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CORRESPONDENTS should not send us speculations, predictions, or estimates as to the strength of candidates for the United States senatorship. What we desire is impartial reports of the proceedings of county and city committees and of other public meetings, and results of primaries or conventions.

THE VOTING STATES.

State elections are to be held in November in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Mississippi, Ohio, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Iowa, but in only four of these States have the political contests assumed national importance.

In Iowa expansion or no expansion is a leading question of the campaign. Fred White, the Republican nominee, supports the President's policy, while Leslie M. Shaw, our candidate for Governor, is an aggressive anti-expansionist.

In Nebraska the Republicans must overcome a considerable majority to carry the State over the Fusionists; but this they are trying to do so as to crush the Hon. William Jennings Bryan. They believe if they succeed in Nebraska in November next Mr. Bryan's prospects for the nomination will be greatly impaired.

In Ohio McLean, Nash, and Jones are respectively the leaders of the Democratic, Republican, and Independent tickets. Mr. McLean is a millionaire, but he is trying to elect himself Governor and capture the President's own State, and that has aroused the office-holders and other friends of the national administration.

Politics are "red-hot" in Kentucky. It is largely a personal fight. Mr. Goebel, our nominee for Governor, has many enemies. The bolters for his nomination are numerous and aggressive. There are no sides to the question whether the voters will support Mr. Bryan in Kentucky.

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We find, too, that the Republicans are engaged in abusing the Goebel election law, and those who are to execute it, and we suspect that they are trying in advance to explain a defeat which they see impending. But however that may be, readers of the November election news will look most anxiously for the returns from Kentucky and Ohio.

REVIVAL OF ORATORY.

A northern contemporary calls attention to the fact that "an epidemic of oratory" is prevailing throughout the country, and that we are now having more speech-making than we have had for forty years. It further appears from the "editorial" to which we refer that the "vocal battles" are not confined to politicians, and that some very good sense is being talked. Indeed, our contemporary thinks this revival of eloquence is a very healthy sign, and charitably asserts that the present era is "one worth living in and taking part in."

Whatever be the cause of it, there is no doubt of the fact that oratory has once more recovered its quondam popularity, and that speech-making has again become attractive, not only to those who do the talking (as was always the case), but also to those who do the listening. It may be that the mastery of eloquence and unflagging zeal of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, in his late campaign, has caused this renewed love of oratory, or possibly the issues involved in that campaign developed the disputatious proclivities of those who otherwise would have remained silent.

Aside from the crowds attracted by churches, revivals, etc., thousands go forth nightly to drink wisdom from the fountains of knowledge which gush-or are supposed to gush—from lecturers and other public speakers. The lecturer, in particular, is now reaping a harvest, and it is the fate of the hour to hear him.

With the new craze for eloquence, or, rather, for public speaking, much of the old-time, "spend-cash" style has been abandoned, though its effervescence is occasionally detected in young men, who seek glory and fear not perspiration. On the whole, however, the public will gladly listen to anything, from discourses on Philippine Civilization to the Habits of Ants and Bees. An occasional spark of humor pleases audiences, too, and the young man with a young lady does not always object to magic-lantern pictures and a darkened lecture-room. The country is seeking wisdom. It isn't particular about the kind of wisdom, but it must be some sort. If nothing better can be obtained, pedestrians are willing to pause on the street corners and hear the virtues of patent medicines extolled.

In addition to the public entertainments mentioned, there is a quasi-orator, rather, after banquets—and shows man, or, rather, after banquets—and shows man at his best—to wit, when he has eaten a good meal. In this style of speech-making nearly every man gets an opportunity to enlighten the world, though quite frequently the ideas disseminated are those which have been procured by the joint efforts of himself and his wife.

There is, in short, no denying the fact that men like to talk. The stumbling, stuttering, drawing, exasperating speaker may perchance like it less than the fluent orator, but he likes it all the same. He never quite realizes what a bore he is, though there may be times when he realizes that he is all feet and hands.

The moral of all this is that every man, however modest and however much inclined to make people believe that he doesn't think a heap of himself, should learn to talk standing. It may be that the accomplishment will not serve him often or win him great glory, but probably there will come at least one time when the lack of it will make him appear like a clown. Young persons, above all others, should study elocution, and cultivate the grace and art of oratory. While we cannot all "have the floor," its privileges may fall to many.

A few days ago the Chinese "Masons" held a well-attended meeting at Oshkosh, Wis., and twenty-eight "zoats" were initiated. About sixty Celestials were present, and in this number was a pigtailed band, which "rendered" music for the occasion. Tung Jong, a Chinese Chinaman, who speaks English well, was the master of ceremonies. He was assisted by another Mongolian named Sam Moy. They say that hideous noises emanated from the house in which the meeting was held, and that outward signs indicated a lively time within. Chicago Celestials assert that secret orders are very popular with them, and that their membership is constantly increasing. Inasmuch as Chinamen generally leave their wives in the "Flowers Kingdom" when they come to America, it is not to be wondered at that their lodges are so successful.

Unless the picture of General Lee can be placed in the West Point Military Academy, no picture of Lee should be placed there at all. To place it there, as has been suggested by Secretary Root in his letter to an Atlanta lady, who wrote him concerning it, in the uniform of a United States officer would be a servile apology for General Lee's immortal conduct as a defender of the rights of the Southern States. It would be a humiliation to General Lee were he living, as well as a humiliation to those who revere his name and memory.—The Nashville American.

We must say that the scheme does not strike us favorably. The Confederacy will care to accept Secretary Root's offer upon the terms mentioned.

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STUDYING FRENCH.

If the number of New York people who are studying French is an indication of the crowd which will attend the Paris Exposition, the Empire State will be well represented at the great display on the banks of the Seine. It is said by the correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch that the French teachers in the metropolis have all they can do and are reaping a rich harvest. Some of them are charging as much as a lesson, while others have gotten large numbers of students whom they instruct in classes for 10 cents a lecture. Hand-books of French—those little printed tracts which pretend to teach you the language in a month—are being sold by the hundreds. Many of the working people who have saved up their hard-earned dollars and intend taking the trip across the ocean, are seeking to "parlez-vous" and are cheerfully paying out their money to acquire the accomplishment.

It is quite a common thing to ridicule the man who knows a little French and tries to use it. Jokes along this line are very true, but there are times when a knowledge of a foreign tongue assists one very materially. The average tourist will tell you that nearly every one speaks English in Paris, but he does not always say what kind of English it is. Too often it is not one whit better than the French of the American. And even Nebraska also will be studying carefully with reference to the bearing their results may have upon the presidential nominations and election of 1900.

There is nothing farcical in a man's attempting to gain a superficial knowledge of a language in seven or eight months. While within that time he may not become an orator or an essayist in the foreign tongue, he may manage to make himself understood. No one who studies French ever regrets it, and a man of the most moderate linguistic ability can readily acquire it if he is willing to do a reasonable amount of hard work. And then, too, the Frenchman, especially if anxious to get your dollars, will swear that you talk like a native Parisian and flatter you until you resolve to seek the chair of modern languages in your home university. Encouragement is precisely what the beginner in French needs. So soon as he overcomes the first embarrassment of talking with a native he will gain confidence. After one has been a week in Paris he can make himself understood for any cabman, and perhaps, in a fortnight he can learn to swear at them. In a month's time he is so accomplished that he can go to the Bon Marche all by himself and purchase his wife a pair of kid gloves.

When independent run for office simply because their party declines to advance them, we have no objection to their sympathy on them. That seems to be the kind of independents running in August, and if the independents in other parts of the State are cutting no greater figure than they are in this, it will not be a bad thing for the State. An independent to be successful here, must have the support of the Republicans, but there is not an independent running in August, who will receive anything like general support from that party.

The conditions in Augusta county are analogous to the conditions in the rest of the State. Scratch an independent candidate anywhere else in Virginia, and you will find about the same sort of material that makes up the independent candidate in Augusta. He is a man with a grievance, and his grievance is, generally, that people don't concede that he is bigger than the Democratic party. Like our Staunton contemporary, we have no fear that the independents will cut any great figure in the approaching election. At the same time we recognize in the independent movement an evil that should be nipped in the bud, lest it be nurtured by the Republicans into rank bloom. Independentism in Virginia, even if not always a weed of Republican planting, never fails to receive the tender and stimulating care of that party. In its spread lies the only hope of Republicanism in Virginia.

The way to nip the independent movement in the bud is for the Democrats to show their candidates no more quarter than they would Republican opponents, and to that end, in counties where independents are running, all true Democrats should address themselves to getting out the full party vote on next election day and seeing that it is cast for the regular nominees.

Next year Mr. McKinley will probably be known as the Collector in Agent of Prosperity, and Mr. Bryan as the tax collector. He is already that, by his halldom. Witness the tax on bank checks, the tax on telegrams, the tax on money orders, the tax on express receipts, etc., etc.

Colonel Picquet, who so warmly defended the cause of Captain Dreyfus, is soon to be married. He met his prospective wife while visiting Captain Dreyfus recently. She is Miss Edith de Boullangieres, and lives at Carpenters.

What realm so fair, so richly fraught Where nature hath her wonders wrought. And freely spread to view! Ho, burghers bold! let us sing, God bless our king and land. This burghers, new, your anthem ringing. O'er verd' o'er hill, o'er strand. Stand ye or fall! For hearts and homes, at country's call. With wisdom, Lord, our rulers guide, And these, Thy people, bless; May we with nations all abide Thy rule, Thy love, Thy grace. To Thee, whose mighty arm hath shielded Thy folk in bygone days, To Thee alone, Thy honors yielded, God, guard our land, Our own dear land, Our children's home, their Fatherland.

to be quickened. Many of the people are hoping for a better state of things, and to bring that about we must have the spirit of prayer. We have that spirit of prayer I believe we shall have supernatural things taking place here and now, just as in the days of Christ. "God is coming very, very near to us, I believe. I have seen for the last six months that there was a different atmosphere about the fields are ready for the harvest. The question is, Are you ready?"

NORTHERN NECK. Rectory Being Improved—Personal and Other Notes.

CONCORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—It was Rev. F. W. Claybrook, of Lancaster, and not Rev. Frank R. Beale, of the Baptist church, who preached at Hanover last week. The Episcopal rectory at King George Courthouse is being treated to a new coat of paint. Other improvements are being made about the pretty mansion, which will soon be occupied by the new rector, Mr. Turner, of Maryland.

Mr. John T. Minor, of this place, has returned from Baltimore. Captain J. Robinson, of Lancaster county, some days ago took his son to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for special treatment of the injuries caused by falling from a tree. Dr. A. Edmonds, member of the Missouri State Board of Pharmacy, is visiting friends and relatives in Lancaster. It is reported that Rev. E. B. Burwell, rector of the Episcopal churches in Lancaster county, has been appointed to serve that field.

The coming marriage of Miss Mary Alice Pierce, of Lancaster, to Rev. William Meade, of Richmond city, is attracting wide attention in the Northern Neck. Miss Pierce is one of the most prominent and popular young ladies of the county. Her marriage will be one of the events of the season. Mrs. Rev. R. S. Monda, of Westmoreland, has been visiting her parents in this county for a week or two past. Mr. Nicholas Farmer, one of King George's oldest citizens, is ill again, and is being attended by Dr. J. B. Keatinge in the District of Baltimore, is visiting relatives—the Coghills—near King George Courthouse. Dr. Chapman P. Baker, of Chertaw, S. C., preached at St. John's Episcopal church at King George Courthouse yesterday.

Miss Flora Hayer, of this county, has gone to Del Ray, near Alexandria, to teach a school. Mrs. K. E. Nohlett, of Connecticut, is spending some time with friends in the lower part of the Northern Neck. Rev. C. R. James, of Irvington, has been assisting John B. Keatinge in revival meetings in Matthews county. A Masonic lodge has been organized at Kinsale, Westmoreland county.

JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES. An Interesting School-Book Case in Rockingham.

HARRISONBURG, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—Judgment was rendered to-day in the Circuit Court of Rockingham for \$150 damages against the Southern Railway Company in favor of Clarence H. Mauney. The plaintiff was an employee of the railroad company in August, 1898, and was helping to load car-wheels in the freight yards here. One of the wheels slipped, and he was injured. The defendant claimed that the plaintiff was negligent, and that the accident was his fault, necessitating a partial amputation. The declaration alleged that the appliance used in loading was inadequate, and not the best generally used for such work.

Judge Letcher this morning dismissed a petition for mandamus applied for by Ginn & Co., publishers of Fry's Geography, against George H. Hulvey, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Rockingham county, whereby it was sought to substitute Fry's for the maps used in the public schools of the county. In September of last year the County School Board adopted Fry's geographies as the text-book for the ensuing four years, but at a subsequent meeting reconsidered that action and resolved to purchase the maps of the board had been irregular, but that in any event, the board had authority to reconsider its action at any time in advance of the date when books were to go into use, and that the maps of Ginn & Co. would be purchased at a meeting held after the books had gone into actual use. Maury's geographies had already been in use one term since that date, and the court decided that this decision is to leave their use undisturbed.

New Kent Notes. OAK, NEW KENT COUNTY, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—The Holiness movement is making rapid strides in consequence of the row in Roper's Tabernacle on last Sunday night. It is again in full swing, and is being led by Rev. Mr. Webb, situated on the land of L. Burroughs, near Barboursville. Mr. R. W. Atkinson, a true spirit of the holiness movement, is making his annual visit to this section with his fine pack of hounds, and has just left for his home in Henrico county, near Richmond, carrying with him a number of foxes caught while here, and leaving behind him pleasant recollections of his visit. Mr. Atkinson is a native of New Kent county, accompanied Mr. Atkinson, and added much to the pleasures of the occasion. Long may "Old Dick" live to see the day when the foxes of New Kent county will be devoted by foxes.

Benoist and Mrs. Davis. (New York Times.) The United Confederate Veterans of New Orleans are planning to purchase Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis's Mississippi home, for an industrial farm for ex-Confederate soldiers. The purchase of the place is being handled by Mr. J. H. Benoist, who has received intimation that Mrs. Davis desires to sell the property, that she will sell it to the United Confederate Veterans of New Orleans and make that city her home.

Pleasant to Wed. (New York Telegram.) Colonel Picquet, who so warmly defended the cause of Captain Dreyfus, is soon to be married. He met his prospective wife while visiting Captain Dreyfus recently. She is Miss Edith de Boullangieres, and lives at Carpenters.

The Boer's National Hymn. (Baltimore American.) The following is a translation of "Het Volk's Lied," the national hymn of the South African Republic. The song was composed after the famous battle at Mafeking Hill had been fought and the republic declared independent. The English translation has just been received by Mr. C. W. Van der Hoogt, of this city: Right nobly gave, voortrekkers brave; Their blood, their lives, their all For God and King, and for the right, They fought at duty's call. Ho, burghers! high our banner waveth, The standard of the free, Our new land enlaveth, Here reigneth liberty. 'Tis Heaven's command, And ye defend the folk and land.

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Winter Underwear. LADIES' RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, fleece lined, any size, each 50c. LADIES' RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, wool, Natural or White, each 75c. LADIES' RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, wool, extra heavy, White or Natural, each \$1. LADIES' FINE SWISS VESTS, extra grades, at \$1.25 and \$1.50 each. LADIES' PLAIN WOOL VESTS AND PANTS, in White only, extra fine, each \$1. LADIES' SILK VESTS, all weights, any size, prices, each, from \$1 to \$3. LADIES' SILK AND WOOL VESTS, Ribbed, White, Pink, and Blue, each \$1.25. LADIES' COMBINATION SUITS, any weight, all sizes, prices, each, from \$1 to \$1.70. CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS, in extra qualities, at prices each from 50c. to \$1. CHILDREN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, Ribbed or plain, prices, each Ribbed, 25, 50, 75c, and \$1; Plain, 50, 60, 75c, \$1, and \$1.50. INFANTS' KNYE RIBBED VESTS, in very choice grades, prices each 35c. to \$1. MEN'S SHIRTS, winter-weight, cotton fleece lined, at each 50c. MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, in White or Natural, and excellent values, at, per garment, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, and \$2. EMBROIDERY SILKS have been added to our notion department. A full line of shades of the best grade material will be always on hand. NEW SHELL GOODS have been received, a great line of novelties, many entirely unique.

Capes, Wraps, and Suits. The phenomenal success in our WRAP and SUIT departments is the best possible proof of the popularity of the garments there gathered, some exclusive kinds have been added in the last few days. GOLF CAPES, the best sorts, including imported makes, at prices that range like this: \$5.50, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, and \$20. TAILORED SUITS, fine Venetian cloth, herringbone and plain chevrons, light-fitting or box-cut, with silk linings, prices \$15, \$16, and \$17. TAILORED SUITS, Oxford or Gray chevrons, boxed coats, per suit, \$12. TAILORED SUITS, Scotch chevrons, Gray or Brown, tight-fitting coats, with silk linings, per suit, \$17. TAILORED SUITS, in camel-hair and plain cloth, in perfect Blacks and all colorings, at, per suit, \$25 and \$38. TAILORED SUITS, Venetian, Vicuna, and camel-hair, silk linings throughout, at, per suit, \$35 to \$65. SEPARATE SKIRTS, in Black or color, for dress, golf, exciding, or rainy-day, any length or color, each \$5 to \$15. LADIES' WAISTS—We told of the silk ones last week, now the woollen ones are here in a wealth of worth and colorings, solids and plaids. FLANNEL WAISTS, in plaids and fancies, at \$1.75 each. FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS, rich tints, solid colorings, each \$2.25, \$3.75, and \$4.50. SILK WAISTS, all sorts of Black and color, prices each \$6 to \$12.

Colored Dress Goods. In selecting our Dress Goods we stinted no class or kind, hence our assortment mirrors the whole market. You are sure to find here just what is wanted, and you'll get pretty Dress Goods and durable Dress Goods at the same time. PLAID CHEVIOTS, newest patterns, all-wool, per yard, 50c. BICYCLE AND RAINY-DAY SUITINGS, 56 inches wide, extra value, per yard, 41c. PLAID SKIRTINGS, 45 inches wide, per yard, 31c and 32c. DOUBLE-FACED SUITINGS, all the popular shades, with fancy plaid backings, 56 inches wide, at, per yard, \$2, \$2.25, and \$2.50. FRENCH FLANNELS, some beautiful new patterns, attractive, durable, and stylish, dainty, solid colorings, 27 inches wide, at, per yard, 60c. FRENCH FLANNELS, figured, dotted, and striped, the newest color combinations, dark and light shades, per yard, 75c. DRESS TRIMMINGS, everything in the worthy sort, exclusive effects and high novelties. SILK APPLIQUE, Black, White, and color, all widths, prices, per yard, 30c. to \$1.25. APPLIQUE AND ALLOVER EMBROIDERED TAFFETAS, in Black, White, and color, per yard, \$2.50 to \$10. SILK FRINGES, in Black and White, widths from 1-14 to 10 inches, prices, per yard, 18c. to \$2.25. FUR TRIMMINGS, Astrakhan, Kruger, Anora, Mink, Mohair, Otter, Sable, and Lamb, prices per yard, 25c. to \$2.50.

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FLUVANNA. Court-Day - Case Postponed - Public Speaking. PALMYRA, VA., October 23.—(Special.)—To-day being County-Court-day, the people turned out in masses as usual. There were no important cases on the court, save that of Walter Brown, colored, who was charged with an assault, awarded the jury in the case of R. L. Bristow vs. R. W. Reynolds for \$,000 damages for injuries received in an assault, awarded the plaintiff \$200. The defence moved to set aside the verdict. The O'Boyle murder case was continued until to-morrow.

HILL CITY SHOOT. The University Against Lynchburg - A Marriage. LYNCHBURG, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—In the shoot to-day between the Lynchburg Gun Club and the University of Virginia there were four events, with a total of fifty birds. The University's score was: John W. Daniel, Jr., 37; P. F. Dupont, 37; W. S. Owen, 30; E. M. Daniel, 31; J. F. Taylor, 26; W. McH. Alston, 25. Thomas F. Lynchburg's score was: Thomas F. Olson, 40; J. H. Dorn, 38; C. W. Scott, 42; W. W. Dorn, 37; W. L. Moorman, 41; T. H. Fox, 33. Mr. Ernest Lupton Hanes, the city commissioner of the Norfolk and Western railroad, and Miss Alice Latham Boyd were married this afternoon at half-past 1 o'clock, the Rev. F. T. McFadden officiating.

FURNACE PUT IN BLAST. Revival of the Iron Industry at Bristol. BRISTOL, TENN., October 24.—(Special.)—The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company put the Bristol iron furnace in blast to-day, and will operate it constantly at its full capacity of 200 tons daily. The company now has eight similar furnaces in operation, including one in Kentucky, two in Tennessee, and one in Virginia. There are four more furnaces in Virginia which the company is having repaired, and which will go in blast very soon. The company's daily output of iron will then amount to about 2,400 tons. In this connection various railway extensions are being constructed, and the company's daily output of iron will then amount to about 2,400 tons. In this connection various railway extensions are being constructed, and the company's daily output of iron will then amount to about 2,400 tons.

Held Up and Robbed. ROANOKE, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—Andrew Bowles, an employee of the Virginia Brewery, was held up and robbed in the outskirts of the city this morning about daylight by a gang of colored boys. The robbers secured \$2.50, and one has since been arrested.

EMPORIA. Circuit Court-Visiting Lawyers - Personal Notes. EMPORIA, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—The Circuit Court of Greensville county, Hon. Beverley A. Hancock presiding, commenced its full term yesterday morning. There were a number of Chancery orders entered and much routine business transacted. There was only one jury case ready for trial—Vaughan & Co. vs. Jones & Co., vs. the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Co., on the issue of the illness of the Clerk of the court, the Judge very considerably continued this case to the January term. Hon. Justice Richard B. Davis, Esq., of Petersburg; Judge J. B. Prince of Courtland; Rev. T. Crump Esq., of Richmond; Hon. J. H. Harris, Esq., of New Market; Hon. J. H. Parker, Esq., of Franklin. Mr. J. E. Jean is somewhat improved.

DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES. Around Charleston, West Virginia - Desperate Fight of Farmers. CHARLESTON, W. VA., October 24.—(Special.)—Forest fires have been raging for four or five days among the hills about here, and the consequence is the city is enveloped with clouds of smoke so black as to make existence almost unbearable. The fire broke out on the north side of the river the fire has been spreading, and it is reported that a great deal of farming land and other property have been turned out on masses to fight the flames, and have generally succeeded in saving their homes, but in many cases the flames have been difficult to do so. Reports come from Boone county to the effect that many dwelling-houses have been destroyed, and the people are homeless. The fallen leaves from the trees and dead timber are like tinder, and need but a spark to set them on fire. In the next twenty-four hours a great deal more property will be destroyed. The farmers have fought fire until they are about exhausted, and are ready to give up in despair.

KENTUCKY'S DOCK TRIAL. Was Satisfactorily Damages Awarded-Trial Continued. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., October 24.—(Special.)—The battleship Kentucky, for the purpose of testing her engines, machinery, etc., was anchored to her wharf with cables and the engines connected up. Everything worked satisfactorily. The United States dredging steamer Charleston, which has been rebuilt at the ship-yard, left this morning for Charleston, S. C., where she will again be used for dredging that harbor. The vessel has been built at a cost of \$60,000. She was built in 1890, and is the first vessel of her kind in use by the government. She was

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