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TURNING THE RASCALS OUT.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald telegraphs in his paper that the prevailing feeling in that city, as expressed by friends of good government, is that the President cannot act too quickly and too vigorously in purging the government of the tainted men responsible for the tainted meat.

No doubt of it. And this feeling is not confined to the friends of good government in Washington. It prevails among the friends of good government throughout the land. Everywhere there is a rising tide of indignation over the revelations that have been made. From all parts of the country come the cry of "turn the rascals out," and the demand that the administration act quickly and vigorously.

But can the President afford to pursue such a course? Acting vigorously would mean an investigation that would investigate, and there is no telling what ramifications the investigation would take, or whom it would involve before the end was reached. In view of broad hints that have been dropped associating millionaire campaign contributors with the scandal, there is no telling what exposures as to political methods would result from a vigorous and honest inquiry.

There is more than a suspicion that such an inquiry would not only disclose a fearful state of rottenness in the War Department, but run back to certain bargains made in the last presidential campaign. That is to say, there is more than a suspicion that the War Department jobbery connected with our war with Spain rendered the Republican party in 1896. It is more than possible that an attempt to turn the rascals of the War Department out would carry with it the conviction of other rascals along other lines.

We are not prepared to believe that President McKinley had any foreknowledge of crookedness in the War Department. Nevertheless, he is responsible for the conditions that rendered crookedness possible, and to ask him to purge the government of those who are crooked is to place him in a very embarrassing position. The following of the trail vigorously might not only multiply the exposures of rottenness, but bring the investigators too close to the doors of some of those to whom he is most indebted for the presidency. Hence we say that the only hope of getting at the bottom of the whole matter lies in an investigation by an impartial congressional committee.

And we believe that, unless public temper undergoes a radical change, sooner or later such a committee will be raised. The public owe it to themselves and to the public good of the nation to demand an investigation that will lay bare all the facts, no matter whom the operation may hurt. So far as the embalmment scandal has been probed, it suggests that this is not the only matter in which there may have been outrageous, not to say criminal, jobbery.

GRATITUDE.

The burning of the cane-fields in Cuba is said to be largely the work of negroes. The negroes, it is explained, constituted the greater part of the Cuban army, and have a grievance in the fact that the white Cubans are getting all the offices the Americans have to give.

A contemporary, in commenting on the crime of these wretches, says that the indulgence in such vandalism out of spite because civil offices and other employments have not been given to Cuban soldiers in sufficient abundance is an illogical proceeding, which ought to be stopped.

Isn't it, however, the logical result rather of our "humanity" experiment? Is there, indeed, any reason to be surprised at the proceeding? Just such lawlessness was forced by thoughtful students of the Cuban question long before we took up arms in behalf of the "patriots." We were told upon the best of authority that the average Cuban in the "army of liberty" was more bandit than patriot. We were advised by those who knew whereof they spoke that the vast majority of the "struggling Cubans" did not want the United States to render their cause armed assistance. All they wanted was that we furnish them with arms and ammunition and provisions in order that they might continue their plundering and guerrilla warfare until the Spaniards were driven out and they could divide the

TAX LAWS.

The Georgia Tax Commission met at Atlanta on Tuesday to consider the laws of that State relating to taxation. The commission consists of the President of the Senate and three members of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and five other representatives. The resolution under which these gentlemen were appointed declares that Georgia's "present system as a whole is inadequate to meet the purposes for which it was intended, and is not in keeping with the wisdom, experience, business judgment, and progressive methods which have marked the course of a large majority of other States in these matters, and as a consequence millions of dollars in taxable values are not now being returned for taxation, and much of the property now on the digest is returned at an unfair valuation."

The tax laws of Virginia also need revision. At the next meeting of the Legislature that subject surely will occupy much attention. It is not to be thought of that the "land-grabbers' law" shall continue in force without being amended, and as to remove its extortionate and obnoxious features.

It has been an object lesson in many respects. It has taught the public much about the working of our collection laws. It has disclosed practices that are very unjust to landholders, and which work great hardships. Foolish, indeed, would our people be if they did not require the Legislature to remedy the evils thus uncovered. In that way we are not altogether without hope that the law may accomplish some good. On the other hand, so indignant are many people at the hardships imposed by this law upon themselves and neighbors, there may arise a public sentiment which, as we have said before, may swing the pendulum back too far the other way, and demand tax laws that are as unreasonably lax as this one is unreasonably severe.

It is true the land-grabbers' law will put a large sum of money in the State Treasury, but what will that profit the State if it causes an immoderate relaxation in our collection laws?

It would be a good thing if Virginia's revenue legislation were carefully revised and amended, but we doubt if this is an opportune time to propose such a reform. The masses of the people are impatient to see the land-grabbers' act stripped of all its obnoxious features, if not repealed in toto, and would not be willing to await the slow movements of a tax commission.

Love's Offering. (Boston Transcript.) Dear Heart, could I do as I would, To show the love I bear— Could I do more for thee—more good, And give thee life from care, Then would my own life be complete, Its bitter would be turned to sweet, Its shadowed hours to fair.

I could not find a sweeter task, Nor seek a higher aim, Than to serve thee in my heart might ask To bring success and fame; To help you win the splendid prize That surely in the future lies— To crown your work and name.

But I can only consecrate My wandering days and nights, To serve you in all ways that fate May give me strength to do; 'Tis only thus I can repay The joys you've shed across my way, Or show my love for you.

—HENRY SINCLAIR.

Does Not Concern Virginia.

(Norfolk Ledger.) When the funding bill of 1871 was passed the debt of old Virginia—that is, West Virginia and Virginia—amounted in round numbers to \$45,000,000. Virginia assumed two thirds of this, and left the remaining fifteen millions to be provided for by West Virginia, but that State has repeatedly refused to make any provision for its payment. Both political parties in the Mountain State are opposed to the assumption of this obligation by West Virginia, as was shown by the unanimous vote of the Legislature last week. Commenting upon this action of the West Virginia Legislature, the Lynchburg News, in its issue of last Sunday, had this to say:

The Democrats and the Republicans in the West Virginia Legislature agreed on one point. They have decided by a unanimous vote that West Virginia will not pay one cent of the debt contracted by Virginia before the division of the States. Virginia assumed two thirds of the debt, assigning West Virginia the other third, which was believed to be her fair proportion. It is not easy to understand on what principle of morals West Virginia can refuse to pay her proportional share of the debt.

An interesting question which no longer concerns Virginia. The bondholders will have to fight it out with West Virginia as best they may. West Virginia was not made a State by the action of Virginia. The Federal Government is responsible for the existing situation. It is not morally bound for any part of the debt, but the Federal Government should assume the responsibility, and the bondholders must look to Washington, and not to Richmond, for payment.

Our Passenger Depots.

To the Editor of the Dispatch. Don't you think enough prosperity has come to warrant an expectation in the community that the railroad lines entering the city should do something towards the proposed depots? The Chesapeake and Ohio went so far as to have the route through the city surveyed, and in the political campaign of 1896 the authorities of the road gave out that they could not build the depot if the country went for free silver. The decision went to suit them. What are the reasons for this? Southern is a great road. Does it do justice to the city in the shanty it displays to the traveller? "GOOD TIMES."

Fires in Roanoke.

ROANOKE, VA., January 25.—(Special.) The residence of L. S. Meadows, secretary of the Farmers' Supply Company, was almost totally destroyed by a fire today, which originated from a defective heater. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The damage was estimated at \$10,000.

Killed by a Fast Freight.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 25.—(Special.)—Marion Creamer, 8 years old, a son of J. M. Creamer, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was killed this afternoon by being run over by a fast freight train. He accidentally fell beneath the wheels while standing near the tracks. The railroad will be taken to Baltimore. Mr. Creamer was formerly located in Richmond in an official capacity with the Western Union. He is well known here.

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NEWPORT NEWS.

Arrival of an Overland Steamship—A Marriage. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 25.—(Special.)—The British steamer Trojan, Captain Torkildsen, arrived in Hampton Roads last night, ten days overdue on her voyage from Glasgow to Newport News. This morning the vessel came up to the city, and will load for a return trip to Glasgow. In speaking of his morning's correspondence, Captain Torkildsen said: "We left Glasgow December 23rd, and should have made the trip in sixteen days, which is our usual winter time. We had good weather for twelve hours after leaving port, but then we encountered heavy westerly gales, which continued for twenty-one days. For a length of time it was the roughest weather I ever experienced. We were continually pitching, tossing, and rolling, and some days we were unable to make more than 2 knots. At other times we did not always go ahead, as very frequently we were forced in a southerly direction by the big seas. My ship's daily average is 25 knots, but only three days of the voyage were over that mark. I can say, and I say frequently, it was much less than that. I was in hopes that I would pick up a derelict in order to make up for my loss, but not a ship, not even a plank did I pass."

Miss Susannah Harriet Tucker, of this city, and Henry Tucker, who is employed in the Chesapeake and Ohio office in Richmond, were married this afternoon at the Washington-Avenue Methodist church by Rev. Bernard F. Lipscomb, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The bride was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The bride entered the church on the arm of Mr. E. Christian, a relative, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Hattie Christian, and the ushers—Messrs. Bert L. and J. H. Tucker. At the church the bridal party was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Thomas R. Belch, of this city. Miss Laura Davis played the wedding march from Lohengrin on the organ, and "O, Promise Me!"

The bride was attired in a handsome tailor-made suit of blue, and wore hat and veil to match. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor wore a suit of dark-brown novelty goods, and hat and veil to match, and carried La France roses.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Tucker proceeded to Old Point Comfort in a carriage, and there boarded the Washington boat for an extended trip through the South. They will make a tour in Richmond on their return. Mr. Tucker's bride has been a resident of Newport News for about five years, and has been in the employ of the Cottrell Road-Case Company, as stenographer and book-keeper.

During the case of Thomas Ash, the negro, who assaulted a white man by the name of Watkins several months ago on Newport News creek, returned a verdict of guilty at Warwick court-house yesterday, and fixed punishment at six months in the penitentiary. Arthur Denmark, which came ashore in a recent gale, at Port Arthur, was gotten off yesterday by a wrecking party from here. She sustained little or no injury, and is now for repairs.

Mr. Frank Powell, one of the most successful hunters in this section, killed last night, on the Jamestown shore, at one shot, seven fine geese, and at the second shot brought down eight canvas-backs and one long-necked duck. At the lower end of the island three large otters were caught in steel-traps by a man who rents the marsh.

Mr. Robert Rose will have as his guest in the next few days Mr. James Dunbar, of Norfolk, who will assist Mr. Rose in a tour of the city. He is getting up for a charitable purpose.

Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of ex-Mayor Rose, died at her home here this morning, after a brief illness. The deceased was 81 years of age, and had lived here all her life. She was a charitable and consistent Christian woman, and many will mourn her demise. Two children, Mrs. D. A. Rose and Mr. J. H. Rose—both residing here, survive her. A wife, rain, and electrical-storm of unusual severity passed over this section last night. The rain was unrelenting some time, and judging from the rapidly with which the river rose, it was equally as heavy in the up country. As yet, however, no serious damage has been reported.

An officer from Caroline county was here this evening on the lookout for a man suspected of having attempted to rob him in a store in that county. The thief being unable to open the safe, contented himself by taking away quite a number of articles from the store. Sunday morning the safe was opened, and the goods were found in a safe place. The officer is now on duty at Millford in the evening, and who this morning had disappeared.

Conditions of the country roads in this section for the past two months have been worse than for many years, and a sentiment for improving them, no matter what the cost or tax, is very strong.

Northumberland.

HEATHSVILLE, VA., January 25.—(Special.)—The steamer Potomac, of the Seaside Line, is still anchored at Bar Neck in this river, and has been ordered to remain so for some time. Efforts to pull her off by the steamers Wakefield and Potomac have failed, and the vessel is now being towed by a tug. The vessel is now being towed by a tug. The vessel is now being towed by a tug.

John Wright has ordered a special term of the Circuit Court for Northumberland county, beginning February 1st. The chief object of this special term is to make the final disposition of the assets of the late firm of C. B. Lewis & Co.

How to Take Up Waste Lands.

Commonwealth of Virginia, Register of the Land Office, Richmond, Va., January 25, 1899. To the Editor of the Dispatch, 1899. Being almost daily in receipt of enquiries relative to the location of "vacant lands" in Virginia, I desire, through your columns, to make a general reply, that the office contains no information regarding the whereabouts of such lands, and that my information is that such land is found by surveyors and others in tracing old lines or surveys on which the State has issued grants. Yours, &c., JOHN W. REHARDSON, Register Land Office.

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TO VACCINATE NOW. MANCHESTER COUNCIL ALLOWS \$100 FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE CENTRAL CHURCH COMMITTEE. It Organizes and Discusses Plans Towards the Erection of the New Church—Funeral of Miss Bottoms—Mr. Brown Brought Back—Briefs.

PETERSBURG.

Marrriages—The Fair Association—A Malicious Thief—Briefs. PETERSBURG, VA., January 25.—(Special.)—At 7:30 o'clock this morning, at St. Joseph's parochial residence, Rev. Father J. T. O'Farrell officiating, Mr. Pierce Killmartin, one of our best-known young druggists, wed Miss Grace Hardy, Mr. John B. Halligan acted as best man, and Miss Maggie McNamara as maid of honor. The marriage was a quiet one, only immediate representatives of the two families being present. The couple left for the North on their bridal tour.

Mr. Michael Joyce and Miss Maggie Boye, a well known and popular couple, left this morning for Washington, where they were married this afternoon. Their marriage in Washington was one of choice and not the result of elopement. The bride is the daughter of Mr. William Boye, and the groom an active young business man.

The work of survey for our new electric street railway, was commenced today, and it is understood, the work of construction will begin actively as soon as the weather opens. It has not yet been decided on what streets the line will first be laid, but it is thought the track to Blandford Cemetery will be completed at an early day. President Troy, of the new company, is in the city today.

The fair association, which will be formally organized this week, has two sites in view for the fair proposed to be held here next fall. One, the New Market tract, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, just outside of the city, in Prince George county; the other, the West-End Park, permission for the use of which will have to be obtained from the city. Inducements are offered at both places.

The Electric Street Railway Company has large privileges at the park, and is offering large inducements for the fair to be held there.

There are visible signs of activity in Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroads, in view of the early commencement of the winter season. The road, and the signs indicate that a large force will soon be at work. The passenger depot of the company will be either on Market street, or in the central west portion of the city.

The Board of Education of the West-End Methodist church has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, W. J. Williams; First Vice-President, A. G. Belcher; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Gardner; Third Vice-President, Mrs. S. L. Clarke; Secretary, Miss Daisy Carlisle; Treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Thomas; Organist, Miss Daisy Carlisle.

A colored child, 3-years-old, daughter of Albert Lewis, at Chester, drank a half a box of concentrated lye a few days ago, and died almost immediately from the results.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. C. A. Raines continues quite sick with la grippe, at his home in Swansboro'. Mr. A. J. Protzman is very sick at his residence, No. 225 Everett street.

Mr. J. T. Harris is quite ill at his home, on East Twelfth street. Miss Katharine Fulks, who has been visiting in Petersburg for the past month, has returned home.

Commissioner Woodfin, of Crow Springs, was in the city yesterday. Mr. H. C. Raines is in town. Dick Rose, a colored man, accidentally shot himself with a shotgun in the thigh on Monday. It is probable, so says Dr. Samuel Drewry, that the member will have to be amputated.

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A Spirited Y. M. C. A. Contest.

Under the leadership of the Membership Committee, the Y. M. C. A. of the Christian Association, a social meeting of the members was held in the amusement-room last evening. After listening to sacred music, a social session from the group, an open discussion of association interests was held. Plans were suggested for the next anniversary, and a meeting resulted in the inauguration of a membership contest. "Admiral" John E. Harris, of the U. S. Navy, and "General" W. H. Hepler of the Army. The different vessels of the navy will be manned by Commodores' Benson, Thomas, Gardner, and Gray, while the army will be captained by Messrs. Wells, Henry, Slaughter, Yarbrough, and Laizure.

The contest will last from date until the night of the 11th of February, and the effort will be to bring up the association membership, which is now 75, to an even 1,000.

Suits in the City Courts.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday, in the case of E. G. Tatum against William Patrick, a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$28. The suit was to decide who should pay taxes on certain property.

In the case of Mrs. C. Griffin against E. C. and Maud M. Plunkett, action of debt for \$25, the evidence was so conflicting that the jury was unable to render a verdict. Judge Wolford, of the Circuit Court, has granted leave to the Richmond Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company to amend its charter, reducing the number of directors to seven.

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Arrival of an Overland Steamship—A Marriage. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 25.—(Special.)—The British steamer Trojan, Captain Torkildsen, arrived in Hampton Roads last night, ten days overdue on her voyage from Glasgow to Newport News. This morning the vessel came up to the city, and will load for a return trip to Glasgow. In speaking of his morning's correspondence, Captain Torkildsen said: "We left Glasgow December 23rd, and should have made the trip in sixteen days, which is our usual winter time. We had good weather for twelve hours after leaving port, but then we encountered heavy westerly gales, which continued for twenty-one days. For a length of time it was the roughest weather I ever experienced. We were continually pitching, tossing, and rolling, and some days we were unable to make more than 2 knots. At other times we did not always go ahead, as very frequently we were forced in a southerly direction by the big seas. My ship's daily average is 25 knots, but only three days of the voyage were over that mark. I can say, and I say frequently, it was much less than that. I was in hopes that I would pick up a derelict in order to make up for my loss, but not a ship, not even a plank did I pass."

Miss Susannah Harriet Tucker, of this city, and Henry Tucker, who is employed in the Chesapeake and Ohio office in Richmond, were married this afternoon at the Washington-Avenue Methodist church by Rev. Bernard F. Lipscomb, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The bride was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The bride entered the church on the arm of Mr. E. Christian, a relative, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Hattie Christian, and the ushers—Messrs. Bert L. and J. H. Tucker. At the church the bridal party was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Thomas R. Belch, of this city. Miss Laura Davis played the wedding march from Lohengrin on the organ, and "O, Promise Me!"

The bride was attired in a handsome tailor-made suit of blue, and wore hat and veil to match. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor wore a suit of dark-brown novelty goods, and hat and veil to match, and carried