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THIS PAPER RECEIVES THE COMBINED TELEGRAPHIC-NEWS SERVICE OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATED PRESS AND THE UNITED PRESS.

A CONVENTION'S "CHECK."

The State Republican Convention, which was held in Staunton on yesterday and the day before, boasted of its numbers and respectability; but a negro member blessed the name of Stonewall Jackson when it was mentioned, and any one who had read the platform adopted there cannot but see that the Republican party of Virginia is to-day the same old Republican party that we have always known. Its identity with the party of the past was disclosed in the platform it adopted, and particularly in that plank of it referring to a constitutional convention.

The charges made as to the purposes of the Democratic party of Virginia in submitting the convention question to the people are outrageous. Well the convention knew that the Democrats of this State have no purpose to attack the public school system; nor any to interfere with the homestead provision of the State Constitution; nor any to subject the Friends and Dunkards to compulsory military service, yet all of these charges, and many others equally untrue and unfounded, are brought against us. Yes, here we see the platform of this so-called "great party" charging us with designs that we never entertained and denouncing us for thoughts that we never harbored.

Of course, it was to be expected that the Republican convention would oppose the action of our Legislature in submitting this question to a vote of the people, but we had not believed it possible, even for a Republican convention, to put forth such a tissue of malignant misrepresentation as that which appears in its platform, where that instrument denounces the convention matter.

The Republican convention also misrepresents the fact in stating that the action of the Legislature was the action of the Democratic party. As yet, the Democratic party of Virginia is not committed to the calling of a constitutional convention. We admit that those members of the Legislature who voted in favor of submitting the question to a vote of the people are Democrats; but a number of other Democrats voted against the proposition. Our legislative caucus did not undertake to commit our party to the proposition, and could not have done so if it had tried. At the same time we recognize the fact that our party will be held responsible for the acts of the Legislature.

Whether the constitutional convention shall be made a party question will be one of the things that will probably be considered at the State Democratic Convention, to be held at Staunton on June 4th. That was "a fine Italian hand" which drafted the convention plank of the Republican platform, and its evident purpose was to make Democrats distrustful of the constitutional convention scheme. As for the Republicans, they can, of course, be counted upon to vote against any proposition advanced by Democrats.

Since the development of the purpose of some of our free silver brethren to throw an apple of discord into our ranks in the form of the unit-rule scheme we cannot but wish that the constitutional convention question were not in our way just now. What with the unit-rule project and this convention question, and all of the routine business that must be disposed of at Staunton, we fear that our party convention will have more work to do than it can do well in one or two days. However, we are now confronted with the daring assertions of the Republican platform, and we must take notice of them in one way or another.

Our State Democratic convention may approve the constitutional convention scheme "out and out," or it may approve the scheme and declare the policy that would guide our party should a constitutional convention be ordered and our party entrusted with the control of it. This was the plan suggested some time ago, by Governor O'Ferrall, and which, we date say, is more favored now than it was then. Or, our party convention may declare "out and out" against calling a convention to amend the Constitution at this time. Or it may be altogether silent, which would be equivalent to leaving the proposition to be decided by a united Republican party and a divided Democratic party. One other course may be left to us—to answer the Republicans in our platform as they deserve, and then provide for the calling of a party convention, say in March, 1897, to determine whether or not the Democratic party of Virginia would make the vote upon the convention question a party issue.

Such is the situation as we see it. With the unit rule out of the way at Staunton, possibly our State convention will have the time to take up the other question and discuss it fully and dispassionately. But if our State Democratic Convention has both of these subjects to deal with—this within the space of a few hours—this that is usually given to such matters—

WORK. LEAGUES, WORK.
There ought to be no opposition to the nomination of the League ticket, but that there is plenty of it would be useless to deny. Would the Democratic party of Richmond refuse to any similar number of its voters the small favors that the League asks? Certainly not. On the contrary, our party has granted to other elements not half as great in numbers three as much as the League asks. Then why this formidable opposition and relentless hostility to the League? Is it because the League is composed of bad men? Is it that the League asks for what would be hurtful to the city? No; no one can make any such assertion with the faintest prospect of sustaining himself by the facts in the case. The truth is that the opposition is for the most part the product of misrepresentation of the League's motives and of a deliberate attempt to stigmatize it as a "class" movement.

In view of this unjustifiable hostility, the thing for the League to do is to meet organization with organization, and expose every slander, no matter where uttered. Every member, whether he be a business-man or a workman, ought to resolve to give his best efforts to electing the ticket. The nobleness should be unflinchingly supported. Unity of action on the part of members is indispensable to success. Members did not go into the League for the promotion of personal ends, and should not allow their personal preferences to control them.

In short, the League should organize to get its vote out on the 30th and cast it for the nominees. The time to prepare is now.

If the members of the Democratic League for Good Government in Richmond would work half as hard as their opponents are working, victory would be certain and decisive. Activity will win the victory; inactivity will throw it into the hands of the opponents of the League.

COMPARE THE TWO.

The letter of the Democratic League for Good Government, which was published a few days ago, shows that Richmond's burdens of taxation are far heavier than those of the average city of our class, and the following, taken from the State and city supplement of the Financial Chronicle, affords a comparison between Richmond and Atlanta. This statement we published yesterday, but we re-publish it for the special benefit of those who think that the Democratic League is raising a false cry:

Richmond debt, 1896, \$7,038,182
Floating debt 32,000
Total \$7,358,182
Atlanta debt, 1895 4,988,000
Assets of Richmond, valued at \$5,194,727
Assets of Atlanta, valued at \$7,573,650
Real estate of Richmond, \$2,897,784
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Personal property, Richmond \$19,067,278
Personal property, Atlanta 12,589,565

Tax-rate Atlanta, based on half-cash value \$1.50
Tax-rate Richmond, based on 88-2-5 full value 1.49
Charter-line of Richmond, 15 per cent.
Charter of Atlanta prohibits increase of present debt.

In the matter of reforms for Cuba, Spain doesn't seem to appreciate the force of "He who gives quickly gives twice." The reforms she now offers are out of date to the Cuban patriot mind.

How McKinley is to complete his arch without the Keystone Republicans remains to be seen.

The League Ticket.
(The Richmond Times.)
All Democrats should vote in the primary, and all should vote for the League candidates.
(From the State.)
If the candidate is on the list endorsed by the Good Government League, vote for him. If he is not on that list, do not vote for him. This is the rule to follow. Personal preferences have no place here.

FIRE AT TOANO.

A Pretty Building Burned—Rain Greatly Needed.
TOANO, VA., April 24.—(Special.)—The new and beautiful building here, known as the "Geddy House," and belonging to R. H. Slater, was burned to the ground yesterday evening. The fire started from a small cook-house, and the loss is covered by insurance. At one time it seemed as if this magic little place was doomed. The barn and stable, nearby, the stores of Messrs. Curtis & Geddy and C. H. Slater were all on fire at one time, but fortunately there was a large number of workers soon upon the ground, and shingles were ripped off faster than used corn-husks, fully 15 yards from the main fire, caught, and was turned to ashes.

Dr. Stephenson, our local physician, is quite sick with the measles. Oats, Irish potatoes, and pastures are much in need of rain, which seems nearly covered. The unusually hot weather has caused a large quantity of bedded sweet potatoes to be entirely ruined.

Amelia Court-Day.

AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., April 24.—(Special.)—Yesterday was our regular County Court-day, Judge R. R. Farrar presiding for the first time since his severe illness.

The court was utterly void of interest, there not being a case on the docket, either civil or criminal.

There was quite a crowd in attendance, and a number of the usual "curious" men and women of your city were also on the ground.

Our county appears to be growing dry, not more than half of the usual liquor-licenses having been granted yesterday. Twenty-six years ago there were thirty-six licenses granted for the sale of liquor in this county; yesterday only four.

The interior of our court-house is being

remodeled and modernized, and when finished (painted and carpeted) will be a handsome and pleasant audience-room.

Our Sheriff, W. T. Vaughan, who has been in the last two months, is out and looking well.

THE WORK OF RECAPITULATION.

Committee Proceeding Slowly and Carefully with Undertaking.
The special joint committee appointed to recapitulate the work done by the City Council since July 1, 1894, met yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock in Room No. 11 of the City Hall, Messrs. Davis (chairman), Caskey, and Noble were present.

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Mr. Caskey further stated that he was of the opinion that a great deal of time should be expended upon the work if it was to be carried out in a satisfactory manner.

An informal discussion then followed, after which the adjournment was taken to meet again on Thursday, May 7th, at 5:30 o'clock.

The committee on Third Market held a meeting at 6:30 o'clock in Room No. 11 of the City Hall yesterday evening. Only routine business was transacted, and after a short session the committee adjourned.

ALL WERE BADLY DISEASED.

Mr. Bryan's Condemned Cattle Had Generalized Tuberculosis.
The cattle belonging to the valuable herd of Mr. Joseph Bryan, which were found to be suffering with tuberculosis, were driven to Bickerstaff's fertilizing establishment and slaughtered Thursday afternoon. Six out of a herd of ten were condemned on the examination. They were beautiful specimens, and no one would have suspected that they were literally full of disease.

Dr. W. H. Harbaugh, the well-known surgeon, who had previously conducted an examination of the herd, in company with Dr. H. J. Hoge, Dr. J. M. Sweeney, Dr. Thomas M. Sweeney, and Dr. Edward P. Valentine to witness the post-mortem and the slaughter of the infected animals. All six of them were found to be in the worst stages, having what is termed "generalized tuberculosis," leaving no susceptible part of the animal unimpregnated.

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MAYOR OF ST. CHARLES.

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\$2 Knives, 75c. 50 DOZEN TABLE KNIVES AND FORKS, BEST STEEL, FANCY HANDLE, NEVER SLEET UNDER PER DOZEN; TO-DAY, 75c.

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