

THE DEMOCRATS FORMING CLUBS

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SENATOR MARTIN MAKES SPEECH

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PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 4.—The Democrats held a mass-meeting at the courthouse to-night, at which preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a Bryan and Stevenson Club. There was a good attendance. A committee was appointed to draw a plan of organization to be presented at the meeting next Friday night. It is hoped that the name of every Democratic voter in the city will be enrolled.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC RALLY.

Club of Three Hundred Members Organized in Fredericksburg.

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Sept. 4.—A grand rally of the Democrats of this city was held at the courthouse here to-night, in response to the call of Chairman H. H. Wallace, for the purpose of organizing a Bryan and Stevenson Club. James R. Rawlings was elected president by acclamation, E. D. Cole, T. M. Larkin, M. H. H. Harrison, W. H. Rogers, J. W. Watson, vice-presidents, W. H. Merchant, secretary, and R. E. Bezel, treasurer. About three hundred names were enrolled as members.

At the conclusion of the business Chairman Rawlings introduced Mr. Lewis H. Machen, of Fairfax, presidential elector of the Eighth District, who made an extended speech, touching on all the issues of the campaign, and created considerable enthusiasm.

STUBBS THE NOMINEE.

Chosen by First District Republicans as Their Candidate.

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WALTON, Va., Sept. 4.—The Republicans of the First Congressional District met at Tappahannock to-day and nominated, by acclamation, James Monroe Stubbs, of Gloucester County, as their standard-bearer. The meeting was called to order by Josephus Trader, of Mathews, and Charles D. Cannon, of King and Queen counties, was chosen temporary chairman, and E. W. Garland temporary secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent. Resolutions endorsing the administration of President McKinley were adopted.

The nominee was present, and in accepting the nomination pledged himself to make an active canvass. The colored man was conspicuous by his absence. Stubbs, who is about fifty present, Capt. Trader resigned as district chairman, and E. L. R. Dunn, of Caroline, was elected in his stead, with the following members of the District Committee: Charles A. McHenry, of Northampton; J. A. Tucker, of Fredericksburg; R. S. Bristow, of Middleburg; A. B. Johnson, of Richmond county, and Josephus Trader, of Mathews.

SENATOR MARTIN SPOKE.

Bryan, Stevenson and Hay Club Organized in Charlottesville.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Sept. 4.—A large Democratic mass-meeting was held at the courthouse last night, which resulted in the organization of a Bryan, Stevenson and Hay Club. Several hundred members were present. Senator George W. Morris as president, and Joseph W. Everett, city editor of the Daily Progress, as secretary and treasurer. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic Democratic meetings held here for a long time. The meeting was addressed by Senators Thomas Marshall, of Gloucester, Michajl Wood, and others, thus opening the campaign with much enthusiasm.

OVATION FOR RHEA.

Opened Congressional Campaign in Russell County.

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LEHANNON, Va., Sept. 4.—W. F. Rhea opened the congressional campaign in Russell county in the courthouse here this afternoon. Seven hundred packed the gallery and hall to hear imperialism, trusts and administration scandal discoursed upon in a masterful, eloquent manner. Hundreds of people were unable to get in the courthouse. The raising of Rhea's firm argument amounted to an ovation.

Hon. John J. Jeffries, elector at large, followed in a magnificent speech.

Delegates for Stubbs.

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WHITE MARSH P. O., GLOUCESTER COUNTY, Va., Sept. 4.—The Republican County Convention was held here to-day and elected J. N. Stubbs, Robert E. Ross and T. C. Walker delegates to the District Convention at Tappahannock, to nominate a Republican candidate for Congress. The delegates are for Stubbs as candidate.

Club Organized in Alexandria.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 4.—A Bryan-Stevenson and Rixey Club was organized here to-night with the election of the following officers: Hubert Robinson, president; Messrs. R. E. Knight, E. E. Lawler, Frank Price and S. H. Lunt, vice-presidents; D. H. Stansbury, secretary, and J. Marriott Hill, treasurer.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Gives Norfolk and Western Right of Way to New Enterprises.

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LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 4.—Judge Stafford G. Whittle, of the Circuit Court, rendered to-day his opinion in the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal vs. John Stewart Walker and others. The Norfolk and Western Railroad attempted to secure a right of way down the river bank to touch the Chesapeake and Ohio canals, but the Chesapeake and Ohio claimed that under the purchase of their property from the James River and Kanawha Canal they were entitled to all river accretions, and that the land on which the Norfolk and Western wished to run being of this character, could not be devoted to them.

Judge Whittle holds that the Chesapeake and Ohio is entitled to accretions to the old boundaries condemned for the James River and Kanawha Canal, and that they have no title to the new land between the old boundary and the present bank of the river.

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DANIEL AND THE VETERANS.

Why Joe Kendall's Name is Perpetuated—A Great Day in Fauquier.

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DELAWARE, Va., September 4.—The reunion at Bethel, August 30th, of the Joe Kendall Camp, was composed of all the Confederate Veterans of Fauquier. The name of the camp originated in this wise: Joe Kendall, one of the humblest privates of Stribling's Battery, was desperately wounded at Seven Pines. As he was borne to the rear, he noticed a strong-unwounded man holding a horse, belonging to one of the battery teams. "Let me hold those horses," he exclaimed, "and let this man take my place at the gun." At the close of the battle he was found dead, with the lines still grasped in his hands.

Senator Daniel made an address by invitation, not a studied, ornate oration, for he said it was too hot to prepare one; but throwing dignity to the winds, gave us a good old Confederate speech which pleased the Vets much better. In beginning, he said, among other things, "there is a man so rich that his yearly income is thirty millions, but he can eat nothing but stale bread and milk; and there is another who has a good old Confederate stomach for the thirty millions of this Tantalus?" He paid a glorious tribute to Lee and Jackson, adding to their names those of Stuart and Ashby, intimating with this allusion that he was the first gun of the war was fired by John Brown, at Harper's Ferry.

An anecdote, told him by Hon. Peter G. Oley, I think has never appeared in print, of how Stonewall Jackson flanked him. Ordered to Harper's Ferry with the corps of cadets of the V. M. I., Jackson was spending the night in Washington, and occupied the same room with Cadet Oley. When they were ready to retire, Oley saw his watch under his pillow, and you should never do that, said Jackson. "Why not, Major?" "For two reasons, a thief would be sure to look under your pillow, and you might forget it when you are ready to leave." "Where do you put your watch, Major?" "I put it in my pocket," said Oley. "I will put mine in your pocket, too." When Oley awoke the next morning, Jackson was gone. Hastening to the depot, where he was sure he would find his commander supervising the loading of the artillery, he met him returning, stepping very quickly. After saluting, "Major can I do anything for you?" "I am going back after my watch," curly replied Jackson. "I thought you put it in your pocket?" "I put on a clean pair of socks."

Senator Daniel claimed that the most glorious struggle known in the world's history, was that maintained by the Southern Confederacy, from 1861 to 1865. He said that on his trip to San Francisco, he called upon Col. Mosby, and whilst others were admiring the beauty of the scenery on a trip he took with him he and Mosby were recalling the deeds of Lee and Jackson. "I wish to meet him on the street and say, 'Major, you never knew me, but I followed 'Old Jub' up and down the Valley.'" With a grasp of the hand, he would reply, "yes, sir, I have known you all my life." It would be an endless task to record all the good things the Senator said.

Suffice it to say, he pleased the Vets down to the ground, as he always does a Virginia audience.

Many old soldiers joined the camp, who had neglected this duty heretofore. It has been very dry in this section of the county since early spring. A great many wells and springs have ceased to flow, and the water in the creeks and the large creeks have almost ceased to flow. There will not be a half crop of corn raised, and the pastures are bare with many cattle unwell.

To get to our feet, this was exactly the condition of things last year. But baseball matches and tournaments still continue to flourish.

VERY OLD PEOPLE IN BEDFORD.

Major Oley has a Lead Pipe Cinch on Bedford Springs District.

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HEBEDFORD SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 4.—A few days ago Mr. Andrew Bryan died, aged ninety-two. Twelve months ago there were three men living near here who were over ninety—Mr. Bryan, Robert Hunter and Steven Hicks, the latter still surviving in his ninety-eighth year. I could name some of the gentler sex who have heard it thunder more than once, but by discretion, you know, is the better part of valor.

There is no political excitement here just now, Major Oley having a bill of sale for this district, and no one has put in an upset.

Notwithstanding the extremely hot and dry weather, from which we have suffered for the past two months, tobacco here well worked is looking well. It is now being cut and housed. The corn crop, on account of the drought, will be cut short. The peach crop has been good, but the apple crop, from some cause, continue to fall off.

There has been many visitors to this place this season, and the village has been quite lively for two months.

Mr. H. J. Flippin, of your city, spent a week or two here, but hearing that squirrels were more abundant in Franklin, left for that county last week.

One Dr. Taylor, who died in Richmond on Friday last, was born at this place in 1814. His father was pastor in charge here for four years, and made many friends, who deeply sympathize with him in his bereavement.

Russell Cecil, D. D., who has had a call to Richmond, is now a visitor here.

Bryan Will Secure Double His Majority of 1896 in the County.

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Protracted meetings have been in progress through the county for several months. Distinguished divines from other States have aided our local shepherds, and many have been added to the churches.

There was an enjoyable and exciting tournament at Za last Tuesday. The contests were sharp and spirited, and many times were scored by Mr. C. P. Graves won first honors, and in the presence of some thousand spectators laid the crown at the feet of Miss Natalie Burruss, a popular and attractive brunette of Pin Top. The ball held at Mrs. Kate Baker's was

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