City Hall on Friday, April 6th, 1900, viz: Mr. Richard M. Latham, Mr. O. F. Smith, Mr. W. H. Hartzmon, and Mr. Chas. Clay Bayly, each one of whom was separately subjected to an exhaustive theoretical and practical examination as to their qualifications; the examination being identically the same for each candidate.

Only one of the four (Mr. Chas. Clay Bayly) received an average of over 65 per cent, the rating we considered as requisite in answering the quotations. Mr. Bayly's rating was 94 1-10 per cent.

We therefore take pleasure in reporting that in our judgment Mr. Chas. Clay Bayly, of 710 Nineteenth street, northwest Washington, D. C., and now employed by the Washington Gas Light Co., is the best equipped man for the position, believing he will be entirely competent to manage your plant in all its branches.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. BEADENKOPF,
Assistant Engineer of the Consolidated Gas Co., Baltimore, Md.

JAMES S. MCILHENNY,
Superintendent of the Washington Gas Light Company.

ROBERT L. MIDDLETON,
Superintendent of the Georgetown Gas Light Company.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to borrow the sum of eight thousand dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary for paying the expenses of the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1900, was reported favorably by the Committee on Finance, and adopted.

An ordinance to provide for the collection of certain delinquent taxes in the city of Alexandria, was reported favorably by the joint Committee on Finance and General Laws, read the first, second and third times, and passed. Ayes 12; noes 0.

An ordinance for imposing and collecting taxes on persons, property, incomes, &c., within the city of Alexandria, Va., for the year commencing on the 1st day of June, 1900, and ending on the 31st of May, 1901, was reported favorably by the Committee on Finance, and read the second and third times, and passed. Ayes 12; noes 0.

A resolution that no member of the City Council shall be employed by or hold any place, position or situation of emolument under the city government, except by special act of council, was introduced by Mr. Evans and referred to the Committee on General Laws.

A petition from F. S. Harper, Jacob Brill, H. K. Field & Co. and seventeen others, calling attention to the condition existing at the intersection of King and Union streets, caused by leakage or bursting of water main, was received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition from W. P. Graves, Geo. H. Hayden, C. H. Culver and twenty-four others, requesting an extension of the Royal street sewer two squares farther south past the resident portion of the city or to the river, was received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mrs. C. F. Bradley was granted permission to erect a frame kitchen in the rear of 414 King street, providing adjoining property owners do not object.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

Mayor's Office, Alexandria, Va.,
April 10, 1900.

To the Honorable, the City Council of Alexandria:

Gentlemen—I herewith communicate to your honorable body the resignation of a highly esteemed and justly appreciated officer, E. C. Dunn, City Engineer. The eminent ability of this gentleman and his thorough and intimate acquaintance with our city's needs and interests serve to make him a valuable assistant to municipal prosperity, as well as a discreet check upon municipal extravagance, and I exceedingly regret the necessity that has compelled his departure from your city.

Respectfully,

GEO. L. SIMPSON,
Mayor.

Alexandria, Va., April 3, 1900.

Hon. Geo. L. Simpson, Mayor, Alexandria, Va.:

Dear Sir—It is with sincere regret that I feel compelled to offer my resignation, to take effect April 10, 1900, of the position of City Engineer of Alexandria, Va., to return to the service of the U. S. government.

While taking this step I am filled with the deepest appreciation of the kindness and courtesy with which the Council and citizens of Alexandria have treated me, and it is only the circumstance of my material welfare which impels me to it.

With the best wishes for the welfare of yourself and the members of the Council and for the future prosperity of the city, I remain yours very respectfully, E. C. DUNN.

Upon motion the resignation of Mr. Dunn was accepted.

It being stated by Mr. Burke that Mr. Dunn did not make any charges for his one month's services, upon motion of Mr. Evans a vote of thanks was extended him.

A communication from Mr. E. E. Boyer offering his services as temporary superintendent of public works pending the election of a City Engineer was received.

The board then adjourned.

JOHN H. STRIDER, President.

Teste: D. E. STANSBURY, Clerk.

A CARD.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

From this time hence I intend to ally myself with the democratic party. I have heard it said that "the democratic party has the best principles and the republican party the best men." My observation has led me to believe that the democratic party has not only the best principles, but the best men also.

THOS. H. MORGAN.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25 cts. at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Drug Store.

J. I. Carson, Prothonotary, Washington, Pa., says, "I have found Kodol Dyspepsia Cure an excellent remedy in case of stomach trouble, and have derived great benefit from its use." It digests what you eat and cannot fail to cure.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Sparagus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago or N. Y.

DIED.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1900, HELEN M., widow of the late Charles Whitney. Funeral services at the residence of her son, No. 620 Duke street, at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, April 12. Interment at Hartford, Conn.

Suddenly, Tuesday, April 10, at 3:15 p. m., WM. T. SMITH, son of Wm. H. and Fannie Smith. Funeral Friday at 3 p. m. from the residence of his father, 416 north Alfred street. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.—[Baltimore and Loudoun papers please copy.