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It is now said that Robert Lincoln is looming up in the West as the leading Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1896.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has decided that when a sentence for life imprisonment is imposed it acts as a decree of divorce, and divorce proceedings are not necessary.

The Australians, under Gen. Saurner, have been experimenting with trained dogs as mail and dispatch couriers needed in case of war. The results have been satisfactory in every sense.

**THE CONFERENCE AT ROANOKE.**

The indications point to a large attendance at the Roanoke conference to be held next month to consider the propriety of a movement leading to a constitutional convention. It is hoped that our wisest and best men will be present, as it is important that prudence and good judgment prevail in the discussions that will take place, so that the conclusions reached and the results hoped for, will tend to promote the best interests of the Commonwealth. It will be remembered that the VIRGINIAN suggested and advocated such a conference over a year ago. Then there were not the dangers which stare us in the face as at present, and which will have to be recognized by the participants in the coming meeting.

There is no denying the fact, that a deep interest prevails throughout the State as to the outcome of the proposed conference. There can be no doubt that the people desire to be rid of the present cumbersome, onerous and burdensome constitution, foisted upon them by the carpeting and scalawag Virginia reconstruction times. There is no question as to suffrage grievance borne so long with so much unrest by the intelligent manhood of Virginia, which yearns for a riddance from a condition that has been the source of untold evil in the black belt sections of the State, evil to suffrage and a menace at all times to good government. Necessarily there are fears that unwise acts will endanger the benefits that are looked for as the result of the Roanoke assemblage. The VIRGINIAN, however, is impressed with the hope the good genius of Virginia will prevail, that wise counsel will shape the proceedings and that the meeting will be productive of good.

**THE GREAT NAVAL CONTEST IN HAMPTON ROADS.**

Capt. E. V. White, of Portsmouth has prepared a lecture comprising his recollections of the great naval conflict at Hampton Roads, on the 8th and 9th of March 1862, between the Confederate iron clad Virginia (more generally known as the Merrimac) and the Federal fleet, but especially its duel with the Monitor. The lecture was delivered Thursday evening at the Park View M. E. Church, and before a most appreciative audience, and it is the purpose of Capt. White, who was an officer on the Merrimac, to repeat the lecture in a number of the cities of the South. The VIRGINIAN would suggest that it should likewise be delivered at the North. Thirty-three years have passed away since the memorable naval engagement in Hampton Roads, and the country North and South is prepared to listen in an impartial manner to the truth.

The lecture of Capt. White's is free from any objectionable language. There is no underrating of the splendid bravery and magnificent courage of the officers and men of the Federal fleet, nor is there any discredit cast upon the Monitor as an antagonist. He, however, does not fail to insist that any history which gives the latter no credit for victory in her contest

with the Virginia, is incorrectly written. He contends that the Monitor was compelled to withdraw to shoal water, and that after her machinery was disarranged by the crushing shot of the Virginia against the Monitor's pilot house, she never again made offer to battle with the Confederate antagonist.

It is hoped Capt. White will have the opportunity of delivering his lecture at the North as well as at the South.

**THE CASE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS.**

The roll of revolutionary pensioners was closed last week by the death of Mrs. Mary Brown, of Knoxville, Tenn., at the age of 91 years. Mrs. Brown has drawn a revolutionary pension of \$12 per month for many years because she was the widow of Joseph Brown, a soldier in the war of independence. In 1824, when the pensioner was 21 years old, she married Brown, who was then an old man. Her death emphasizes the fact that this is still a very young country. She was a woman of our day, and yet she had been the wife and companion of a veteran who had shouldered his musket in the great struggle of 1776.

Taking the case of Mrs. Brown as a basis, The Atlanta Constitution remarks that it is safe to predict that some of the widows of the soldiers of our civil war will be drawing pensions as far in the future as the year 1985 or possibly 2,000.

**Friends.**  
You ask me why I like him? Nay, I cannot say, I would not say, I think it vile to pigeonhole the pros and cons of a kindred soul. You wonder he should be my friend? But, then, why should you comprehend? Thank God for this, a new surprise—My eyes, remember, are not your eyes. Cherish this one small mystery. And marvel not that love can be "In spite of all his many flaws." "In spite of?" Supposing I said "Because!" A truce—a truce to questioning—"We two are friends," tells everything. Yet, if you must know, this is why—Because he is he, and I am I.

**Ex-Speaker Crisp's Zoom.**  
The boom for ex-Speaker Crisp for the presidency seems to be a surprise in Georgia, where it was said to have originated. The Savannah News (Dem.) says: "All this is in advance of any discussion of the question by the Democrats of the state, in advance of any sounding of or expression by the ex-speaker on the matter, in advance of any demand for Mr. Crisp's candidacy, in advance of a definition of his position on the silver question—in short, in advance of everything, common sense included."

**Jack of All Trades.**  
A man in Putnam county, O., edits a paper, dyes clothing, sells sewing machines and deals in lawn mowers and secondhand shoes. He publishes the paper doubtless in order to get his advertising cheap and carries on the other branches of business to provide his paper with plenty of advertising.—Chicago Tribune.

**Novel Reason For Hard Times.**  
It is a little late for two Nebraska clergymen to be proving that hard times have all been due to the Columbian exposition's open Sunday gates, but they are hard at it and may luck attend them.—San Francisco Examiner.

**One Bloomer Question Settled.**  
It is a gratification to have one feature of the bloomer question settled. A Michigan boarding house keeper has decided that they do not constitute proper apparel for a dinner party.—Chicago Post.



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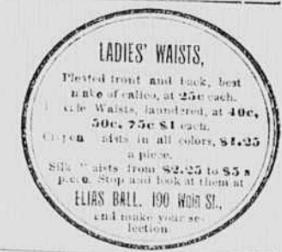
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