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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

In reply to some questions of The Times to the Staunton News with regard to Mr. Braxton's proposition to tax franchises...

We understand Mr. Braxton's measure to contemplate requiring all railroads to be chartered in Virginia...

As to the claim the banks and other chartered companies, which are not of a public nature, might set up...

Touching the last point, we should say most emphatically that after the State has taxed the property...

These replies are sensible and comprehensive, and eminently satisfactory to the Times. We believe that franchises should be taxed upon a fair valuation...

But the State should not attempt to tax property which does not lie within its borders, and it should not attempt to tax franchises which are given by other States...

We are gratified also to note that our Staunton contemporary agrees with the Times, that when the State has taxed all the property of corporations lying within its borders...

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A HINT FROM MISSISSIPPI.

An interesting story comes from Jackson, Miss., to the effect that Governor Longino has issued a statement of the condition of the State treasury showing that on August 25th, he found upon investigation a shortage of \$162,621 in the treasurer's accounts...

The significant part of the story is that this count was made by the Governor as required by him under section 137, of the Constitution of the State. If this investigation had not been made the shortage would perhaps not have been discovered for a long time...

become careless, to say the least. It is a duty which the State owes to itself, to the tax-payers, and to its trusted officials to keep a watchful eye on its servants...

Objection is raised to this that it is too much like the spy system that has been in vogue in the State's officials. That is all nonsense. No honest official objects to having his accounts inspected. Indeed he prefers it.

VIRGINIA'S GREATNESS.

Mr. Joseph Bryan made a splendid exhibit for Virginia in his address at Buffalo yesterday on the industrial resources of this State. The facts and figures which he presented were gathered with care and accurately set forth and the address as a whole, which we print elsewhere, will be, we doubt not, a revelation to many people at home.

Beginning at Tidewater he showed the great wealth of Chesapeake Bay, pointing out that over 3,500 people are engaged in dredging and barreling oysters, of which the total output in the State under the last report was 4,650,000 bushels, valued at \$2,325,000. He showed that the tobacco crop of Virginia, which is capable of indefinite development, amounts to 125,000,000 pounds, valued at \$7,500,000.

He called attention to the fact that Virginia is a considerable producer of cotton; that the peanut industry is considerable; that she raises the finest peanuts on earth, and that Norfolk is the largest peanut market in the world.

As for live stock, he said that Virginia's reputation as a breeder of horses for the turf, saddle and harness is being maintained, and that her bees from the southwest are said to be the best that are carried to the London market.

Speaking of the mineral wealth of the State he said, what will be news to many, that of the forty-five States in the Union, Virginia ranks fifth in the production of iron, four States only taking precedence over her, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Alabama. Last year Virginia produced 499,977 tons of iron, while her furnaces, if all were operated throughout the whole year, could produce about 800,000 tons.

He spoke of the iron pyrites mines of Louisa, the product of which is equal in value to \$1,000,000 annually. He spoke of the gold mines of Buckingham, which produce quartz worth from \$2 to \$25 per ton. He spoke of the zinc mines of Pulaski with a vein of ore fifteen feet thick and supplying ore yielding 45 per cent. The Berrina Zinc Works at Pulaski City have a capacity of 3,000 tons a year.

Wythe county is rich in lead ore, and the copper district in the county of Halifax, extending ever into North Carolina, yielded last year 7,500 tons of ore valued at \$108,000.

He spoke particularly of the coal industry of Virginia and West Virginia, saying that the coal from this region has enabled Norfolk to lay claim to the distinction that she has the largest coal station in the world. The shipments of coal for the year 1900 from that point were valued at \$8,000,000.

Mr. Bryan also reviewed the manufacturing industry of Virginia in all its varied and various branches and spoke of the special line of industries in this city and that, concluding this part of his address with a high tribute to his own city of Richmond. His remarks on these lines will also be read with interest and information by the people at home.

With reference to the climate and rainfall of Virginia we made some important and highly gratifying statements. He said that the normal annual temperature of the State ranges between fifty and sixty degrees, the average temperature for the spring months being 58.8 degrees, for the summer months 75.5 degrees, for autumn 62.5 degrees and for winter 41.2 degrees.

Of the annual precipitation occurring over Virginia, averaging 45 inches, only 18 per cent. falls in snow, being an average for the whole State of a depth of about 16 inches. Of this, however, 7.2 inches occur in Tidewater, 15.1 inches in the middle counties, and 25.3 inches in the Great Valley. Attention was also called to the fact that the precipitation is distributed with a fair degree of uniformity, the official figures showing that for the spring months Virginia has 3.85 inches; for the summer, 3.63; autumn, 3.27; and winter, 3.82. The extreme fluctuation on an average for the year is but 1.96 inches, being between the lowest in November, 2.48, and the highest, in May, 4.44.

endeavored to defeat the extension of the slave trade, which, despite her protest, was engrafted in the Constitution of the United States by the votes of the New England and the Cotton States. But startling as it was, it is a statement of fact fully attested by history.

HONEYFUOLLING.

We find in the Chicago Chronicle an interesting article on the platform recently adopted by the Virginia State Democratic Convention. The Chronicle says that the Virginia Democrats declared in effect against Mr. Bryan and all his works; that it effectually buried free silver and Bryanism, and adds that these Democrats have thus done themselves and the Democratic party of the whole country a great service.

"The Virginians have recovered their sense with respect to politics," adds the Chronicle, "and though they are just emerging from the mire of impractical issues, they are surely emerging and they will never return to the discrediting issues of free silver."

That is all very pretty, but it would come in better grace from a paper that had not given its support to Bryan and Bryanism. The Chronicle assumes a high and mighty attitude and talks like a self-righteous judge, who had never gone astray. It treats the Virginia Democrats as profligate returnees to their senses and pats them on the head and tells them that although they have been very naughty, all has been forgiven and they must not do so any more.

Young Mr. Blair need not distress himself about his youthfulness. He will be old enough before the Republicans elect him Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

Mr. Flagler thinks that the nicest industry in Florida just now is the growth of orange blossoms.

PERSONAL AND CRITICAL.

C. Barber, president of the Diamond Match Company, proposes to devote a large part of his fortune for the benefit of Barborton, Ohio, founded by him ten years ago. He will expend about \$100,000 in beautifying a public park of 20 acres and adjoining this in an estate of 50 acres, he is to build a \$250,000 residence, which at his death is to become a public hospital.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.—Emerson.

When Governor Odell, of New York, visited the State School for the Blind at Batavia, he was much impressed with the good nature of six-year-old Mabel Heidinger. The other day the little girl received from him a doll two feet long, with a complete outfit of clothing. Inside the box in which the doll arrived was the Governor's card bearing these words in his writing: "Compliments of the Governor of the State of New York."

There are some defeats more triumphant than victories.—Montaigne.

Mrs. Jean F. Kidder, of Grass Valley, Cal., is probably the only woman railway president in the world. She succeeded to the presidency of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railway Company on the death of her husband, who had for some time occupied that position. She is also said to be the only woman of the office during her husband's illness, when she was obliged to assist him with his work, and she is now practically the sole owner and manager.

The pilot cannot mitigate the billows or calm the winds.—Plutarch.

Governor Geer, of Oregon, has refused the offer of some of his admirers to buy him an executive mansion. "I am too poor to accept it," he says. "I am living comfortably in the house I rent, and to buy a new house for me to furnish would be laying too heavy a burden on my shoulders."

Hubbard D. McDonald, the journal clerk of the United States Senate, is the third of his family to hold the place, his father and grandfather preceding him in it.

AFTERMATH.

The hostility to the teaching of vertical writing in the public schools seems to be gaining headway both in the East and the West. School boards and citizens generally appear to lean toward the slanting style rather than to stand stiffly in perpendicular support of upright penmanship. The smooth, forward, flowing method of forming letters carries along with it the favor of the masses.—New York Tribune.

Vigorous, but futile.—Wealthy Patient.—What is your bill for amputating my leg? Eminent Surgeon—Three hundred dollars.

Wealthy Patient (filling out a check)—That's a brave effort, doctor; but it will never restore the leg to its normal length.—Chicago Tribune.

The Japanese have a queer custom of planting a tree at the birth of each child. It remains standing until the child's marriage, when it is cut down.

Nell—Why do you call her an optimist? Belle—She thinks when she writes a letter and puts "it" in the envelope that the postal authorities almost break their necks to rush it through.—Philadelphia Record.

Australians have some queer nicknames for different States, and for one another. The Queenslanders are dubbed "bananalanders"; Western Australians, now abbreviated into Westralians, are known as "sandgroppers" or "groppers." The Westralians class the whole of the other States in one group, and call them "other sides," and the inhabitants "other siders." Tasmania, so much like England in climate and other characteristics, is usually referred to as a little behind the times, and referred to as the land of lots of "time."

The infant of the household was in its cradle. The head of the house was at home, peevish and faultfinding. At length he became unendurable. "You've done nothing but make mistakes to-night," he growled.

"Yes," she answered meekly; "I began by putting the wrong baby to bed."—Chicago Journal.

A Greencastle, Ind., man owns a walnut log for which he refused an offer of \$1,500 not long ago. He found it while making an excavation in the bank of a creek, and, partially realizing the value of his discovery, went to the owners of the land and secured possession of the piece of timber for \$75. He dug it out of the sand and clay, and a lumberman who examined it offered the price first mentioned. The owner received \$1,500. The timber appears to have been covered for centuries, and is as black and hard as mahogany.

They were talking of the vanity of women, and one of the few ladies present undertook a defense. "Of course," she continued, "I admit that all women are vain. The men are not. But, by the way," she suddenly broke off, "the necktie of the handsome man in the crowd is up under his ear."

The Kansas City Journal tells a romantic story about a Sedan (Mo.) youth who, desiring to try for a claim in the newly opened Indian lands and finding himself barred from registering because he was not an American citizen, he had to qualify himself by adding a young woman with whom he had been keeping company. Immediately after the ceremony the groom registered, but the fates were against him and he did not draw a claim. He was fined \$500 without adequate means of support.

WOULD HAVE BEEN LYNCHED.

Willis Peity Taken to Jail in Washington for Safe-Keeping.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 23.—Willis Peity, charged with attempting a criminal assault on Mrs. Roberta Payne, wife of John H. Payne, last evening, was arraigned in the Police Court to-day, but his case was not investigated, as Dr. A. R. Rittenour, who attended Mrs. Payne, stated that her condition was such that she could not appear in court.

The Doctor thought that the patient would be able to be out to-morrow morning, and the case was continued until that time. While being led out of the court-room Peity called to Mayor Simpson and asked for an investigation immediately. The Mayor was arrested at about midnight last night at his home, on Madison Street. He was found asleep in his hallway. When informed of the nature of the charge against him the man manifested surprise and protested his innocence. From the description of the assailant, Peity declared that he could produce witnesses to substantiate his statement. The Mayor directed the prisoner to be taken out and locked up, and instructed the officers to secure the names of his witnesses. Peity was arrested at about midnight last night at his home, on Madison Street. He was found asleep in his hallway. When informed of the nature of the charge against him the man manifested surprise and protested his innocence.

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Arrangements for Primary News of Manchester.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, } No. 1102 Hull Street. Judge William I. Clifton, in the County Court of Chesterfield county, overruled the objections presented by Mr. Augustus Wright against the condemnation proceedings instituted against him by the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company. Mr. Wright's next move will be to attempt to secure new commissioners in an endeavor to have them allow him at least \$2,000 for that portion of his property condemned. The present ones recommended the giving him of but \$500. His new motion will be argued at the next term of the court.

The objection of yesterday by Judge Clifton were of a technical character, affecting the form of the proceedings and not the proceedings themselves. One arose from the fact that the charter provided that in exercising the eminent domain the company should condemn 100 feet of land, while it had taken in this instance but 65 feet; and the other that the commissioners had been sworn by a notary public and not by a justice of the peace.

READY FOR PRIMARY. The Election Commission met last night in the Police Court-room and completed the arrangements for the primary election next week. All of the candidates have paid the assessment and everything is in readiness for the election. The committee will report to the meeting of the City Central Committee to be held to-night.

There has been considerable discussion as to whether or not members of the central committee are to be elected at the election. It is thought that the City Central Committee will probably elect a short while ago continuing to serve.

DIES FROM INJURIES. Was found early yesterday morning in a dying condition in the walkway between the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, in Manchester, died last night at 8:55 o'clock as a result of injuries sustained in some manner unknown. His skull was crushed and he was bruised about the body. The remains will probably be taken to-day to Stony Creek, the home of the deceased.

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Mrs. B. C. Davis is expected back to Manchester in about ten days. She is on a visit to her brother at Jetersville. Mr. Tom Martin who has been to the steppochair at Front Royal and Culpeper is back again in about two weeks.

Postmaster B. B. Weisger is back again from the Republican Convention at Roanoke. Mr. Dorsey Webster, of Goodland, is in the city.

Mrs. Ben. Clarke, who is quite sick in Swansboro, is thought to be a little better. Mr. C. C. Curtis remains quite ill with typhoid fever.

Ed H. Gentry yesterday morning notified the police that a very fine bicycle was stolen from his home, No. 301 Sycamore Street, on Thursday. The wheel is an "Ideal," black frame, raised handle bars, cherry stained rim.

MR. FLAGLER'S WEDDING

Will Occur To-day at the Ancestral Home of the Kennans. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) WILMINGTON, N. C., August 23.—A few formal invitations have been received by friends in this city announcing that the Flagler-Kennan wedding will occur to-morrow at 12 o'clock at Kennansville.

Rev. P. H. Hoge, of Louisville, Ky., but formerly pastor of First Presbyterian Church of this city, will perform the ceremony. The invited guests will not exceed thirty, and will leave here at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning on a special train.

Mr. Flagler arrived here at 1:35 to-day on his private car from Florida. He will remain here to-night and go out on the special with the party. He is the guest of Mr. W. A. Dick while in Wilmington. The morning train from here to-day carried half a car-load of palms, ferns, etc., to Kennansville for decorating purposes. A local florist accompanied them. Miss Mary Lilly Kennan, the bride-elect, accompanied by her father, sister and brother, went to Kennansville this morning.

After the ceremony Mr. Flagler and his bride will leave for Mamorineck to spend their honeymoon at his residence on the Hudson.

HOME MISSION SECRETARY.

Dr. McConnell Offered the Position and May Accept. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, VA., Aug. 23.—A report has been circulated here to-day that Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, had been offered the secretaryship of the Home Mission Board. Dr. McConnell is in Bedford, where he is spending his vacation, and he could not be seen in regard to the matter. A member of his family who was here to-day stated that Dr. McConnell had been offered the secretaryship, but that he had not determined whether or not he would accept.

Dr. McConnell has been with the First Baptist Church for ten years. During that time he has been tendered numerous flattering calls, none of which he has yet accepted.

DIED FROM HIS WOUNDS.

A Man Who Was Stabbed to Death Buried Without Inquest. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., August 23.—It transpires to-day that following a quarrel between two colored boys on board the boat in this harbor, George W. Hurst, who is a native of M. Hurd and that the latter's death followed some days later, on August 20th.

Considerable mystery surrounds the case. No inquest appears to have been held, although Hurst died at St. Vincent's Hospital.

City Physician Speight signed the death certificate, which gave acute peritonitis as the cause of death. Hurst was buried at the cost of the city.

The police are seeking West, who bears a bad character. Hurst was a very respectable colored man.

MONTAGUE A FISHERMAN.

Enjoys Two Days' Piscatorial Sport at Williamsburg. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 23.—Attorney-General and Mrs. A. J. Montague are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr.

Mr. Montague spent yesterday and to-day fishing, and was greatly enjoyed it. They will return to Richmond to-morrow. The Finance Committee of the City Council made its annual settlement to-day with Treasurer T. G. Wynne. There is a good balance to the credit of the town.

Clinch Valley Association.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BIG STONE GAG, VA., Aug. 23.—The second day's session of the Clinch Valley Baptist Association was largely attended. This morning Rev. E. C. Stewart, of Pennington Gap, preached on Christian Work. Education was discussed by Rev. Mitchell, of Richmond College, and Dr. J. M. Pileher, of Petersburg.

To-night Rev. T. C. Thompson, secretary of the State Mission Board, Richmond, preached.

AUCTION SALES—Inure Days.

By The Valentine Auction Co., Auctioneers. RECEIVER'S SALE OF TWO STOCKS OF MERCHANDISE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1901. O'LOCK A. M. AND 12 O'LOCK P. M.

At 10 o'clock A. M. at Twenty-eighth and P Street, in Hill and at 2 o'clock P. M. at No. 315 Louisiana Street, Fulton, in pursuance of an order of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of Leah H. Baroff, bankrupt.

1st. I will sell at store Twenty-eighth and P Street, in Hill, Va., on Friday morning, Aug. 24th, commencing at 10 o'clock, the entire stock in said store, consisting in part of: Cotton, Edith, Misses' and Children's Shoes; Men's Boots, Overalls and Jackets; Flannel Shirts, Men's, Youths and Children's Clothing; Ladies' and Children's Hosiery; Ladies' Underwear, Ladies' and Children's Hats, Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, Corsets, Collars, Cuffs, Collar Bands, Hair Pins, Ribbons, Spool Cotton, Handkerchiefs, Laces, Towels, line of dry goods such as: Blankets, Bedspreads, Cotton, Edith, Tickling, Sateen, Checks, Ducky, Lawn, Gingham Calicoes and other dry goods notions, Stationery, etc. The goods will be sold in lots.

2d. The Fulton store, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M., will sell at the store of Leah H. Baroff, bankrupt, in Hill, Va., 21st Street, Fulton. This stock comprises a well selected and desirable assortment of dry goods, Ladies' Suits, Men's, Boys' and Children's Shoes, Gent's and Ladies' Underwear, Ladies', Men's and Children's Hosiery; large stock of Odd Pants, Suspender, Collars, Cuffs, Collar Bands, Hair Pins, Ribbons, Spool Cotton, Handkerchiefs, Laces, Towels, line of dry goods such as: Blankets, Bedspreads, Cotton, Edith, Tickling, Sateen, Checks, Ducky, Lawn, Gingham Calicoes and other dry goods notions, Stationery, etc. The goods will be sold in lots.

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