

IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS

Much Talk in Gubernatorial Circles.

CANDIDATES MAKE REPLY.

Three Convention Aspirants Answer the Trades Council—City Committee To-Night—Mr. Bryan for the Convention in Henrico.

There was much talk in political circles yesterday regarding the gubernatorial situation.

Most of it was on the Montague side, as the friends of Mr. Swanson seem to be playing a quiet game, for the present, at least. Their chieftain is in Washington at the bedside of his sick wife, and it is not known when he can return here, as she was reported as only slightly better yesterday.

One of Mr. Swanson's managers said yesterday: "I am attending to business and not fooling with politics. All I have to say is that our man is a winner."

The friends of Mr. Montague who spoke in a member of the City Democratic Committee and is recognized as one of Mr. Swanson's ablest and most astute leaders in Richmond. An effort was made to disorganize the plans of the Fifth District Congressman from other sources, though it seems pretty well settled that the exact nature of his fight here will depend upon the plan adopted by the City Democratic Committee for the selection of delegates to the convention.

Those who are advocating a precinct primary plan still stoutly contend that they will win by a big majority. The friends of a minority representation, on the other hand, are not making any claims on the subject, but say they are not yet defeated.

Attorney-General Montague left for Norfolk yesterday to confer with some of his supporters down there. While Mr. Montague was in Norfolk one of his best leaders, Chairman W. W. Day, was here on official business, he being Commissioner of the Revenue of Norfolk as well. He was accompanied by City Sergeant Lawyer, who is a strong supporter of Mr. Swanson. Mr. Lawyer said Mr. Montague would carry two wards; Mr. Swanson two, and that the other two would be close. "Everybody will have a square deal," said the Sergeant, "and you may rest assured that the delegation will be divided. Mr. Echols has many friends in Norfolk." Sheriff Crouch, of Gloucester, was here on official business. He said, to the best of his knowledge and belief his county would go for Mr. Montague, though Mr. Swanson had some strong supporters up there. He favored Colonel Pettit, of Fluvanna, for the Constitutional Convention. The friends of Mr. Montague had a most satisfactory conference concerning the situation in Henrico the other day, and some of them express the belief that he will get a big slice of the delegation.

The City Democratic Committee will meet at Murphy's Hotel to-night for the purpose of receiving the report of the Finance Committee and completing the arrangements for the Constitutional Convention primary, which will be held on Thursday, March 28th. The plan is ready to be submitted and will most likely be adopted without material amendment. It is almost an exact copy of the House of Delegates plan adopted in Richmond in 1899.

It is not now thought there will be any fight in the committee over the kind of tickets outside the polls, most of the candidates being opposed to it, and the friends of the scheme not desiring to go counter to their wishes on the subject. All the candidates are required, under the plan which will be adopted to-night, to file their names and fees with Mr. H. M. Tyler, treasurer of the committee, by 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, March 23d.

There is much interest in labor circles concerning the questions sent out by the Central Trades and Labor Council to the various candidates in this city, a list of which have been printed in The Times. Only the replies of Messrs. W. L. Royall, J. S. Moore and A. S. Lanier have been made public thus far.

Mr. Royall favors making the employers' liability bill a part of the new Constitution. He is opposed to abridging any of the rights now enjoyed by the laboring people. He agrees that labor people have a right to strike under certain conditions. He wants new Constitution submitted to the vote of the white workers, but opposed to compulsory education; favors proper ventilation in factories, and a limit at which children may be put to work. He is opposed to convict labor coming into competition with free labor. Mr. Royall says on the subject of a limit on the number of hours, "the preventive justice is absolutely essential to the existence of society."

Mr. J. S. Moore replied in part as follows: "I am decidedly in favor of incorporation in the new Constitution a just and equitable employers' liability bill. The bill twice passed by the House of Delegates of the Virginia Legislature, and in the Senate, strikes me as being a fair measure."

"In regard to the school question, I am in favor of educating the white race to the fullest extent possible and giving to the negro such educational advantages as are consistent with good judgment and our Christian duty to them."

"I am in favor of submitting the new Constitution for ratification or rejection to the people."

"So far as the exemption laws are concerned, there is no reasonable objection to their repeal. I am in favor of them out of their own property, but it is not just and honest to claim an exemption out of property that is unpaid for."

Mr. Lanier favors putting the liability bill in the organic law. He then says: "I would not favor the abridgment of any of the rights and privileges now enjoyed and exercised by labor organizations."

"I am in favor of submitting the new Constitution to the people for ratification or rejection."

"My views as to the compulsory education of white children are not definite at this time, and I cannot say that I am favorably inclined toward it."

"I can see no impropriety in giving to State and city officials the right to re-

quire the label or trade-mark of organized labor on work done for and commodities bought by our State and cities. I do not think it an appropriate provision for insertion in a Constitution, but would not oppose it.

"I favor a Constitutional provision requiring proper ventilation and health measures in work shops and factories."

"I favor a limit to the age at which children may be placed in work shops and factories."

"I am opposed to convict labor coming into competition with free labor."

He agrees that the people have a right to strike at pleasure, and does not believe the military should be called out, except in extreme cases where the civil authorities are not equal to the emergency.

Mr. Joseph Bryan yesterday announced his candidacy for the Constitutional Convention from Henrico, subject to the Democratic primary which will be held on April 4th. This action on the part of Mr. Bryan was in response to the invitation signed by prominent citizens, asking him to stand for the honor, which, together with his reply, will be found in another column of today's Times. Efforts have been making for several weeks to induce Mr. Bryan to run, and he informed his friends that if it appeared to him that it was the desire of his people for him to run, he would give the matter due consideration. His announcement was a source of great pleasure to his friends, who have gone to work earnestly for his success. The other candidates in the field are County Clerk Samuel P. Waddill and Mr. James R. Russell. Under the primary plan, no candidates can enter the race after to-day.

Mr. Martin Meredith Lipscomb is out for the Constitutional Convention, and he started early to have his name put in the field in the general election. Bright and early yesterday he called at the Governor's office and desired to know if it was necessary for him to file notification of his candidacy at the Capitol. "And are you really in the race?" asked Secretary Owen. "Yes, sir, was the reply, and the platform upon which I will run will be short, sharp and incisive."

Then the convention aspirant grew earnest, and proceeded with force and emphasis to expound his views upon the great issues of the day.

"Wait, wait," said Secretary Owen, "and give me a chance to let posterity have the benefit of your erudition."

Pausing only long enough to allow the Secretary to take up his pen, Mr. Lipscomb proceeded with his oratorical flow, and Secretary Owen, acting as official stenographer for the occasion, made this verbatim report which defines Mr. Lipscomb's position: "I want all the people to know that I do not believe that public money should be squandered like public dirt. All public money should be held sacred and inviolable, and no man should have a right to vote away public money unless authorized by three-fifths of the properly-qualified voters. I believe in a public office, and public offices should be changed every four years. The Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Virginia should be required to be read in every public school, and the boys and girls alike be required to sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' before recess."

Then, casting his eyes upon the seal of the State emblazoned on the executive stationery, he added: "Let Sic Semper Tyrannis be our motto—down with tyrants, and let liberty and freedom live forever. And when the candidate had ceased firing, the Secretary remarked: "And what do you think about putting oysters in the organic law?"

"Phshaw," he replied, and then he added: "Liberty and freedom are the paramount issues."

Judge B. R. Wellford, Jr., of the City Circuit Court is expected to announce his candidacy for the Constitutional Convention shortly in response to a petition which is being circulated in his behalf by his friends, without any encouragement on his part, however.

When seen last night, Judge Wellford said he had no knowledge of any movement among his friends looking to getting him in the race, other than what he had seen in the newspapers.

"I would esteem it a distinguished privilege," he continued, "to be a member of the body, provided my people want me, and if a petition is presented to me, I will then give my decision in the matter."

Judge Wellford's friends believe he will consent to run, and they are happy over the prospect of his probable candidacy. He is regarded as one of the best equipped men in the city for the intricate work of the body, and will be widely supported if he shall consent to become a candidate.

Secretary Joseph T. Lawless returned yesterday on a several-days' trip through some of the lower counties of the State, where he attended courts in the interest of his political party, and as a school-boy when seen in his office, but said he had nothing of special interest to give out.

"Do you bring back anything encouraging as to your canvass?" was asked. The secretary pointed to a large batch of letters which he had just opened and said: "All these are encouraging, but I do not care to make any detailed statement to the public just now."

Mr. Lawless visited Norfolk and Portsmouth on his trip and he was in the very best of spirits.

Information from Nelson county is to the effect that the friends of Mr. Hudson Martin, of Fauquier Mills, are urging him to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Constitutional Convention from that county. Mr. Martin is well known here, having been for a long time one of the popular assistant clerks of the State Senate. He has been active in the politics of Nelson for many years, and is regarded as one of her most substantial citizens. It is not thought Mr. Martin will oppose Comptroller-in-Chief, George Gordon, should that gentleman decide to run.

COWIN--ADAMSON.

A Noteworthy and Beautiful Home Wedding at Bon Air.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BON AIR, March 14.—Miss Alice Barningham Adamson, of Bon Air, Va., became the bride of Mr. Samuel Edwin Cowin, of Birmingham, Ala., at 8 o'clock this evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Adamson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor, of Richmond.

The spacious double parlors were beautifully decorated with smilax and ferns and palmets and bamboo with an abundance of cut flowers. A dais was raised between the north double windows, banked with white carnations and ferns, and enclosed by an altar rail of white and ribbon. A bell made of carnations and smilax was suspended just over the couple as they stood to be united in happy wedlock.

The ribbon-bearers were Miss Nannie May Bates and Master Darnley Adamson. Miss Bertha L. Adamson, gowned in white orzandy over pink silk, and bearing a bouquet of pink carnations, officiated as maid of honor. Following her came the bride, dressed in white crepe de chene trimmed in dove-point lace; over all this she handed over the soft folds of the bride's veil of white tulle. She entered bearing a large bouquet of white and pink flowers. The bride's roses and leaning on the arm of her father.

She was met at the altar by the groom, who was attended by his best man, Mr. Charles Walker, of Birmingham. After a brilliant reception was tendered the bridal party, after which the happy couple left on an extended Northern tour.

The Domestic In Friday's Remnant Sale. Remnants of 8-cent 1 1/2-bleached Canton Flannel, 37 1/2c. Remnants of Unbleached Cotton, about six hundred yards in all, 77 1/2c.

Spring Millinery Opening. To-Day, Friday and Saturday. Music by Hotel Jefferson Orchestra. Special floral decorations.

Housekeeping Linens In Friday's Riddance Sale. Pure Linen Bleached Table Damask, 60 inches wide, good 50c. value, edges shop-worn, 37 1/2c.

Wash Goods In Friday's Remnant Sale. Remnants of Silk Mousseline de Soie, in dots and stripes, good 50c. value, 35c.

Laces and Embroideries In Friday's Remnant Sale. 72-inch Cream Bobbinet, slightly soiled and ordinarily \$1.25, special at 88c.

The Furniture In Friday's Remnant Sale. A \$3.50 Golden Oak Medicine Chest, \$2.75.

That Housefurnishing Sale. We held in the basement this week brought forth a response that was far beyond our fondest expectations.

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The Meyer Store. EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY. CORNER FOUSHEE AND BROAD.

Friday's Remnant and Oddment Sale. The weekly riddance sale of mussed goods, soiled goods, remnants and broken assortments. It's The Meyer Store's way of ensuring a spick and span and fresh looking stock.

Curtains and Portieres In Friday's Oddment Sale. Odd Strips of Tapestry Portieres, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, fringe top and bottom, 98c.

Black Goods In Friday's Oddment Sale. 42-inch Crepons, in neat small figures, good \$1 value, 75c.

The Ribbons In Friday's Remnant Sale. Nos. 5, 7 and 9 All-Silk Ribbons, in remnant lengths, good 10c. value, 3c.

Quick Riddance Prices on Jones' Shoes. The Meyer Store's purchase of Landon P. Jones' stock and the sensational selling thereof created no end of talk; and why? Because never before were such good shoes sold so cheap.

Men's Shoes. Lace, Congress and Hand-Sewed, some were \$3.50, none were less than \$2. Riddance price, \$1.00.

Men's Shoes. Lace, Congress, in high-grade leathers, some were \$6, none less than \$2.50. Riddance price, \$1.50.

Ladies' Shoes. Button and lace, in dress, walking and common-sense shapes, some were \$5, none less than \$2. Riddance price, \$1.00.

White Goods In Friday's Oddment Sale. 406 Remnants of India Linens, Long Cloths, Tuckings and Organ-dies at rapid riddance prices.

Underwear, Friday's Odd & End Sale. Children's 25c. Fleeced-Lined and Jersey-Ribbed Vests and Pants, 12 1/2c.

Men's Furnishings In Friday's Oddment Sale. Men's Stiff Bosom Percelle Shirts, with separate cuffs, sizes 16, 16 1/2 and 17, special at 29c.

Infants' Wear In Friday's Riddance Sale. Infants' Rubber Shirts, good 50c. value, 17c.

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Ready-to-Wear Garments In Friday's Riddance Sale. Tailored Flannel Waists, good \$1 value, 25c.

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CROWN BRAND CATARRH POWDER. This Catarrh Powder gives instant relief in severe colds-clearing the head so that natural breathing can be done through the nostrils. Mouth breathing of colds makes the sore throat, allows the Grippe easy entrance to the system. Crown Catarrh Powder Cures Catarrh. Polk Miller Drug Co., RICHMOND, VA. Mailed on receipt of price.

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The bride is one of the most popular and attractive young ladies of Bon Air. Endowed by nature with beauty and grace and strength of character, as well as highly accomplished. Bon Air loses one of its stars from its social circle, while the groom, Mr. Samuel Edwin Cowin, of Birmingham, is to be congratulated. After making their way to the bridal tour they will make that city their future home.

The many handsome and costly presents, from both England and America, attest the popularity of the young couple. The groom is a prosperous business man, connected with the Georgia Central Railroad as soliciting freight agent.

Among the invited guests, besides the beauty and grace of Bon Air, were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winn, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Withers Miller and Misses Maude Miller, Grace Cunningham and Miss Scott of Richmond; Mrs. F. W. Dickson, of Baltimore; Judge Clifton, Judge Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Owen, Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew, Mr. Ned Robertson and Miss Pettigrew, of Manchester.

Miss June Cameron and Mrs. Cameron, of Goshen, Va., are spending some time with friends here.

In the City Hall Courts. In the Hustings Court yesterday, Wm. Lewis (colored), charged with feloniously shooting, was given twelve months in jail and fined one cent.

Motion was filed for judgment in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by Planters National Bank vs. Wesley, Signago and Satterfield for \$1,500.

Abercrombie & Co. qualified to practice law in this court.

The case of Howe and wife against the Blue Theatre Company is set for trial in the Law and Equity Court to-day.

This will be the second trial of this suit. At the first hearing the jury assessed Howe and wife \$100, alleging that they were canceled without good and sufficient reason from forming at the Bijou in September, 1899.

Suit for divorce was brought by Ellen Booker against Charles Booker in the Law and Equity Court Wednesday afternoon. Mr. E. N. Roscher represents the plaintiff.

A marriage license has been granted to John A. Meador and Roberta L. Douglas.

Council Committees. The following Council Committees are scheduled to meet this evening: Streets, 5 o'clock; Light, 8 o'clock; Cemeteries, 8 o'clock; First Market, 7:30 o'clock.