

TALK ABOUT FITZ LEE

Being a Candidate for Governor In Event the Democrats Lose the Presidency.

GOSSIP OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The War Among the Republicans Receiving More Bitter Each Day—The Methods of Mr. Barton for Raising Money—Dr. Hatcher's Tabernacle Nearing Completion—Other News.

Richmond, Va., March 19.—(Special)—A well-informed Democrat from another section of the State, who was here today, gave it as his opinion the scheme to hold a constitutional convention will be defeated when the question is voted on at the elections in May, 1897.

A gentleman, who is here from Lynchburg, is of the opinion that Fitz Lee will be a candidate for Governor. "You see," he remarked, "if the Republicans carry the country the Governorship will come in about the time the General will have to give up the office of Collector of Internal Revenue."

There is no sign of the two Republican factions coming together. If there is any change in the situation the fight is becoming more bitter. The city convention of the Allan-Waddill wing is to be held to-morrow night. The old Market Hall has been secured for the purpose. It was at first intended to meet in Wilkinson's Hall, but Mr. Allan thinks that building will be too small.

Gov. O'Ferrall is still very much indisposed and remains at the Executive Mansion. The Capitol was little since the Legislature adjourned. The Governor announces that it is his purpose to see to it that the Maupin anti-gambling bill is enforced. Just what his plans are he is keeping to himself.

It is now quite evident that when Mr. James H. Barton ran away from Richmond, after having made an assignment he carried with him a good deal of money. State Senator Lovenstein, who is secretary of the Richmond Perpetual Building and Loan Association, has stated that in less than two weeks before Mr. Barton left here he drew out \$30,000 he had on deposit with the company.

The City Council Committee on Streets has taken no action in reference to the application of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway for the right to build a fine new depot, and to change its tracks. For two months the matter has been before the committee. Efforts are being made to arrange all the little details in a manner satisfactory to city and railway.

There were rumors to-day affecting the honesty of a city official. When traced to their source, they were found to have originated with a discharged city employe, and were groundless.

The annual meeting of the Society of the alumni of the University of Virginia, was held to-day in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce. President Meredith announced that the first business was the election of officers for the coming year, and thanked the society on retiring from the chair for the honor that had been conferred upon him.

Work on the tabernacle for Dr. Hatcher's congregation is progressing rapidly. The frame work is about up, and there is no reason to doubt that the building will be ready for occupancy on the last Sunday of this month.

Mrs. Evelina Godwin Fergusson, wife of Mr. John W. Fergusson, died at her home, 2300 east Beulah, this morning at 5:30 o'clock, in the 66th year of her age. Mrs. Fergusson was born in the town of Suffolk, and was daughter of Mr. Raleigh Shetton, of that place. Her father died when quite a young man, and her mother afterward married Mr. J. P. Hanlon, of Maryland.

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WASHINGTON AND HIS MOTHER

Charges That He Was Unfit Will Be Refuted by Gen. Greely.

General A. W. Greely, in considering "The Personal Side of Washington," in April Ladies' Home Journal, will bring to bear interesting light upon him as a son, husband, neighbor, business man, slave owner (as were nearly all Virginia land-owners in his day), and Christian. With respect to the charges that Washington was neither a dutiful nor loving son, General Greely will say: "There seems, indeed, to have been what may be called an incompatibility of temperament, arising possibly from their possessing strong and similar characters. It should be remembered that Washington's training in the broad schools of politics and war threw him not only in contact with the sturdy rough humanity of the frontier, but also with cultured men of all professions, while his mother's life was practically confined to a single Virginia county. To his mother, whose material conditions in middle life were, if anything, superior to those of her earlier years, it seemed no less than proper that the Colony of Virginia should settle a pension upon her for her son's services, and it took Washington's direct influence to prevent such action being taken by the Virginia Legislature. Nearly every letter of the mother is a complaint of the hard times and the difficulties under which she exists, the inference being doubtless conveyed that Washington was neglectful of her. The determined old lady, then some eighty years of age, persisted in maintaining an establishment, and in conducting a household of which she was sole mistress, and which she could not herself manage. At the same time she considered that her son was a banker, who could be drawn on to make good all deficiencies resulting from the lavish overruns, bad management and unprofitable crop conditions. These drafts Washington had met uncomplainingly for years, and even then sent her the last money he had in hand. Advising his mother to lease her estate and live with one of her children, he offered her a home at Mount Vernon, but as an honest man and filial son he stated clearly the situation and its alternatives. In a house constantly filled with distinguished visitors, she must either dress daily for dinner, or come in her ordinary costume (which it is well understood was not suited for company), to the mortification of himself and his wife, or she must live in her own rooms, which would be trying to her. There was no suggestion that she should not visit him. On the contrary he urged that she should live with some of her children, and, if she preferred it, at Mount Vernon."

PETERSBURG NOTES.

Hustings Court In Session—Baseball Fence Blown Down.

Petersburg, Va., March 19.—(Special)—The March term of the Hustings Court of Petersburg, Judge J. M. Mullin presiding, opened this morning at 10 o'clock. The grand jury found presentments against Peter Crowder, Jr., A. W. Harris, Selpeo House, Wesley Gill, Rebecca Davis, for felony, and Henry Moore and Alice Shell for misdemeanor. The first case called for trial was that of Louis Avery, colored, charged with larceny. He was acquitted. The next case heard was that of Peter Crowder, Jr., for the malicious cutting of Robert Warden, colored. He was found guilty and his punishment fixed at one year in the penitentiary. Crowder is a son of Mr. Peter Crowder, of this city.

Russell Hobbs, colored, was convicted of the malicious cutting and stabbing of Robert L. Kemp, colored, and given six years in State prison. Kemp came here a short time ago from Cuba. The revival which has been in progress for some night past at the Methodist Church, at Chester, on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, conducted by Rev. Mr. Scott, was brought to a close to-night. The revival accomplished much good.

During a heavy gale of wind this morning the archers and a portion of the fence enclosing the baseball park, was blown down.

Thomas S. Hamlin, colored letter carrier at the postoffice, was before the Mayor's Court this morning to answer the charge of stabbing a dog belonging to C. Fisher Collier. He was fined \$20 and costs.

Petersburg Lodge No. 237, P. P. O. Elks, held a meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Exalted Ruler, Eddie Eigenbrum; Esteemed Loyal Knight, James Y. Branch; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, E. V. Parley; Secretary, John T. Parker; Treasurer, J. Louis Cook; Tyler, James R. Hobbs; Trustees for Three Years, John B. Evans. The officers were installed by Past Exalted Ruler W. H. Talley. A woman's branch of the Junior Order United American Mechanics is to be organized in Petersburg.

A Beautiful Store.

Exquisite as the gems are at Woodley's new store they are rivaled by the setting. The wall cases of solid rose-wood, with gold plated trimmings, their fronts of one solid pane of French plate, beveled edge glass, twelve feet long, are magnificent. The show cases and mirrors match the wall cases. The floor of inlaid wood; in fact, all the appointments in the new store next the Academy of Music are perfect. It is one of Norfolk's show places and our people may well be proud of it.

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Probably not! But if you do, try and get the dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulence, then you'll suffer martyrdom with vengeance! Some people are martyrs to the complaint from childhood to the grave, suffering from all its attendant horrors of heartburn, wind and pain in the stomach, weary slumber and night-visions, and nervous prostration. Biliousness, leanness and all the ailments, necessity for all this. The complaint, remedies are brought to bear, but invariably yield to the great stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which regulate the digestive region and nerves, and regulates the bowels, both of which are disturbed by dyspepsia, and promotes the appetite and an increase of blood. That "toxin of the soul," the dinner-bell when it peals upon the ear, suggests no preparation of dire quinine after a comfortable meal if you have tried a course of Bitters, which also banishes biliousness, rheumatism, nervousness, malaria and kidney trouble.

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Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, cut square, trimmed with very handsome wide embroidery, 50c.

Ladies' Corset Covers, handsomely trimmed with the embroider and laces at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

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Ladies' Drawers of fine muslin, will make full size, plain at 25c.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, same as above, trimmed with neat embroidery, 30c.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, with cluster of large and small daisies, 27c.

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Ladies' plain Muslin Skirt with 6 plaits of good material, 37c.

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Ladies' Muslin Skirts as above with finer embroidery, at 75c and 85c.

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1,000 ounces Zephyr Worsteds, all colors, black or white, split or single, 2 1/2c per ounce. 1,000 Hanks Saxony Yarns, black, white and colors. Sale price, 7c hank. 1,000 pairs Ladies' fast black seamless Hose, double heels and toes. Sale price, 9c pair. 1,000 Ladies' Calico Wrappers, light colors, all sizes. Sale price, 49c each. 1,000 spools CLARK'S O. N. T. Spool Cotton, black, white or colors. Sale price, two spools for 7c. 100 Ladies' colored border Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fast colors. Sale price, 2 1/2c each. 1,000 Ladies' Laundered Shirt Waists. Sale price, 39c each. 100 Ladies' Shirt Waists, sets in black, silvered and gilt. Sale price, 15c each.

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A deed of trust dated the 25th day of April, 1893, and by virtue of a decree rendered on the 14th day of May, 1894, in the Court of Law and Chancery, in the case of Doby, Nottingham & Co. are plaintiffs, and Lee and others are defendants, the Norfolk Real Estate Auctioneer, MONDAY, the 20th day of March, 1896, at 12 o'clock, will sell at public auction, to-wit: THOSE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOTS, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Barboursville, Norfolk County, Virginia, and bounded as follows: 1.—Lot fronting 21 feet on west side of Wilson avenue, and running back along the south side of Goff street 80 feet by 2.—Lot fronting 33 feet more or less on back between Ellen Scott's property on the north and Lucinda Haddock's property on the south, together with a right of way over the lot 6 feet 6 inches wide, which separates the lot from that of Lucinda Haddock's. 3.—Lot beginning on south side of Goff street, and running back 100 feet westwardly; thence southerly 30 feet; thence westerwardly 30 feet; thence northerly 30 feet to Goff street, and thence easterly along Goff street 30 feet to the point of beginning. TERMS—CASH. GEO. W. DEY, J. W. HUNTER, T. M. HANNA, Trustees. Wm. M. Hanna, Auctioneer. mh15-t-ds

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY BY CONVEYED BY THREE DEEDS OF TRUST from W. F. Lee, dated respectively November 17, 1892, May 3, 1893, October 3, 1894, and February 1, 1895, at the request of the parties secured in said deeds, and by authority of the decree of the Court of Chancery of the city of Norfolk, rendered on the 17th day of March, 1896, in the suit therein pending, in which Doby, Nottingham & Co. are plaintiffs, and W. F. Lee and others are defendants, the undersigned, as Auctioneer, will sell at public auction at the Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, on MONDAY, the 20th day of March, 1896, at 12 m., the following property, to-wit: 1.—THAT CERTAIN LOT OF LAND, with the frame building situated thereon, on the south side of the street known as Wilson avenue, in Brambleton, said lot having a frontage of 30 feet and running back 100 feet, the building upon said lot was formerly No. 19 and is now 121. This property is rented to a good tenant. 2.—THAT CERTAIN VACANT LOT OF LAND, situated in Highland Terrace, Norfolk City, Va., and is designated as No. 18 on plat of Brambleton and Highland Terrace, and is bounded on West side of Gildersleeve street, on South by lot now or formerly 1411; on the North by an irregular line, and is only 15 feet wide in the rear. TERMS—One-third cash and the balance upon a credit of six and twelve months, to be evidenced by the notes of the purchasers, carrying interest from day of sale, payable semi-annually, and to be secured by a deed of trust upon the property, to be drawn and recorded at the expense of the purchaser. T. R. BORLAND, Trustee. I hereby certify that the bond required by the foregoing decree has been duly executed. JUNIUS A. COLEMAN, D. C. WALTER SHARP, Auctioneer. mh15-t-ds

Wm. M. Hanna, Auctioneer

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST made to me as trustee by A. W. Conway, bearing date on the eleventh day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and recorded in Deed Book 115, page 375, and at the request of the said Conway, I have caused to be sold at public auction at the Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, No. 115, Main street, Norfolk, Virginia, on the THURSDAY, the twenty-first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, at 12 m., the following property, to-wit: ALL THOSE CERTAIN SUN LOTS OF LAND, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south side of Pine street extended, distant seventy-five feet east from the east side of Chapel street running thence southerly ninety-four (94) feet and extending back between parallel lines one hundred and thirty (139) feet. Terms Cash. F. A. PORTER, Trustee. Wm. M. Hanna, Auctioneer. mh15-t-ds

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