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A "PEN" PICU E.

We desire to draw a picture for the contemplation of the members of the General Assembly of Virginia. First of all, let us draw a prison which was built many years ago for the accommodation of 300 convicts and now holds 1,400. The summer has come, and during the longest day in the year the sun has beat mercilessly upon a throbbing earth. At night the air at best is almost stifling. These in the city who go to their beds find that the pillow is hot, although every window in the house is open and every device employed to cool the premises. But in this prison twenty men are crowded into a small room, which is no larger than many a sleeping-room in the residences of Virginia. There is one small window at the end of this room, with iron bars on the outside, as if an effort were made to keep out even the small quantity of fresh air that might come in through this hole in the wall.

The men are shut in for the night and there is no chance of escape. They are panting for fresh air and for cool water and there is a struggle among them for position at the small window. One man gets to the window for the moment, but a stronger than he thrusts him aside and takes the place, and there he remains, drinking into his lungs what little air may come, until another half-frenzied convict is able to beat him away and take the position for himself. In the meantime vermin from the cracks in the walls are creeping out and preying upon the victims and aiding in their torture. And there these poor wretches remain throughout the night, until the morning comes and they are led forth to work.

Do you say that this is a picture of Morro Castle at Havana in the days of Spanish rule? We tell you, no. It is a picture of the Virginia penitentiary at Richmond, and anybody who has taken the trouble to investigate knows that the picture is not overdrawn.

Now, gentlemen of the Legislature, we say that each one of you who fails to do his part toward improving the conditions in that Richmond institution is robbing these convicts of the fresh air of heaven, which God Almighty has freely given to men. It is robbery pure and simple of the worst sort.

This may seem hysterical to some of the gentlemen to whom it is addressed, but The Times, as its readers well know, is not given to hysterics. We are disposed to take a very conservative view of all questions public and private. But let each and every member of the General Assembly who reads this article imagine himself a convict confined in such a room as we have described and upon such an occasion, and then let him say candidly within himself if, under these circumstances, he would regard this article as an hysterical utterance. The case is with you.

OUR EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

The officers and members of the Richmond Education Association have reason to be proud of the meeting which was held at their call on Saturday night. Everybody who went to that meeting was a genuine enthusiast in behalf of the great cause which the association is endeavoring to promote. It was a triumph for the association to have the Governor of the State and the Attorney-General take a leading part in the discussion. By their presence and by their admirable addresses they both put themselves in line with this movement and showed that they are in entire sympathy with it. The Governor sounded the keynote when he said that the true measure of statesmanship was not what had been achieved, but what ought to be achieved. Virginia has done a great deal for the cause of popular education, but she can do more, and she should do more, and she must do more if she hopes to keep abreast with the progressive States of the Union. All who are interested in this movement are grateful to the Governor and the Attorney-General for the aid and encouragement which they gave on Saturday night.

As for the address of Dr. Melver, it was one of the best that we have ever heard from any man on that subject. It was frank and open and humorous and pathetic and stimulating and ennobling. He is a teacher and is proud of his profession. He is a Southern man and is proud of his nativity. He is proud also of what his State and other Southern States have done for the education of the masses. But he is not blinded by prejudice or bigotry. He understands where the defects lie and he knows that the way to cure them is to confess them and expose them. The rising vote of thanks which was extended to Dr. Melver for his brilliant address was a sincere expression of the appreciation of those present, as it was no less a tribute well deserved. He has indeed won the gratitude of the friends of education in this city for the help that he has given us.

We of Virginia must learn that education is, first of all, a weeding-out process. We must get out of our minds and out of our hearts prejudice and bigotry and false pride and false sentiment of whatever character and meet this question face to face. If we are to have a first-class public-school system it must be the outgrowth of public sentiment, and the first thing that must be done in improving the system is to get sentiment right. We must acknowledge our

defects, our shortcomings and our limitations and must put ourselves in a frame of mind to receive in becoming spirit any aid that may be honorably and generously given. There is a grace of receiving as well as a grace of giving, and we of Virginia should show that we know how to receive a genteel gift in a genteel way.

A WOUND REUL MAN.

Charles Broadway Roush was one of the most remarkable men ever reared in this State. He began life as a clerk in a store at a dollar a week and board. But he had a turn for business and he had, what is more, pluck and push. He started in business for himself in the town of Winchester, and soon had one of the largest and most profitable stores in the Valley. When the war broke out he enlisted as a private soldier and fought for Southern rights. After the war he was again without means and had to start afresh. But he had the same stock of pluck and push, and with this as capital, set out for the city of New York. He obtained employment, and finally built up a splendid business in the metropolis, but in the panic of 1877 he failed. He managed, however, to pay off all his debts, with interest, and for the third time began a career without capital. He hired a room at a dollar a day, but his little business grew and prospered, and at the time of his death he owned one of the largest and most profitable mercantile establishments in the great city. For a number of years Mr. Roush was almost totally blind, but to the last he gave his personal attention to his business, and was one of the hardest workers in his large establishment.

There is a great deal of talk in this city about trusts and combines, and the pessimists would have the young men of the country believe that they have no chance to succeed. But such pluck and push as Mr. Roush had will always succeed in this land, trusts and combines in opposition notwithstanding.

Mr. Roush was liberal with his means, and particularly liberal to the town of Winchester, where he got his start. He made a rich gift to the University of Virginia, and every year gave away thousands of dollars for good objects. In addition to all this he offered \$100,000 to erect a Confederate Battle Abbey.

AN INTERESTING REUL.

The Denver Post says that the State of Colorado owns the inkstand which was used at Appomattox, Va., on April 5, 1865, on the occasion of Lee's surrender to Grant. The inkstand was owned by General Sheridan when he was a cadet at West Point, and was carried by him through the war. It is made of gutta-percha, is two inches in diameter and one and one-half inches high. On one side is a large lump, or blister, by which it was subsequently identified by its owner. According to the story, on this memorable occasion Generals Grant and Lee asked for ink with which to sign the articles of surrender, and General Sheridan brought forth his own inkstand, which was used. General Sheridan afterwards carried the inkstand to his home, in Ohio, and in 1874 it was presented to Colonel Cecil A. Deane, curator of the War Museum at Denver, by Colonel John L. Sheridan, brother of the General. Many efforts, says the Post, have been made to get possession of the interesting relic, and one offer of \$1,000 was made by a Philadelphia man, but Colonel Deane has refused to part with it.

A Prohibition paper published at Danville, called the No-License Advocate, in speaking of the defeat of the so-called Barbour-Quarles anti-liquor ordinance, says: "The method of fighting within the party ranks has again proven futile. The good people said to the politicians, 'We want this bill put in the Constitution, but whether we get it or not we are still Democrats.'" A few liquor men said in effect, "If this thing is put in the Constitution of Virginia, we, the liquor men of the State, will throw our vote and influence with the Republican party."

"This is one of the most serious charges that we have seen against the Constitution Convention, and we demand the proof." Some of our contemporaries are urging Richmond to be magnanimous and help Norfolk celebrate the Jamestown tercentenary. Richmond needs no urging to be magnanimous, but if we may judge by the expressions during the contest of Norfolk's newspapers and representatives, that haughty city does not desire aid from this slow and stupid village on the James. We feel sure that Norfolk would scorn to receive help from our Mr. Henry R. Pollard.

Senator Tillman denies that he warned Senator Platt that it would be unsafe for President Roosevelt to visit the Charleston Exposition. He declares that he did not see Senator Platt on the occasion referred to, and ridicules the idea that it would be dangerous for the President to visit Charleston. On the contrary, that he would be treated with the utmost courtesy.

In referring to the Richmond Review, the name of its editor was written Edmund Pendleton. The printer revised the copy. Whenever there is a fight for Southern rights on the floor of the House, Claude Swanson is usually in the lead. George Fred Williams says there were worse men in the Senate than Mr. Tillman and more deserving to be held in contempt. We don't doubt that.

OUR "BUCKING" PRESIDENT.

The Richmond Times, discussing the general record and certain specific acts of the President of the United States during his brief incumbency of his high office, says: "We confess that we are disappointed in President Roosevelt. He is the same reckless rough-riding that he was in the Spanish-American war. There is no knowing when his revolutionary spirit will break out of bounds. We do not believe that conservative people of this country will trust him for another term. We cannot think of anything in the public record of Mr. Roosevelt before he succeeded to the presidency to warrant confidence that as President he would prove anything else than a rough rider. One might have indulged the hope that he would not—and, indeed, he has ridden

less roughly since he went into the White House than a great many people expected him to—but the fact is that he would for several years as one of those volatile gentlemen who do things first and think about them afterwards. Considering his natural impulsiveness he has been thus far a more conservative President than there was any reason to believe he would be, but it is always pay to watch him, as one does the trick mule in the circus, to see what he is going to do next.—Charlotte Observer.

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Mr. Braxton made an ineffectual attempt to remove from the exempted list much of the property proposed to be exempted under the new Constitution. We confess to a disappointment in this matter, for the more we study the question, the more inequitable it appears to us to exempt any kind of property, except for public purposes; and as was suggested to the News yesterday by a gentleman of Staunton, even government property might equitably pay a local tax, for the locality protects it from fire and other dangers. It is not, however, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind a month or so ago had it not been for the Staunton Fire Department, which is wholly maintained by the city, and yet is as ready to protect the State's property and the government's property as any other property? It may be said that the advantage of having these establishments located here offsets the cost of the fire protection we furnish them. This we admit, and other things, but we do not believe in the privilege of taxing them, nor do we wish to do so; we are simply illustrating a principle. But it is undoubtedly true that the only way to satisfy all the people of the importance of the property is to tax it exclusively by some branch of the government.—Staunton News.

FUN IN RICHMOND.

Down in Richmond they are having a lively canvass for the mayoralty. The candidates are taking the stump and telling the voters what is wrong and what they intend to do when they are elected. The world doubts the wisdom of such campaigns, but some time people should vote for no candidate who does not put himself on record. Roanoke has reached a point in her history, and her situation is not much better, and the people could see that one is elected who does not propose to move along in the same old groove.—Roanoke World.

More Advice to Richmond.

Tidewater has gained a victory in the passage of the ter-centenary bill in both houses of the Legislature. Some bitter words have been exchanged over this matter between Richmond and Tidewater. But now that the question has been settled, it behooves Richmond and every other section of the State to fall into line and accept the grand success. There is time enough to formulate plans and perfect all preliminary arrangements before 1907. But it is not too soon to begin if we would have a celebration worthy of the historic event. We need money, and a great deal of it to carry out the enterprise. Individuals and corporations unaided are not equal to the occasion. The State will have to be called on for a liberal appropriation and a liberal co-operation made to the Federal Government. Richmond naturally will feel some disappointment at the result of the contest with Tidewater, but that disappointment ought not to cool the ardor of Richmond in promoting the enterprise.—Lynchburg News.

PERSONAL AND CRITICAL.

Vassili Verestchagin, the Russian war painter, who is going to make a picture of the fight of San Juan Hill, has been presented to the President to afford an opportunity of acquainting himself with the personal characteristics of the man who took such a prominent part in that engagement.

Those who enjoy a short story will be interested in the following: "Do you drink?" "That's my business, sir." "Have you any other business?"—The Commoner.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, sent to the Library of Congress the other day for a Bible. One of the oldest employees of the library says that in forty-two years this is the second time such a request has been made by a member of either branch of Congress.

"Halt!" shouted the British general in South Africa, as he stopped dead in his tracks. "Adjutant!" "Here, sire." "Send a man to examine that tuft of grass behind you rock. It looks like whiskers."

Which only goes to show that General Sherman was right in his estimate of war.—Baltimore News.

Herbert Spencer is fond of a game of billiards. At the Reform Club in London he recently met an acquaintance whom he invited to play with him. The young member accepted, and Mr. Spencer, who was in high spirits, said: "Young man, you are a good billiard player, is it the proof of a well balanced mind." "I believe it is," replied the young man. They played and the great writer was beaten fearfully. He had only scored 38 when his young antagonist had finished his 28. Herbert Spencer put the cue away in disgust. "Young man," he said, "such fine billiard playing as yours is the proof of an ill-sorted youth."

In response to a blank form sent out by a commercial agent, a negro merchant in a North Carolina town wrote a letter as follows: "Sir—in reply to your request just received. We are sorry whereas but to say if truth must be impressed, that we did not insist upon your taking our order. For our business goes on here, and we are therefore if you do not feel our trustworthiness of your confidence for the trifled sum of Eight Dols. You can use your own pleasure concerning the matter."—Raleigh News and Observer.

AFTERMATH.

North Carolinians are certainly getting more high-toned. It used to be that in summer time we "cut a watermelon" and in winter had a "candy stew." Now in summer we are invited to a "watermelon slicing" and in winter to a "candy stretching." We are certainly coming along, but such innovations as these, taken along with the "Maysies" and "Daysies" of the present day, tempt some of us to move out of the State or take to the woods.—Charlotte Observer.

UPKAND 10-1-15.

Philadelphia druggist has made the following collection of amusing missives that have been sent to him from time to time: "I have a cute pain in my baby's stomach. Please give bearer something to cure it." "My little girl has eat up a lot of buttons. Please send a remedy by the enclosed box." "Deer doctor a dog bit my child on the leg please send some cork plaster and cut eyes." "Please send by bearer one postal card. Also kindly give bearer, my son, some licorice root." "Deer doctor wot is good for tnatroy fever send some quick I got it." "Let my Johnny have a glass of sooty water. It will come right but I am washing. P. S. the five cents for the sooty water." "If you can fill the enclosed prescription for 25 cents, do so. If not, return by bearer."—Newark News.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The receiving party of the Calendar Social, next Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Manson, will include Mrs. A. J. Montague, Mrs. Ruby Bodeker, Mrs. Helen Manson, Mrs. John Garland Pollard, Mrs. John S. Harwood, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. William Mayboe, Mrs. A. J. Pyrie, Mrs. Charles P. Walford, Mrs. H. Tyler, Miss Lizzie Grattan and Mrs. George Lyons. During the evening a delightful programme will be rendered and refreshments will be served by a body of society favorites.

Mrs. Helen Well will delight a large audience Saturday night at the Woman's Club, when she will read "Poets and Francesca" at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Well has a national reputation as a lecture reader, and has spoken to some of the most cultured audiences in this city. Gentleman escorts will be allowed, and ladies are asked to come without their bonnets.

Admiral Schley has had another letter urging him to address a representative audience in this city. This letter will be presented by Representative Lamb and is from the Joint societies of the Richmond College and the University of Virginia. They want Admiral Schley to give an address during commencement, which will be between June 9th and 12th.

"The Art of Appreciation" was the subject skillfully handled by Dr. F. W. Boatwright yesterday afternoon at the Woman's Club before a large and appreciative audience. He discussed his theme from a subjective point of view, not objectivity, and his beautiful, the true, we can learn to appreciate it. Throughout the talk Dr. Boatwright delivered some crisp sayings, some of which were: "We are too blind to the magnificent panorama of life as it is, it is worth while to overcome this blindness? Surely it is; life is of the present, and the inspiration is to come."

There are three great fields in nature—this good, the beautiful, the true. "Religion reads art as its handmaid." "Beauty is next to godliness, not cleanliness." "The real artist creates his art, because he must, to satisfy the inward self." "Daisies have bloomed ever since Scotland was, yet Burns took it up as if it was new."

At the conclusion tea and coffee were served. Among the visitors were: Miss Josephine Sizer, of King William; Miss Mary S. Taylor, of Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Mary Meade, of Albemarle; Miss Elizabeth Wignall, of Washington; Miss Lucy Lee Richardson, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Madeline A. Robinson, of New York; Mrs. Jewett, of Boston; Mrs. James Evans, of Florence, S. C.; Miss Martha V. Painter, of Albemarle; Mrs. Gordon, of Louisa; Miss La-don Harrison, of Danville; Miss Jane Richardson, of Missouri.

Miss Bessie White, of Abingdon, is visiting Miss Mary Ball, on Park Avenue. Yesterday at high noon Dr. E. N. Calhoun officiated at the wedding of Miss Louise Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaufmann, of this city, and Mr. Bertram S. Kaufmann, of Colorado Springs, Col. The marriage took place at the Lexington, Va., and the immediate family only being present. The bride is a well-known young lady of this city, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, while the groom is one of the principal business men of Colorado Springs. After about a month's honeymoon the happy couple will take up residence at Colorado Springs.

Miss Nora Langhorne, who is a student of the Richmond Female Seminary and spends her Saturdays with her sister, Miss Constance Perkins, will entertain at a box party to see May Mantering Saturday night.

The new members elected to the Woman's Club during the month of February included: Mrs. John D. Blair, Mrs. Alice Childers, Mrs. William McKim Morrison, Mrs. Charles L. Mosby, Mrs. William A. Anderson and Mrs. Leland Rankin.

Miss Lella Myers is the guest of Miss Effie Branch, at her handsome home, on West Franklin Street.

Miss Margaret Loving, of Amherst, will be the guest this week of Mrs. Corydon Sutton.

Mrs. Arthur Lefroy, who has been spending some time at Bon Air, has returned to the city.

Mrs. Edgar Taylor will leave Wednesday on a two-weeks' visit to Baltimore.

Miss Edith Wilma Marshall, of Philadelphia, will be the guest this week of Miss Madge Freedley. Miss Marshall is just returning from a delightful visit to Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Campbell Smith is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evelyn Smith on West Franklin Street.

Miss Sallie Coles, of Albemarle, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Bolling.

Mrs. Aileen Crutchfield and Mrs. M. A. Samuelson are visiting Mrs. E. H. Gibson, in Culpeper.

Mrs. Louis Porter Nelson, Jr., who has been the guest of Mrs. Grosvenor Neel, will return to her home, in Culpeper, today.

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