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FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

1. "The minority representation" plan has not been used in Richmond in any gubernatorial election contest for twenty years.

2. In the gubernatorial contest of 1892 there was a primary election and each precinct here elected its own delegates.

3. Excepting Richmond and three Henrico precincts on the borders of this city, no other communities in this State have adopted the minority plan.

4. Everywhere else the candidate who is the strongest gets the vote of the election district conventions.

5. In short, other communities may easily give their solid votes for their favorite candidates, while under our plan our city is practically prohibited from doing so.

Query: Is our plan fair to Richmond? If it is to become a precedent here how can we ever hope to make our city's influence properly felt in State and district conventions?

We do not desire our correspondents to burden their dispatches with resolutions of instruction passed by Democratic meetings in electing delegates to the Roanoke convention.

WEARING OF THE GRAY. The Dispatch would like to see the First Regiment clad in gray as soon as possible.

Gray makes a uniform both dressy and serviceable. Besides, it is a color dear to us from associations. It was the Confederate color; but long before the Confederacy came into existence the First—certainly, most of the companies in that color it promptly took the field.

Gray cloth was scarce in the South at all times, and at the beginning of hostilities the companies when formed had to content themselves with any color and sort of uniform cloth they could procure.

Often these cloths were hastily gathered up in country towns and were made up by the lady friends of the volunteers who were to wear them. And there were thousands who wore suits of homespun—suits woven, cut, and made up by our country women. And so it happened that in the same regiment there were many companies wearing cloths of different colors and shades.

Usually, however, the officers' uniforms were of the regulation gray. The Richmond Blues discarded their fine dress uniform for a service uniform of gray. The Howitzers' uniform was also of gray.

And many other companies raised here if they did not have gray uniforms at the outset got them as soon as possible. The Crenshaw woolen-mills, of this city, which were located on the south side of the canal near the foot of Second street, were makers of a fine gray uniform cloth. It was of the color and texture of "cadet cloth" and was very serviceable.

BOYS "WORE THE GRAY"—"THE REBEL GRAY"—"THE OTHER PEOPLE WORE THE BLUE."

The gray makes us think of the smoke that curled over our battle line and calls to mind Manassas, the Seven-Days' battles, Chickamauga, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and other places where the gray-jacketed boys fell in heaps. Many others that were wounded and taken to the rear went home to die. And so unto this day we may find in many a southern home, put away with priceless treasures, a worn and faded gray jacket or officer's coat. Perhaps it may be bullet-perforated or blood stained. But, anyhow, it is a memorial of one of those who gave their heart's blood for us.

It is treasured along with the toys and little frocks of the dead children of the family, with locks of hair cut from the good, gray heads of mother and father. It is an heirloom, speaking of chivalry, of its blighted hopes of southern independence, and of young life crushed in its bloom. May these gray jackets ever be preserved. In the households where they are loved and kept they will be found to be charms against the besetting sins of ingratitude and forgetfulness.

Yes, let us see the First in gray again. We have never been satisfied with the change that was made under the stress of pecuniary conditions, which, we hope, do not exist now.

NOT ENOUGH MEN. Let us hope that our police authorities will double or treble the number of men whose duty it is to patrol "the penitentiary bottom." It is a locality into which we doubt if a policeman should be sent alone.

The Dispatch, in discussing this question, has never failed to pay tribute to the fidelity of the officers who are on duty there from time to time. No; but what we say is that the details made for this duty are not sufficient. More men are needed there. Possibly these might be secured by withdrawing some from other duties which are insignificant in importance in comparison with the demands of this situation.

First, "the bottom" ought to be freed from the presence of all suspicious characters. Ex-convicts, without visible means of support, would come under this heading, we suppose.

Next, policemen in couples or trios ought to be sent to the bottom every night and kept there. For the time being no other duty should be expected of them. The ex-convicts and other disreputable and disorderly persons would soon take their flight if they found that arrangements had been made to subdue them into a state of peacefulness.

All these matters we commend to the earnest attention of our police authorities. Let it not be said that they are powerless to do more than they are now doing. This cannot be. Surely the resources of the department will not utterly fail when a demand comes for a few men to do extra duty for a little while. The order-loving and respectable people, white and black, living upon the borders of "the bottom" await the time when the neighborhood will be so constantly and vigilantly patrolled that disorderly characters will fly from it as from the muzzle of a loaded gun.

Again, we say that "the bottom" is not a beat upon which a lone policeman should be put.

THE MONUMENT ASSOCIATION. The question has been raised here whether the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, of which the Hon. J. Taylor Ellison is president, has any legal existence. It has been stated that it had probably forfeited its charter because it had not had annual meetings and election of officers.

There is nothing at all in the point. Ex-Judge George L. Christian, one of the incorporators of the association, and a member of the Board of Directors from the start, has given as his legal opinion that the charter does not require the association to have such elections. Moreover, he declares that the proceedings of the association have been in all respects regular and legal.

We may add, that the funds of the association are all deposited in the State Bank of Richmond, the president of that institution, J. S. Elliott, Esq., being the treasurer of the association. Further: There is a committee of the United Confederate Veterans—one from each State—charged with the duty of co-operating with the Richmond association, and that committee had a full and satisfactory meeting here last summer, when prizes were awarded for monument designs.

Of course, it has been difficult to collect money for the monument fund since this business depression settled upon the country, but the affairs of the association are managed by gentlemen of well-known character and financial skill. They have been watching and waiting for the first turn in the business tide, intending to fill the Southland with solicitors for the fund, and this they will do at the first favorable moment.

WE MOVE TO AMEND. In a recent article in the Contemporary Review, A. V. Dicey, a distinguished Englishman, proposes a common citizenship of all English-speaking people. His idea is that an act of the Imperial Parliament should make every citizen of the United States, during the continuance of peace between England and America, a British subject, and that simultaneously an act of Congress should make every British subject, during the continuance of such peace, a citizen of the United States.

Mr. Dicey's idea is good enough as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough to fill the measure of sublimated Utopianism. We would amend his proposition by providing that the United States and Great Britain swap governments every alternate year—or, better still, that each government be made up of "air" of the government of the other country.

We admit that our amendment presents difficulties not presented in the original proposition, but surely the genius who conceived the latter ought to be equal to any occasion.

The New York Evening Post, in discussing lynchings, says it is a favorite theory that the delays in the administration of punishment through the courts are the frequent causes of popular vengeance, and that some provision should be made by which an immediate trial can be insured in cases of peculiarly atrocious crime. "But," adds the Post, "that something else is needed to stop lynch law is proved by the recent experience of Maryland, where the sentence of a colored criminal to death within a short time after the offence was committed exercised no restraining influence upon the mob."

Exactly. And that something else is the cessation of the heinous crime that led to the Maryland and Alabama lynchings.

VICTORIA'S JUBILEE.

The wish of all nations that Queen Victoria may live to see many returns of the anniversary of her accession to the Throne is not an idle compliment. The brilliancy of the pageant that is to mark the celebration of her jubilee is but a reflection of her reign, and the homage, the love, and the respect that pageant will illustrate are but her due. She has put honor upon sovereignty, womanhood, wifehood, and motherhood, and in each of those relations has worn an untarnished crown.

The sixty years of Victoria's rule constitute one of Great Britain's greatest history-making periods. And while it is true that in some respects she has not as much power as has the President of the United States, it is not true, as has been frequently asserted, that she has been a mere figure-head. Her influence, tact, and common sense have stood Great Britain good stead in more than one grave crisis. Time and again, during storms at home and abroad, she has quietly poured oil upon the troubled waters, with the result of averting serious complications, if not disaster.

If her ministers have been the power behind the throne, she has been a power behind her ministers, and an equal contributor with the several governments of her reign to whatever of honor and prestige has redounded to Great Britain since she became Queen. Monarchy is enabled by having such a representative; the glory of true womanhood is made more glorious by such a type of wife and mother.

In an article on the care of libraries, we find these valuable suggestions: The real book-lover, the man who has reached a point of culture which distinguishes between taste and vulgarity in the manufacture of books, will not need to be told that leaves must be cut with a proper knife, preferably of ivory, and cut through to the corners; that not the title-page, but the blank fly-leaf, is the place for the owner's name; that books must not be left lying open face downwards; that they are not card-racks, crum-baskets, or receptacles for flowers and dead leaves; that they should not be dusted by slapping them together; that they should be kept on shelves, not lying about on tables. Here, from the same article, is also a little hint to parents touching the matter of teaching their children how to treat books: Unless one is instructed early in life in the care of books he remains a hopeless Philistine to the end of his days. The old savage instinct is sure to break out. In moments of primeval impulse he may break a blinding or dog-ear leaf.

Joe Blackburn is not out of politics. Far from it—he hopes to return to the United States Senate in the place of Mr. Lindsay. Last year Mr. Lindsay supported the Palmer and Buckner ticket, and therefore he is not at this time in favor with the Democratic party of Kentucky.

The members of the Tokio Government doubtless regarded Hawaii as a Japanese plum, but it seems to have turned out for them a green persimmon. At any rate, they are making a very wry face over it.

"The Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, has been given the finest collection of Chinese and Asiatic coins in existence." It was a free coinage act, observe.

If we should annex Hawaii we would have several volcanoes that are of the highest order of spouters, and so we might not need Congress so much.

It is quite refreshing to find that in law the newspaper man has some rights that senators as well as other politicians are bound to respect.

Retort Discounters. "Time and tide, you know," she said, "wait for no man, quick or dead." He, recalling that she wooed, Guise of youth in spinstershood. Quite unfeelingly replied— "That is wholly true of tide, But it seems that time's inclined Oft to wait for womankind."

His Warm Regard. "Ma's got to be a 'cycle crank." His wife did mildly say; "In fact, her ardor's rather rank, '—She's scorching every day."

"And very like, with her set ways," He said, as pipe he lit. "When time has numbered all his days she'll still continue it."

Swore Off on Mixed Drinks. "They tell me, uncle, that you have sworn off to some extent of late." "Y'm torkin' Gospel trufe, sah; 'deed 'ye 're."

"As I understand it, you have made a vow not to indulge any more in mixed drinks." "Dat's a fact, sah."

"I am very glad to hear it. That is surely a move in the right direction, and may lead to further and complete reform."

"Yassir; 'ye see, de water in dis part of de kentry am got so mix wid 'de de doctors call backerteries, an' de like er dat, dat mer hel couldn't put wid it, an' I jus' hater fill in wid plain spirit. Oh, yassir, I done kyored merser'er drinkin' 'mix' beverages."

The Irish of It. An Irishman whose orchard had been invaded by some piebickers was arraigning the poachers with no mild form of vehemence, when one of the party said to him: "There, my friend, don't get yourself into such a state of excitement; we'll compensate you."

"Compensate me?" returned Pat; "be gorra, ye ought to pay me."

In Suburbanville. Husband: Quite a railroad accident at the station this morning. Wife: Oh, horrors! Don't tell me about it. You are always bringing home blood-curdling stories, and I don't want to hear them.

Husband: But there was no blood spilled in this accident, my dear. It was merely a case of a train arriving on time.

Better Than He Knew. Flasher: Well, I suppose you carried out your intention of calling on Miss Ruby last evening? Dumbleton: Yes. Flasher: And did you make a good impression? Dumbleton: A good impression? Say! I sat down on the freshly-painted porch.

Very Comforting. Husband: It does seem to me that a man no sooner dies, nowadays, than he is forgotten. I hope, my dear, that when I pass away you will keep my memory green.

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Wife: I couldn't keep it any other color, love, if I wanted to be reminded of you.

Couldn't place it. Assistant: Dr. Graves has just sent in an article on "Diseases of the Spinal Column"; can we find space for it? Editor: Of course not. It would be entirely out of place in a current issue. Assistant: How so? Editor: Why, don't the subject suggest that it ought to be in a back number?

Rather High. He: You seem to have a very high opinion of that little dog of yours. She: Yes; a sky-high opinion.

It is the proud boast of the merchants of St. Petersburg that they always do a Russian business. It is not considered cannibalistic for a man to live on his cheek. A lady with taper fingers should never write burning sentences.

Literary Notes. Miss Ellen McKay Hutchinson, who for many years has conducted the department of books on the New York Tribune, was recently married to Mr. Royal Cortissoz, who is art editor of the same paper, and also a contributor to the department of book reviews. Mrs. Cortissoz ranks as one of the most accomplished literateurs and critics of the day, and it is to be hoped that Cupid's gain will not prove to be the Tribune's loss.

Among the most important articles in the Review of Reviews for June are "The Queen's Empire," by W. T. Stead; "Teachers' Pensions," by Elizabeth A. Allen; and "Defective Eyesight in Children," by Dr. Frank Allport. The remarkable growth of "The Queen's Empire" since her accession is fully set forth, and a wonderful showing it makes. The article is profusely illustrated.

McClure's, for June, contains a paper, illustrated, on Professor S. P. Langley's flying-machine, written by the professor himself. The New York World of June 6th contains a translation by Mr. Andrew Lang, of the Pope's Latin poem, recently mentioned in this column. The poem is in the model of the Epistles of Horace.

"Women Novelists on Women Novelists" is the title of a book that will be published this month by Messrs. Hurst & Blackett, of London. Nine living novelists are to write upon their predecessors. Mrs. Oliphant heads the list, and is followed by Mrs. Lynn Linton, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Macquoid, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Yonge, Miss Adeline Sergeant, and "Edna Lyall." Mrs. Oliphant will deal with the Brontës; Mrs. Linton with George Eliot, and Edna Lyall with Mrs. Gaskell. The book is designed as a commemoration of the forthcoming Jubilee, and while it is not intended that the volume be an encyclopedia in its scope, an attempt has, nevertheless, been made to select and treat of the representative women fiction-writers of the reign, whose work is now ended, but is still read, and is still an influence.

Mr. Edmund Clarence Steadman, the "banker poet," will bring out a new volume of poetry in the fall. It is now definitely announced that "The Martian," Du Maurier's last novel, will be published on Thursday, July 1st. We hope that it will not reawaken interest in and bring on a revival of "Tribby."

A "Life of Wagner," by Houston Stuart Chamberlain, of Vienna, will be published by the J. B. Lippincott Company. It will be published simultaneously in German and English, and will contain many rare illustrations, including facsimile reproductions of part of the score of each of Wagner's operas. The book will be exhaustive in scope.

The Lippincotts will publish, also, "Picturesque Europe: East and Present." The same firm will publish "Peter the Great," by K. Wallezky, author of the successful "Romance of an Empress; Catherine II. of Russia."

"Uncle Bernie," Conan Doyle's new historical romance, has just been published by the Appletons. Maurus Jokai, the Hungarian novelist, asked what he thought about English women novelists, answered that he disliked "the whole lot." Gallant M. Jokai!

What Are You Going to Do? (Communicated.) "What are you going to do about it?" is a question which has repulsive political associations. It may be asked by a doctor called backerteries, an' de like er dat, dat mer hel couldn't put wid it, an' I jus' hater fill in wid plain spirit. Oh, yassir, I done kyored merser'er drinkin' 'mix' beverages."

What are you going to do about it? I appeal to every lover of fair play in Richmond and out of it, no matter whether he is interested in Mr. Ellison's candidacy or not, to join in rebuking this arrogant and unjust discrimination against him. It may not be a matter of great public moment which of the two—Mr. Ellison or Major Tyler—is Governor for next term. But it is a matter of utmost importance that a piece of manifest, deliberate, and pertinacious injustice on the part of our City Committee should be sternly condemned. There is one effective way of rebuking this.

Unspoken Words. (Boston Transcript.) If I had known how soon the purple shadow would shut from my sight, Had I known how soon the angels' welcoming voices In far-off fields of light Would call the home, though I must linger sweeter, Earth's best days to tread, I might have been with you, with slow, trembling fingers, Life's tangled, broken thread, I would have loosed the love-words, fluttering, singing, And watched them as they circled 'round about thee, To light upon thy breast. Too oft, amid life's stress, I hushed their singing, To murmurs soft and low, That brought to me, indeed, sweet hourly comfort, But thou—thou couldst not know, To-night, alone amid the deepening darkness, how I longed to tread, The while it breathes a sad yet tender comfort, Even as the sobbing strain, Re-echoes in the organ's glorious music, Voicing the anguish hid 'neath all life's rapture, On one low, ceaseless moan.

Perchance, those words unspoken, The all-wise, that in His tender love, And when thou didst awake, sweeter, bewilder'd, In the new home above, They sang to thee the old familiar story, And earth's dear human joys were intermingled, With heavenly joys begun.

The darkness deepens, but the stars are gleaming, Seeking high overhead, And in the love that binds earth close to Heaven, My heart is comforted, NELLIE P. CLEPP.

Old papers for sale at the Dispatch office.

The Spider, '97, Richmond College.

A Spider, (For the Dispatch). Doubtless, many people living in Richmond, as well as in other parts of Virginia, are not aware of the close and accurate study of biology which is being made by the students of Richmond College. It is so improbable that some of the trustees and, perhaps, some members of the faculty, are also ignorant of this, for we fail to find biology among the sciences included in the course of study as given by the annual catalogue. It is true, however, that heretofore existed, there is certainly no excuse for its longer residence among us, for the appearance of the book bearing the title given above makes it possible to supply this deficiency of knowledge.

The daily papers of the city have heretofore announced that the young men of the college would issue an annual towards the close of the session. Even the most sanguine expectations of their friends have been far surpassed by the neat and attractive appearance of the book itself, which made its bow to the public last week.

The first impressions of any new book are always gained from the outside, and many a book has found a purchaser by reason of its pleasing exterior, for an attractive cover must necessarily somewhat precede any one—even a critic—in the book's favor.

In the case of "The Spider," the managing editors could hardly have selected a neater cover. Most appropriately, the book is bound in the college colors—viz., crimson and navy blue—the front page of the cover is ornamented with a large spider sitting serenely and expectantly on its silvery web, ready to ensnare the unsuspecting fly.

Our favorable impression made by the handsome cover is deepened as we begin to examine the pages of the book, for smooth, glossy paper and tasteful skill in mechanical execution combine with the literary and artistic excellence on the part of the contributors to make "The Spider" attractive.

In making his bow to a critical public, "The Spider" realizes that "there are many who, forgetful that the fairy fabric of his home is toilsomely spun from his very bowels, would crush him at the outset, so he appeals to the literary otomologist, from succor and indulgence."

The various college organizations first receive "The Spider's" attention, and he names the officers and gives brief historical sketches of the Athletic Association, Lawn Tennis Association, Geographical and Historical Society, Literary societies, Greek-Letter fraternities, Greek Club, Young Men's Christian Association, Glee Club, Peanut Club, Independent Order of Midnight Tea-Pullers, etc., etc.

Who that has ever seen a spider's web with its graceful, funnel-shaped tunnel, leading to the spider's bed-chamber, can have failed to realize that this insect is artistic?

True to his tribe, the College Spider also shows a well-developed artistic bent. Not only does he present excellent pictures of several groups of students, and one of the faculty, but he shows himself independent of the camera, and gives us several original drawings of no small merit. "The Tenor Girl," "The Serenade," and "Peanut Colic" are especially worthy of notice, besides many others of almost equal merit.

But "The Spider" offers food to the imaginative as well. Professor L. R. Southern, of the University of Texas, whom "The Spider" most aptly dubs the Poet Laureate of Richmond College, gives an interesting account of "Dick Richard," who, though he may have had no soul himself, as certainly appears patently assured, us, certainly appeals to us tenderly and sweetly to the souls of others, as he stands forth in "The Spider's" web.

"A. S. W." gives, in "The Auction at Finch & Barker's," a graphic illustration of the evils which sometimes follow either an excess of the author's indulgence in our fellowmen. This scene of this story is laid in the town of Blasted Pine, Va.

"The Epistles of 'Crookshanks' and 'Ephraim Guss,' 'Wynback' furnish good reading to the most sedate. "Tarnots" tells in verse of "The Devil and the Lawyers," in a manner suited to instruct even our chief justices. The poetic muse also inspired "The Spider," but as his language might not be intelligible to the public, he induced Misses Anna Steger Winston and Mary Wynne Jones, and Messrs. Garnett Ryland, Henry Nicholas, and Professor John Pollard, besides some others who screen their identity behind initials, to act as his interpreters.

"Springs is a great traveller—at least, on land—as is shown by the number of webs suspended from bough to bough. This insect seems also to have visited the old country, as "Leaflets from an Ocean Diary," interpreted for him by "O. L. H.," clearly shows. We sincerely trust the party from the college, who are travelling abroad this summer, may not be subjected to such thrilling experiences as these "Leaflets" relate. That "The Spider" also appreciates humor is evident from the excellent cartoons he publishes from the members of the faculty. To be appreciated they must be seen.

We close the book with feelings of warmest congratulation to the young men on the success they have won in their first annual. The managing editors have set the mark for their successors very high, and if the "race of insects" that hope to appear annually" shall be the appearance of each succeeding insect will be awaited with much interest.

We bespeak for "The Spider" a warm and hearty reception by the friends of the young men and of the college, for it is worthy of nothing less.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BUREAU OF CHEESEMAN LANE ICE BRIDGE AND REFRIGERATED ICE COMPANY, will be held at the office of the company, 1215 Main street, on MONDAY, June 21st, at 10 o'clock P. M. A. H. CHRISTIAN, Jr., Secretary. Je 13, Su21m

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RICHMOND PAPER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, will be held at the office of the company, 1215 Main street, on MONDAY, June 21st, at 10 o'clock P. M. A. H. CHRISTIAN, Jr., Secretary. Je 6-14

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