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THE FARMERS' ASSEMBLY.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Smaller Attendance Than Was Expected—Constitution Amended—Report of Committee on Roads—Early Session To-Day.

On the 15th of April, 1885, there was held in the House of Delegates a farmers' convention, which, before adjournment, organized itself into the "Farmers' Assembly" of Virginia.

Last night, pursuant to adjournment, the Farmers' Assembly met for the first time, in the hall of the House of Delegates, at 8 o'clock.

There was not as full an attendance as was expected, but as a representative body of the thrifty and wealth-producing element of our State, the Assembly compared most creditably with any gathering of the kind ever seen in the House of Delegates.

The Assembly was called to order by Colonel H. L. D. Lewis, of Clarke, and Rev. Mr. Gravitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Colonel Lewis, after the prayer, explained the necessity of organization, alluding pointedly to the fact that it was the intention of the Assembly to take a political color and send to the Legislature men who would look after the interests of the farmers. He suggested that all members when they went home should proceed to work at once for the purpose of securing representation in the Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

On motion the following Committee on Credentials was appointed: Major A. Koiner, of Augusta; F. Guy, of Chesterfield; T. N. Lupton, of Frederick; J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester; H. C. Michie, of Albemarle.

A member moved to go into permanent organization, but Mr. Koiner opposed this, and it was withdrawn, not before, however, Colonel Beverley had obtained the floor to say that he had a motion to make in the direction of permanent organization.

THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Koiner came in after awhile and reported from the Committee on Credentials that the delegates present were duly accredited.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following counties represented, and by the following-named persons:

Albemarle—W. Gordon Merrick, H. L. Lyman, H. C. Michie, John R. Page, M. D., H. M. Magruder.
Amelia—R. Wood.
Appomattox—J. W. Floor, H. A. Wilburne.
Augusta—Samuel Life, Major A. Koiner, G. Julian Pratt.
Botetourt—J. Henry Johnston.
Campbell—R. C. Saunders, Fleming Saunders, D. R. Booth.
Caroline—James P. Corbin.
Charlotte—S. E. Spaulding.
Charles City—L. A. Marston.
Chesterfield—F. Guy, H. C. Watkins, John L. Grubbs.
Clarke—H. L. D. Lewis, J. L. Nall.
Cumberland—J. S. Adams.
Dinwiddie—Thomas F. Rives, J. L. Shelton, H. L. Moore.
Essex—Aubrey H. Jones, C. J. Cale.
Fairfax—C. Lukens.
Fauquier—Robert Beverley.
Fluvanna—Charles S. Thomas, J. L. Massie.
Frederick—Daniel T. Wood, T. N. Lufton.
Fredericksburg city—A. P. Rowe.
Gloucester—J. N. Stubbs, Charles Catlett.
Greensville—T. T. Gaskins.
Hanover—J. T. Stanley, Julian M. Ruffin.
Henrico—Norman Smith, J. C. Fowler, J. A. Lynham.
King and Queen—Dr. W. F. Bland.
King William—William V. Croxton.
Louisa—M. W. Winston.
Lunenburg—R. W. Manson, J. W. Wilkinson.
Madison—Dr. J. A. Reid, Asa W. Graves.
Montgomery—Thomas N. Conrad.
New Kent—R. B. Fauntleroy, J. C. Gregory, M. D., John T. Harris.
Nelson—J. L. Hubard.
Nottoway—Meredith Watson.
Northampton—Dr. A. Brockenborough.
Orange—A. S. Jones, C. C. Buckner.
Pittsylvania—W. T. Wilson, John J. Wilkinson.
Powhatan—Milton McLaurin.
Prince Edward—Henry Stokes.
Roanoke county—W. Taylor Thom.
Rockingham—Noah W. Berry, D. A. Heatwall, E. A. Herring.
Smyth—John M. Preston.
Surry—Dr. M. Q. Holt.
Sussex—Dr. J. W. Greene.
Washington—Joseph M. Ryan, John D. Neall.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Colonel Beverley arose and said that he moved that Colonel H. L. D. Lewis be made permanent chairman. He put the question and it was unanimously adopted.

On motion Mr. George W. Mayo was made permanent secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The secretary read certain amendments to the constitution, which amendments had the effect to prune the constitution of several cumbrous features, which in nowise added to the practical efforts aimed at by the Convention. One feature was the more effectual organization of farmers in order to secure representation in future meetings of the Assembly.

It appeared that the old plan of electing delegates did not work well, and it was agreed that members of the Executive Committee in each county should be *ex-officio* members of the Assembly. The list of membership was increased by the election of various professors in agricultural colleges and General S. C. Armstrong, of the Hampton Normal School.

A motion to make one member of each agricultural society a member of the Assembly was lost.

Mr. Ruffin, of Albemarle, moved to reconsider, and spoke to his motion. Colonel Beverley opposed this, saying the present arrangement would allow the clubs to have representation. The matter was debated at some length, but the motion to reconsider was lost.

The constitution was further amended so as to provide for called meetings and a meeting of the Assembly one day before the commencement of the State Agricultural Fair.

FIRST SESSION.

Mr. Saunders asked if this was the first session of the Farmers' Assembly. He was under the impression that the Convention in April which formulated the constitution and by-laws resolved itself thereby into the Farmers' Assembly.

The Chair decided that this was the first meeting of the Farmers' Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Koiner moved that the Chair appoint a committee of five as a committee on rules, which committee should report rules for the government of the assembly. The motion prevailed.

Colonel Beverley moved that a committee of five be appointed to whom all resolutions should be referred without debate, unless otherwise ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS.

The Committee on Roads made the following report, which was referred to a special committee of five:

The committee appointed by the Farmers' Convention to consider the subject of roads beg leave to make the following report: They are sorry to say that there are present only two members of the committee as originally constituted, but through letters of members who are unable to attend, and from information derived from various sources, the committee is pursuaded that there is a substantial concurrence of opinion among farmers as to the following points: That a road law should be enacted by the next Legislature which shall provide—

First. That the present system of working roads through labor should be more efficiently enforced.

Second. That a general law should be passed authorizing counties to borrow money on their bonds to an amount deemed sufficient to put the roads of their county in thorough repair, requiring of these counties that when they avail themselves of the privilege to borrow money that they should levy a tax sufficient to meet the interest of the debt, and 1 per centum upon the debt to form a sinking fund. Also, to levy a tax in money sufficient, with the labor system, to keep the roads in thorough repair.

Third. That it be provided by law that the road system thus provided for shall be controlled in each county by a capable, skilled man, who shall be styled "road commissioner" of that county, and who shall have the control and direction of such permanent force engaged in the repairs of the public roads as his county may find it expedient to employ. A. S. BUFORD, R. C. SAUNDERS.

The report was discussed at length by Messrs. Saunders, Beverley, Koiner, and others.

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Rules: Hon. A. Koiner, Augusta; Dr. M. Q. Holt, Surry; Thomas F. Rives, Dinwiddie; Dr. J. A. Reid, Madison; James M. Byrns, Washington.

Committee on Resolutions: Thomas F. Rives, Dinwiddie; A. S. Jones, Orange; G. J. Pratt, Dr. Brockenborough, Dr. J. W. Greene.

DELEGATES TO THE FARMERS' CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Absolom Koiner and Colonel Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Virginia, were elected delegates to the Farmers' Congress of the United States. Dr. James A. Reid and Mr. C. J. Sale were elected alternates.

EARLY BIRDS.

It was agreed that when the Convention adjourn it adjourn to meet to-day at 9 o'clock. Mr. Saunders notified his committee that he would expect them to meet him at half an hour to sunrise.

At 11:30 o'clock the Convention adjourned.

VIRGINIAS SHUT OUT.

The Nationals Find No Difficulty in Beating the Virginias Another Game.

Another large crowd, numbering 1,200 or more, witnessed the second of the games between the Nationals and Virginias yesterday afternoon, in which the former found but little difficulty in defeating the latter by the score of 7 to 0.

Kimber was very effective in retiring men on strikes, but allowed himself to be pounded to the extent of twelve hits, which, assisted by the home boys' errors, yielded seven runs.

Tate did fine work in throwing to second, but was unable to hold Kimber, having had seven passed balls. The home boys worked hard, but were utterly unable to overcome the very fine playing of their opponents. So they had to submit to an overwhelming defeat.

O'Day pitched in very fine style and was well supported. The local nine were unable to catch on to him for more than five scattering hits, none of which they were able to score on. The general playing of the Nationals was good. The Virginias were unable to advance a man further than second until the ninth inning, when Johnston made a three-base hit. For this he was loudly applauded, but the side was put out before he was able to cross the plate, and the game was called, leaving him on third. Powell led in batting for the visitors and Johnston for the home team. The appended score tells the rest:

NATIONALS.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Fulmer, 1st b	5	0	1	11	0	2
Hoover, c. f	5	2	0	0	0	0
Powell, r. f	5	1	3	2	0	0
Burch, l. f	4	1	1	1	0	0
Knowles, 2d b	5	1	2	5	6	0
White, s. s	4	2	2	2	5	0
Cook, c	4	0	2	5	2	0
Gladman, 3d b	4	0	1	0	2	1
O'Day, p	3	0	0	1	5	0
Total	39	7	12	27	20	3

VIRGINIAS.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Greenwood, s. s	4	0	1	0	3	1
Glenn, l. f	4	0	0	0	0	1
Johnston, c. f	4	0	2	0	0	0
Nash, 3d b	4	0	0	2	2	1
Corcoran, r. f	4	0	0	1	0	0
Latham, 1st b	3	0	1	10	0	0
Higgins, 2d b	3	0	0	5	2	1
Tate, c	3	0	1	9	5	1
Kimber, p	3	0	0	0	10	0
Total	32	0	5	27	22	5

INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total.
Nationals	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	0		7
Virginias	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

Earned runs—Nationals, 2. Two-base hits—Powell, 2; Knowles, 1. Three-base hits—Johnston. Left on bases—Nationals, 7; Virginias, 5. Double plays—Knowles and White. Struck out—Nationals, 8; Virginias, 5. Bases on balls—Nationals, 2. Hit by ball—Nationals, 1. Passed balls—Tate, 7; Cook, 1. Wild pitches—Kimber, 1. Time of game—2 hours and 5 minutes. Umpire—Holland.

These clubs play their closing game, as well as the last game here between them this season, this afternoon. There have been fourteen games played between these clubs this season, and each has won seven. They will both do their best to win this afternoon, and the contest will no doubt prove the most interesting of the season.

Manchester Notes.

A special train will be run from here to Bon Air Thursday to accommodate the delegates to the Legislative Convention. It will leave at 11 A. M., giving ample time for the delegates who will come over on the Petersburg road and down on the Richmond and Alleghany. The Manchester delegates are requested to meet at the Mayor's Court-room at 8 o'clock to-night.

Professor Morrissette, who has been engaged since the 1st of July taking the school census and making off his report, has about completed his work, and will turn his books over to Superintendent Howle to-morrow, so that he can deliver them to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Saturday, August 15th, the time required by law.

The term of the Hustings Court of this city expired by limitation yesterday, it having been in session for twenty days.

The Chief of Police gives notice that persons who have dogs and who do not get medals for them on or before the 20th instant will be subject to a fine or will have their dogs killed.

The City Council meets Friday night.

The Pennsylvania Bucktails.

Colonel Hartshorn, who was invited to bring the Bucktails to Richmond to meet the Sixth South Carolina, has written the following letter explaining the reason of the absence of the Bucktails, as follows:

ACADEMIA, JUNEATA COUNTY, PA., July 15, 1885.

Colonel James H. Rion, Winnsboro', S. C.:

Dear Colonel,—I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the reunion of the survivors of the Sixth South Carolina Veterans at Seven Pines, August 6th.

The National Guards of Pennsylvania, of which I am a member, will be in their annual camp during this time, and I regret that this circumstance will prevent my attendance.

It was the fortune of my regiment to be opposed to the gallant Sixth South Carolina Veterans on several occasions during the late war. The very *warm* reception with which we were always greeted satisfies me that on this peaceful occasion the "Old Bucktails" would receive a hearty welcome from the brave men who then opposed them in battle.

I am, my dear Colonel, your very obedient servant,

WILLIAM ROSS HARTSHORN.
Late Colonel 190 P. V. (Veteran "Bucktails.")

The Death List.

The following is the official mortuary report for the city of Richmond for the week ending Saturday, August 8, 1885:

Whole number of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-births, 41.

Cause of Death.—Abscess, 1; apoplexy, 1; bronchitis, 1; cholera-infantum, 3; congestion of lungs, 1; compression of brain, 1; consumption, 6; convulsions—infantile, 3; debility, 1; diarrhœa, 1; dysentery, 3; fever—typhoid, 4; heart-disease, 2; hemorrhage—from lungs, 1; hemorrhage, 2; inflammation of bowels, 1; marasmus, 1; paralysis, 1; teething, 3; tuberculosis, 1; unknown, 2; uræmia, 1.

Age.—One day to thirty, 4; one month to six, 2; six months to twelve, 3; one year to three, 7; five years to ten, 1; ten years to twenty, 1; twenty years to thirty, 8; thirty years to forty, 2; forty years to fifty, 4; fifty years to sixty, 4; sixty years to seventy, 5.

Temperature.—Mean temperature for the week ending August 1st, 85.14; for the week ending August 8th, 79.85.

Rainfall.—Amount of rainfall for the week ending August 1st, 0.40 inches; for week ending August 8th, 0.91 inches.

Rate.—Rate of mortality of whole population was 28.42 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of white population was 28.47 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of colored population was 28.36 per 1,000 per annum.

The Carpenter Case.

In the Police Court yesterday—Justice Holmes presiding—the case of T. W. Carpenter was called. Accused waived examination, and was sent on to the grand jury and was committed to jail.

Mrs. Carpenter called at the Executive office yesterday to see the Governor, but he was not in the city.

Personals and Briefs.

Police-Justice D. C. Richardson and wife have returned to the city from the Warm Springs. Mrs. Richardson has improved in health, but is not yet well.

Mr. J. K. Smith, editor of the *Farm and Home*, of Harrisonburg, Va., is at the St. James.

Dr. George Ross returned to the city yesterday.

Coupon Cases.

The Auditor of Public Accounts has directed the payment of the judgments recently entered against the State in the Hustings Court of this city in the cases of persons offering coupons for taxes and where juries found said coupons to be genuine.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

Alexander Foster, abusing his wife. Dismissed with costs.

George Booker, disorderly and fighting. Fined $5 and costs.

George W. Early, drunk. Dismissed with costs.

William Bowles (colored), assault. Dismissed with costs.

Georgeana Johnson (colored), assault. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Tony Buckens (colored), drunk. Dismissed.

A. Miller, drunk. Fined $2 and costs.

Robert George, abusive language. Security required for six months.

Jennie Johnson (colored), trespass. Fined $2.50 and costs.

Samuel Taylor, Winston Taylor, Charles Taylor, and Mahala Taylor (all colored), trespass. Cases continued.

Pearly Water (colored), assault. Dismissed with costs.

Katie Jackson (colored), assault. Dismissed with costs.

The Rev. W. F. C. Gregory will preach to night at Grace-Street Presbyterian church at 8½ o'clock.

Sale of Canning Machinery.

The entire outfit of the canning establishment of John B. Davis, including the Canning and Process Machinery, will be sold to-day at the Richmond Bazaar; at the same time, three tomato spring-wagons and harness to match, one cart and harness to match, four pairs well-matched horses, broke and raised by Mr. Davis; also, several fine milch cows and farm mules.

Last game with Nationals to-day.

Look at This.

The game Roanoke City Club, champions of the Southwest, have challenged the Virginia Base-Ball Club to play a game at Roanoke City on the 19th of August. Reduced rates on railroads, including admission to grounds, will be sold. Big day expected. All kinds of sport on that day.

Virginias must win to-day.

The Anheuser-Busch Beer

keeps in every climate between New York and San Francisco, and south to New Orleans and City of Mexico. You drink it at 5 cents a glass.

Pyle against Barr to-day.

SURE THEY SAW A GHOST.

A Blonde, Curly-Haired Spirit Abroad in Long, White Flowing Robes.

[Philadelphia Times.]

For the first time in a number of years Conshohocken has a sensation, and in the shape of a ghost. Occasionally a strike of the men employed in the quarries quickens the pulse of the town, but generally the current of life flows on in a quiet stream, undisturbed by the troubles which afflict the outer world. But the ghost has altered all that. His, her, or its appearance has added an element of excitement the place usually lacks, and the people are mightily stirred up in consequence. Many of the inhabitants are peculiarly susceptible to supernatural influences. The apparition appeared on Tuesday night last to Patrick McGlone and Timothy McCarty, two honest and hard-working men employed at Alan Wood's rolling-mill.

A FIGURE IN WHITE.

Mr. McGlone and Mr. McCarty were on their way home, about 10 o'clock of the night mentioned, when they saw, while not more than 200 yards from the mill, a figure in white, which suddenly appeared in front of them and waved its arms in an inviting way towards the neighboring woods. Neither of the men obeyed the ghostly summons, but ran home, where the particulars of the adventure were detailed to sympathizing wives. In the morning, after sleep had quieted their nerves and restored their courage, the two men related the particulars of their encounter with the spook to their fellow-workmen in the iron-mill. The fellow-workmen put their heads together and the result was that a body of five stalwart fellows was formed to intercept the ghost that night and ascertain what might be the spirit's business on earth.

THE COMMITTEE DISAPPOINTED.

Accordingly the five met and lay in wait on Elm street, where the ghost had before appeared. Their vigil was unrewarded. No apparition appeared. The watchers becoming tired went home, each affirming that they were the victims of a practical joke. But hardly had they gone before the ghost again visited the scene of its ramble of the night before. Mr. McGlone and Mr. McCarty again saw it. They had been detained at the works until nearly midnight, and left for home confident that their friends were on watch. They reached Elm street to find that their fellow-workmen were absent, but that the ghost was not. There it was, a tall, white form, with flowing robes and outstretched hands. It moved with an easy grace over the ground, appearing to float rather than walk, and when very near the affrighted men disappeared into a boiler-shop. Neither Mr. McGlone nor Mr. McCarty followed the spirit to find what it wanted among the boilers, but sped for home, where for the second time they related their harrowing experience.

HENRY CLOUDER'S STORY.

Others profess to have seen the spook. One of these is Henry J. Clouder, a young clerk, whose story follows: "I was walking along Elm street, between the railroad bridge and the station, on Friday night about half-past 10 o'clock. I had been to see a young lady and was walking along thinking of just nothing in particular, when all of a sudden a white thing appeared before me in the centre of the road. It looked like a woman, but I can't swear to that. It had a long, white flowing dress and thick curly hair of a blonde color. I stopped still when I saw it and it backed away, appearing to float over the ground. I stood stock still and it went over in the direction of Bate & Son's boiler-shop. Then I got away as fast as I could."

THE PEOPLE MUCH EXCITED.

The ghost was the great subject of conversation all over Conshohocken yesterday. The crowds of young men waiting for the churches to let out, the loungers about the cigar-stores, and the railroad-station visitors all talked about the ghost. Some thought one thing and some another, but as to the genuineness of the appearance there was no dispute. A majority were of the opinion that the ghost was a spirit of an aged lady who was killed on the railroad last year. An Irishman discoursed to an interested crowd at the station on the banshee that always appeared in the ould country just before the death of any one, and his opinion was that the ghost meant sudden death for somebody.

"Jist wait an' see," he said, "if there don't be a dith soon in Conshohocken! The banshee niver appears for nothin'."

AN INDIAN AUCTION.

Selling a Dead Brave's Effects and Then Laying His Ghost.

[Chicago Tribune.]

I witnessed an interesting feature in Indian life a short time ago at one of the camps in the Kaw Agency, Indian Territory. A tent had been erected, and all the effects of a dead brave were deposited in the tent. The Indians were going to hold an auction. At early dawn before the sun the Indians gathered around the tent. The auctioneer, stepping out of the tent holding a blanket in his hands, began in a loud voice to invite bids on the blanket. "Four dollars," sang out an old man who had a patch of yellow paint under his right eye, and sat on the outer edge of the circle which had now formed around the tent. "I will give you five," cried one of the Indians sitting in the circle. "It is yours," said the auctioneer, and the bidder, after depositing a due-bill for the amount, received the blanket. The auctioneer now brought out a pair of beaded leggings, and the bidding began.

One thing was noticeable: the number bidding never exceeded two, and the article was invariably knocked down to the second bidder. Moccasins, neck-laces, fans of eagle feathers—in fact, the whole pharaphernalia of a complete Indian outfit was brought out and sold to the highest bidder. Finally, an Indian pipe of red stone—a very large and handsome one—was brought out, and the bidding became livelier, "Five dollars!" was shouted. "Eight," sang out a trader, who, besides your correspondent, was the only pale face in the audience, and who already saw the pipe in his mind's eye hanging with his other Indian curiosities; but he was doomed to disappointment when a hungry-looking member of the circle, who was evidently wanting his breakfast and was anxious to bring the ceremonies to a close, said: "My brother, that pipe has been smoked in many councils. Our brother who lies buried on yonder hill," pointing to a pile of rocks on a high hill in the distance, "thought much of that pipe. I am not willing it should fall into other hands. My brother, I will give a pony for the pipe." These remarks of Old Hungry were received with a few short yells, which denoted great satisfaction.

At this point a member with nothing on but a breech-clout came dashing into the circle, holding in his hands a skillet filled with live coals. He was followed by another one bearing in his arms a lot of cedar, which was deposited over the coals. These two were followed by the dead Indian's relatives—wife, sister, and children—moaning and wringing their hands. The burning cedar now began to pour forth a volume of smoke, and one by one the members of the band rushed into the smoke, bending down close to the coals, turning round and round, with many wild gestures and with outstretched blanket, the smoke at times completely hiding them from view. "Come on, my son," said one of the party, taking a firm hold of the trader's arm, and reluctantly the paleface was drawn into the smoke, where he performed the smoke act to the evident satisfaction of the party. Hastily withdrawing in a fit of coughing and gasping for breath, he was met with many cries of "Good, my son! The ghosts will never trouble you." The performance was now ended by the auctioneer turning over all the receipts of the sale to the relatives.

A MAORI LAST DAY.

Believing a Prophetess who Predicts that the End of the World is at Hand.

[Auckland Herald.]

In the early part of this year an extraordinary outbreak of religious craze took place among the northern natives of New Zealand. A Maori prophetess living in Kawakawa, a settlement north of Auckland, was the leader of the movement. She is a young woman named Meri Tapu, about twenty-five years of age, pleasant looking, but with