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HISTORY RECALLED

Mrs. Emma Belew Riddleberger, aged 71, widow of United States Senator, Harry H. Riddleberger, who represented Virginia during the readjuster regime, was found dead in a cesspool in the rear of the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Magruder, at Woodstock. She had been a sufferer from melancholia.

The above will recall a thrilling chapter in the political history of Virginia which runs back about half a century. We refer to the rise and fall of readjusterism.

At the beginning of the civil war the debt of Virginia amounted to many millions of dollars. At least one-third of the Old Dominion subsequently formed what is now known as West Virginia. The counties forming this new commonwealth repudiated their portion of this debt and are repudiating it now. Property in what had been left of Virginia had been destroyed and the people of eastern Virginia, governed by bayonets and carpetbaggers, had been stripped of their belongings and in this forlorn condition they found themselves responsible for all of this great debt. As far back as 1871, shortly after the state re-entered the union, readjusterism made its appearance. This movement was for the purpose of entering into some compromise with the bondholders. Some were in favor of readjusting the debt, that is, virtually repudiating part of the obligations to creditors, while others were bent on besmirching the honor of the state and urged the payment of the last farthing. West Virginia refused to come to the rescue, claiming that most of the appropriations made previous to the war had been expended in Eastern Virginia. Political leaders of that day succeeded in sidetracking this perplexing issue, but it was known that the issue would have to be settled sooner or later. It broke out afresh in 1879, under the leadership of William Mahone, a disappointed democratic candidate for Governor who had appeared before several democratic conventions. He invariably found himself in a position to name the candidate, but with too small a following to obtain the nomination.

A majority of the legislature, were at that time readjusters, and H. H. Riddleberger was one of the most prominent of the party, he having been the author of the compromise bill bearing his name. He had been promised the nomination for United States Senator if he would step aside for Mahone, and later he was elected a member of the higher branch of Congress.

His career was probably one of the most stormy since the days of Benton, Foote, and others, of ante-bellum days.

The death knell of the readjuster party was sounded in the fall of 1883, when it was effectually snowed under in the election that year. It had been a composite organization—Readjusterism and Republicanism, Mahone and Riddleberger were soon relegated to private life and the party became assimilated with the democratic and republican organization of the present day.

WHY NOT ALEXANDRIA?

As will be seen by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, in session in Petersburg, that popular and useful organization purposes to build an orphans' home in Virginia. This is a commendable, and as the project will naturally appeal to every member of the order in the commonwealth, it should also to others not members of the organization.

Alexandria is one of the earliest homes of the Knights of Pythias. Mechanics' Lodge, No. 3, was one of the first offsprings of the conception of the late Mr. Rathbone, the father of an order which has extended over the United States and is growing in membership all the time. Mechanics' Lodge was instituted during the early fall of 1868, and

during its career its roster has contained many of our best and most useful citizens. It seemed to meet a want among us. Some of the secret organizations of that day were complex and carried too many degrees. The ritual of the Knights of Pythias, however, was embraced in three brief but impressive degrees, teaching the most practical lessons. The lodge was opened and closed in the third degree; hence those who entered could not content themselves with taking the first or second degrees, but in order to know what was going on they must become "brave knights."

Pythianism in a measure, radiated from Alexandria, and in a short time it spread over Virginia. The Grand Lodge soon recognized the worth of Alexandrians, and at the yearly meetings honors were often conferred upon members of the order from this city. The late George L. Simpson and the late William H. May were among those the grand body delighted to honor. It is so now, as was seen this week, when Ernest R. Boyer was chosen Grand Inner Guard.

Now for our suggestion. Why not place this purposed orphans' home in Alexandria, under the shadow of the national capitol and the theatre in that city where Rathbone conceived Pythianism?

ERRONEOUS PROVERB.

"There are two things which cannot be successfully warmed over—a cold dinner and an old love." This is the comment of Chairman Vance C. McCormick, of the Democratic National Committee, on the meeting of Col. Roosevelt and former President Taft at the Union League Club.

"From what I have read," added McCormick, "the widely advertised love feast provided plenty to eat, but very little love."

Many oft-repeated sayings are not always true. The above is one of them. The warming-up of a cold dinner resulted in an important discovery upon one occasion. When the great St. Gothard tunnel through the Alps had been completed the railroad company invited a number of guests to make the first trip through the mountains. Lunch was to be served at a certain hour, but for some reason an order reached the chef to postpone the feast for an hour. The chef was greatly disturbed when he received the order, as he had begun the preparation of the meal. The potatoes, he was frying, were but half-cooked, and he was compelled to allow them to cool in the fat. Later he was directed to hurry up the lunch, and he took the chance of completing the cooking of the potatoes in the grease in which they were submerged. To his astonishment, he found each "spike" puffed, and that they were more inviting than they would have been had the fat not been allowed to cool. This incident led to the preparation of puffed fried potatoes, a highly-favored adjunct to a good breakfast.

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R. W. Stoncill of Washington, D. C., an evangelist of the Christian Church, will begin a series of meetings in the old First Presbyterian Church on South Fairfax street, Alexandria, on Thursday night, Oct. 5th. Mr. Stoncill is working under the auspices of the Christian Churches of Washington and Maryland, whose aim is to organize a Christian Church in Alexandria and support an evangelist here till the church is established upon a permanent basis.

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Alexandria City Duckpin League.

Standing of the Clubs.			
Games.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
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Cardinals	9	7	2 .778
Snorters	9	6	3 .667
Richmonds	9	6	3 .667
Y. M. S. L.	9	5	4 .556
Commerce	9	4	5 .444
So-Ry	9	3	6 .333
Indians	9	3	6 .333
Virginians	6	0	6 .000
Dreadnaughts	6	0	6 .000
Last Night's Results.			
Richmonds	87	95	104
Minor	107	103	83
W. H. Reed	110	91	111
McDonald	100	93	79
Kraft	104	90	92
Dunbar	508	472	469
Total			
Commerce	73	82	81
Rothwell	90	97	84
O. Catts	90	85	83
Wm. White	80	83	103
Taylor	86	85	86
Goode	419	432	437
Total			

Schedule for Coming week, beginning, Monday, Oct. 2nd.
 Virginians vs. Dreadnaughts Friday.

SUICIDE IN RICHMOND

Cecil H. Hamlett, about 23 years old, of Rocky Mount N. C., was found dead in a room in a Richmond boarding house yesterday morning. He had been suffocated by gas. Later, a stranger, giving the name of V. B. Rose, also of Rocky Mount, reached the city and told a policeman that his sister was missing from home, and that he was sure she was in Richmond.

It was ascertained that the man's sister, Mary Rose, 20 years old, had been brought to Richmond by Hamlett on Sunday from Rocky Mount. The young woman, it is said, is approaching maternity.

The British admiralty announces that the Cunard steamer Franconia, employed for transport duty, was sunk in the Mediterranean Wednesday by an enemy submarine. The steamer had no troops aboard. Twelve men of the crew of 302 are missing.

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