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TO TRY TO GROW SUMATRA TOBACCO

John H. Smyth Wants to Attempt it at the Negro Reformatory.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—John H. Smyth, former consul-general at Liberia, and now at the head of the Negro Reform School of Virginia, was in Washington Saturday. The object of Smyth's call at the Capitol was to confer with Senator Daniel and Captain Lamb, regarding an effort he is making to have the Secretary of Agriculture send an expert to Broad Neck farm, in Hanover, and Rhode Island, to teach the tobacco growers of New England the art of growing this very fine grade of tobacco, which, although very expensive, is in great demand by manufacturers for wrapping purposes, and Smyth is anxious to have an expert sent to the Reform School, of which he is at the head. Major Daniel was out of the city, but Smyth saw Captain Lamb, who promised to call on Senator Daniel and urge him to send a man to Hanover as soon as possible.

In these days of endless talk of "Black and Tan" and "Lib. White," when every effort is being turned toward arming the negro of the South against the white man and keeping the whole country below Mason and Dixon's line wrought up on political questions, and when a United States Senator is fighting in the Senate the negro appointee of the President, it is more than gratifying to those whose birth, education and experience give them the knowledge of the true feeling that exists between the best class of white people in the South and the best class of negroes to see in Washington a man like John H. Smyth, of Richmond, working hard and well for the interests of his race and coming out with a frank, straightforward declaration of his views on the race question. It shows the relation that exists between the white people and the negroes in Virginia.

He was consul-general to Liberia under President Hayes, but was recalled when President Garfield came in. He was in this country but a short while, however, as Garfield was assassinated about that time, and Arthur sent Smyth back to Liberia, where he remained until a year after President Cleveland came in, making nine years' service in all.

Smyth had some interesting things to say about his Reform School, and the work it is doing. "Our idea is," he said, "to bring up these boys according to the teachings of Christianity, and after that we aim to give them instruction in agriculture. Before the negro became free, the Department of Agriculture became free, and the progress of the negro race must come by his learning to work honestly and well, and we think the best thing for him to do is to learn agriculture. Before the negro became free, he knew agriculture, but he knew it because he had a man over him who knew it and could teach it. After the war, there was no one to teach the negro how to get a living out of the fields, and the result was that he soon forgot all he knew. We are trying to bring our boys back to an appreciation and a knowledge of all this, and if we succeed we will feel that we have done something that will benefit the whole negro race."

What I am particularly interested in now is the question of the growing of Sumatra tobacco. All we want is that the Department of Agriculture shall send an expert who will teach our tobacco growers how to grow this tobacco. It is a very delicate process, as the Sumatra tobacco is used to a tropical climate, and has to be grown indoors here. Still, the very best tobacco soil in the United States is in the South, and we should be much better able in Virginia, with our moderate climate, to grow the Sumatra tobacco, than are the tobacco growers of New England. It will cost us \$100 to put up a plant, should the government send an expert to instruct us, but we will gladly do that if we can only get a man here. The Sumatra tobacco is very delicate, very fine, and makes the very best wrappers. If we could learn the secret of how to grow it, it would be a big thing for the tobacco growers of Virginia, and I sincerely hope we may succeed in our efforts in that direction. Both Senator Daniel and Captain Lamb have promised to press the matter for us, and I feel confident they will put it through."

WILL SEE MISS HASWELL

Popular Actress Again Engaged With George Fawcett Company. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) BALTIMORE, Md., January 11.—Mr. George Fawcett, director of the George Fawcett Company, announces the engagement of Miss Percy Haswell, who has just completed her starring tour in "A Royal Family," to again join his company at Chase's, in Baltimore. She will appear during the week of January 19th in an elaborate revival of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Death of a Baltimore Lady. The friends of Mrs. J. J. Royster will be relieved to learn of the death of his mother, Mrs. E. W. Davis, in Baltimore. This lady died Sunday night at her home. She had been in feeble health for a long time, and her demise was not a surprise. She was a lady of fine character and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

MANUAL TRAINING FOR WHITE SCHOOLS

Council Committee Recommends Appropriation of \$7,000.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION

Holds That Special Tax Can Be Levied and Turned Over to School Board to Be Extended as It Seems Best to Them.

Manual training in the public white schools of Richmond seems assured. In an opinion read last night to the Council committee that has the matter in charge, City Attorney Pollard gives it as his opinion that a special levy can be assessed on property by the city, and the fund thus raised expended by the school board upon such schools as it sees fit. A recommendation was made to Council that an appropriation of seven thousand dollars be included by the Finance Committee in the next budget with which to institute the system in the schools.

Unless the tax was collected under the special levy, as provided in section 126 of the new Constitution, Mr. Pollard held that it would be unconstitutional to make a difference between the white and colored schools.

The plan of the committee calls for an expenditure of \$7,000 yearly, and is divided among the schools as follows: Kindergarten in each district \$3,000 Manual training in all schools..... 2,000 First primary grades in all schools, 1,000 First grammar grade in all schools..... 1,000 Lowest grade High School..... 2,000 Total..... \$7,000

MR. POLLARD'S OPINION.

In reply to a communication of January 7th for an opinion as to whether manual training and kindergarten teaching could be introduced into the public white schools of Richmond alone, City Attorney Pollard rendered an opinion "that if it were charged to and borne by the general levy for school purposes, regulated by section 126 of the new Constitution, to be levied on all property of the State, then such a discrimination would be unlawful, because in contravention of the Constitution; but under section 126 of the new Constitution which authorizes any city to raise additional sums by tax on property not to exceed in the aggregate five mills on the dollar in any one year, to be apportioned and expended by the local school authorities of the city in establishing and maintaining such schools as in their judgment the public welfare may require," I am of the opinion that the City Council may impose a special levy by levying an annual tax not in excess of five mills, which the local school authorities of the city may appropriate and expend in the maintenance of manual training and kindergarten teaching in any particular school or schools in the city of Richmond, whether the same be white or colored.

A somewhat similar provision of the statute law of the State of Georgia was upheld by the Supreme Court of that State in a case against the county Board of Education. It being claimed that the statute constituted a denial to colored persons of the equal protection of the law or equal privileges of citizens of the United States, granted by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but the Supreme Court held that such was not the case.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT T. F. RYAN'S SUMMER HOME

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) SUFFERN, N. Y., January 12.—The large barn and stable at Montebello, the summer home of Mr. T. F. Ryan, were destroyed by fire. Owing to lack of water, the Suffern fire department was only able to save the adjoining buildings. The fire was discovered shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The barn was filled with grain and hay. The horses, cattle and carriages were all saved; also the furniture of the stableman.

A RENARKABLE RECORD.

It is an interesting fact that in October of the year 1850—just a year before Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, twenty-seven years before the Hudson River, and fifty-seven years before the electric telegraph came into use—the Baker Cocoa and Chocolate factory was established in Dorchester by the Suffern fire department. The new residence was situated near the burning buildings, but was protected by the firemen.

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REAPPORTIONMENT IS VERY LIVE ISSUE

There is Much Interest Manifested in This Matter in Washington.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WASHINGTON, January 12.—The action of the Pulaski county convention in protesting against the removal of that county from the Ninth Congressional District, provisions for which removal are said to be in the redistricting bill in process of creation, has caused a good deal of comment among the members of the Virginia delegation here.

For some time rumors have been reaching Washington to the effect that the Cumming bill would have a hard road to travel when it came up before the Legislature, and this action of the people of Pulaski has added fuel to the fire of doubt as to whether there will, in the end, be any bill at all. The antagonism to the bill, which has developed at the suggestion that it will make changes in the western part of the State, is thought to have now grown so strong that it will cause the framers of the bill to reconsider their intention of doing anything with the Ninth District, in which even a change in the First and Second only will be attempted.

Should Mr. Cumming cut down his bill to include only those two districts, the elements in that section of the State who are opposed to a change will probably insist very strongly that it is not fair to confine the reapportionment to their districts. They will argue that if it is the intention of the authors of the bill to carry the congressional districts in regard to population they ought to reduce the Ninth of a county or two and add to the Sixth.

The announcement that the reapportionment bill would be brought before the General Assembly immediately after the holidays, which announcement was made in December, caused every one in Washington who is at all interested in Virginia politics to watch the first few days' sessions of that body with the keenest interest, and the fact that nothing has happened yet has set them all guessing and seeking enlightenment. One theory is that the promoters of the bill have been somewhat taken aback at the opposition to their bill, and that they are inclined to go a bit slowly before they allow Mr. Cumming to introduce the measure in the Legislature. At one time they felt that they had strength enough to carry the bill through in the face of all the opposition that was then apparent, but recent developments have indicated that they will have no easy time of it.

THE BONDSMEN PAY UP

Surities of Gaynor and Greene Ready to Settle. (By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, Ga., January 12.—The bondsmen of B. D. Greene and John Gaynor, fugitives from justice for alleged frauds in connection with improvements in Savannah harbor, are preparing to pay into the registry of the United States Court \$8,000, the amount of the bond. The bonds were escheated in the United States Court to-day. William B. Kirke, of Syracuse, is Greene's bondsman, and the late George Leary, of New York, was on the bond of Gaynor. The executor of Leary will pay Gaynor's bond.

SHANDS BILL WILL MEET OPPOSITION

Ministers of the City Express Hearty Disapproval of It.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE LEAGUE

Will Make Strong Fight Against Measure Designed to Make Legal Selling of Newspapers and Soft Drinks on Sunday—Set for To-Day.

There can be no doubt that here and throughout the State there will be a strong movement in ministerial circles against the bill to be offered to-day in the Legislature by Senator William Shands, of Southampton. This would permit the sale of newspapers, fruits, soft drinks, and ice cream on the Sabbath.

At least a few of the pastors would consent to the delivery of papers on Sunday morning, but practically all of them draw the line at confectionery shops and the like. The bill to be presented by Senator Shands is obviously the outcome of the agitation in Richmond, Petersburg, and other places in connection with the Sabbath, and comes as a reaction from what some people consider a too rigid enforcement of the law. The proposed new legislation is set forth by Senator Shands as follows:

A bill to amend and re-enact section 329 of the Code of Virginia. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that section 329 of the Code of Virginia be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: If a person on a Sabbath day be found laboring at any trade or calling, or employing apprentices or servants, except in household or other work of necessity or charity, and the dispensing of newspapers and periodicals, drinks not containing ardent spirits, ice cream and fruits, he shall forfeit \$5 for each offense. Every day any servant or apprentice is so employed shall constitute a distinct offense.

THE SUNDAY LEAGUE.

Several local ministers seen yesterday afternoon expressed themselves in decided disapproval of the bill. The Rev. W. S. Campbell, secretary of the Sunday Observance League, declared himself unable to prevent the action of that body, but as far as himself he said: "I am most distinctly opposed to the bill. What it contemplates would be a violation of the law of God, and a violation of the spirit of the law of the State of Virginia. Moreover, it would be class legislation. If confectioneries are allowed to do business on Sunday, saloons, grocers and others have an equal right to keep open. The State cannot close one class of business and continue its trade uninterrupted."

So far as the league is concerned, Mr. Campbell would only say that it is still in existence, and that it is in the field of its own business, which means certainly that it will make a fight against the bill which is diametrically opposed to the objects for which the league was formed.

DR. KERR SPEAKS.

The Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, spoke in the language of the church catechism in the Scriptures.

"I believe," he said, "that the Sabbath should be sanctified by a holy resting during the whole day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days, spending this whole day in the praise and private exercise of God's worship except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy."

On being asked his opinion as to Sunday newspapers being a necessity of modern life, he said: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger within thy gate. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

MR. BEAUCHAMP OPPOSED.

The Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, pastor of the Broad-Street Methodist Church, also expressed his strong disapproval of the bill. He said he would certainly be opposed to it, and that he expected nearly all the other ministers of the city would take the same stand.

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