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SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1900.

SIZE OF CONVENTIONS. The people of Virginia having by popular vote decreed that a convention shall be called to revise and amend their State Constitution, the next step will be for the Legislature to fix the number of delegates, apportion them among the counties and cities, set a date for their election, and name the day for the assembling of the convention.

Whether there will be an extra session of the Legislature for this purpose, and if so, when, we need not discuss in this connection. Suffice it to say here, that when the Legislature meets one of the chief questions to occupy its attention will be as to the size of the convention—i. e., the number of members which shall compose it.

It is likely that several different schemes will be proposed. There are many who wish the convention to be formed upon the basis of the present House of Delegates. Others would like to have one member for each member of the House and ten from the State at large, or one from each congressional district. Others would prefer to see a convention composed of fewer members than our House; some suggesting the Senate apportionment as preferable to that of the House. In other words, they would rather see a convention of forty men than one of one hundred; but small-sized conventions have not been usual in this State. On this and some other questions we have made some notes, upon a rapid glance at the journals of the various conventions, and find as follows:

Convention of 1829—Convened in Richmond, at the Capitol, on Monday, October 5, 1829; adjourned January 15, 1830. James Monroe, president; George W. Mumford, secretary. The Committee on Privileges and Elections reported that there were ninety-six members—four from each senatorial district. Ninety-one delegates answered the first roll-call. The amended Constitution was adopted January 14, 1830.

Convention of 1850—Met in Richmond, October 14, 1850; adjourned August 3, 1851. John Y. Mason elected president; Stephen D. Whittle, clerk. This convention had 135 members—five from Richmond. Basis of representation not stated.

"Secession Convention"—This body met at Richmond, Wednesday, February 12, 1861, in pursuance of an act passed January 14, 1861. John Janney, of Loudoun, president; John L. Eubank, secretary. The Committee on Elections reported 132 members. Richmond city had three. The amended Constitution was presented June 22, 1861, but the convention did not then adjourn.

We take no note of "the Wheeling convention"—the creature of war and the author of Virginia's dismemberment. "Underwood Convention"—This body assembled at Richmond, December 3, 1867, by order of the commandant of the First Military District. President, John C. Underwood; Secretary, George Rye; 100 members. Adjourned January 29, 1868. This convention was held under the provisions of the act of Congress, passed March, 1867, entitled "an act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," and the supplementary acts of March 23d, and July 19, 1867.

The length of time consumed by each of these conventions and consequent cost will appal some of our readers, but we think we may venture to say that in most cases recesses were taken from time to time, and that the actual sittings were not so long as they appear to have been. That was certainly the case with the secession convention. We shall look into that subject further. But in these progressive days we ought to make better speed than our fathers did. One thing in our favor is that with the existing means of communication the minds of the people on any given subject may be much more easily made up and ascertained than formerly. The questions that have been fully threshed out upon the hustings can be easily and quickly disposed of. It will be the questions upon which public opinion is divided which will occupy time. All the Southern States except Virginia have held constitutional conventions since reconstruction days, and we are of the belief that they managed to keep them within reasonable bounds, both as to longevity and cost. So much aside. What we particularly wish to point out here is that not since

1829 has Virginia had a constitutional convention composed of fewer than one hundred members. We need scarcely add that in Virginia precedents count for much.

OUR VISITORS. We hope the visitors who are here in connection with the Seaboard opening celebration will not hurry away, but will extend their acquaintance with Richmond and its people. We think they will find in our city much that is of business, historical, and picturesque interest. Lakeside, the Soldiers' Home, Reservoir Park, Hollywood, the Capitol and surroundings, the City Hall, the Davis Mansion, St. John's, Chimborazo, &c., should be worthy of their attention. We have pride, too, in the Tredegar and the Old Dominion Iron-Works, and in those lusty youngsters the Locomotive-Works and Trigg's ship-yard; also, in our mills and factories, great in number and varied in product.

That great undertaking by which the falls of the James in this city are to be utilized for the manufacture of electric power and light will, we believe, prove an object of interest to our visitors. And having heard a great deal about the Seaboard, now let them learn something about the fine and large passenger station which, in connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Seaboard is to build on Main street. The handsome station of the Southern Company here is also worthy to be pointed out as a thing creditable to the prosperous and growing city of Richmond.

When Richmonders pause to consider what the city has gained in the matter of street railways; in the impetus given to depot buildings here; in running railroad lines to make up part of the Seaboard system, and in transmitting the wasted energy of the James into electric currents, it is not likely the name of John Skelton Williams will be forgotten. And we trust that we have shown our visiting friends that there is at least one exception to the rule that a Prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house.

And in religious circles this is a day of more than passing interest with us, since it is the appointed time for the consecration to a high office in the mother church of a beloved member of a family distinguished in Virginia; an occasion that will be heightened in interest by the charming presence of a great archbishop, who, while a resident here years ago, won the right to call every member of the community his friend.

So we would have all our visitors linger with us here, promising for them proper opportunities for the observance of the day and the enjoyment of the morrow.

WITH ONE VOICE. If the constitutional convention is not composed of the ablest, wisest, and best men in the Commonwealth, it will not be the fault of the State press. Evidence is accumulating daily to show that practically our contemporaries are of one voice in respect of this matter. What we have already quoted from State exchanges as to the character and qualifications that should be kept in view in choosing the delegates is emphasized by papers received later. The Luray News says:

"Now that the people have spoken in favor of a convention, the next thing is to select the ablest and wisest men of the State to undertake the work, which should be done at the lowest possible cost." The Clinch Valley News, after discussing the work the convention will have to do, concludes as follows:

"Therefore, it is clear that only the very best and most patriotic citizens should be sent to Richmond when our new Constitution is made."

The Leesburg Washingtonian concedes the wisdom of not entangling the election of members of the convention with the presidential election, dwells on the fact that the Constitution the convention will make will, until changed, hold the Legislature to the regulations and within the bounds it will prescribe, and then adds:

"It has now become the duty of our people to begin to look to the formation of that convention from the men of the highest qualifications for that work. We cannot, therefore, too highly estimate the significance and importance of having in its representation our wisest legal minds, those experienced in the affairs of State Government."

The Rockingham Register explains that the preliminary steps—the time of meeting of the Legislature, the appointment, &c.—are in the hands of the Governor and the General Assembly, but this refers to what it terms the "main consideration." "But what the people themselves must determine—and what is more important than anything else connected with the movement—is the character of men who shall compose the convention. On that point depends the success, or failure, of the entire matter. Men of character, courage, and ability will frame such a constitution as will be acceptable to the people, and one which will put Virginia back into her old-time place of influence and leadership among the States of the Union."

Oh, no. There can be no question that if the new Constitution is not all that wisdom, patriotism, and ability can make it, the press of Virginia will not be to blame.

THE NEGRO AS A VOTER. To a recent number of the Contemporary Review, Mr. Philip A. Bruce, who has been travelling abroad, contributes an article on "The American Negro of To-day." Mr. Bruce discusses his subject with his usual thoroughness, and his article ought to "set to thinking" our English cousins who have imbibed their impressions of the "black man" and his woes from northern treatment of the negro problem. Our Virginia writer demonstrates the unfitness of the negro for citizenship, and in referring to the few colored men who have been more or less prominent in the eyes of the public since the close of the war between the States, says they are exceptions.

But, singularly, simultaneously almost with the receipt of Mr. Bruce's article we found in our newspaper mail a copy of the Bristol (Conn.) Press containing an editorial, in which the prominent negroes referred to by Mr. Bruce are put in the category of curiosities. Considering the source, this was a little astonishing, but something more astonishing was to come. The Press's article, which is devoted, in the main, to the proposition to limit negro suffrage in Virginia, goes on to say:

sentiment in the land of the lover of the "man and the brother" is changing with them. Can such things be was the natural question on reading the above paragraph. And yet the explanation is not far to seek, after all. A perusal of the article to its conclusion discloses that the editor, who, by the way, signs his initials to it, had been on a visit to Virginia, and had "taken notes" of the negro as he flourishes in our byways and hedges. "After a year's study of the situation," he says, "I am persuaded that the historic Old State, the Mother of Presidents, does need a constitutional provision that will at least close out the 'brute' black vote."

Of a truth, the negro gains nothing by becoming better known to his northern "friends."

IT SUITS US ALL. On the question of having an extra session of the Legislature this summer, the Virginia press and the Virginia delegation in Congress and the majority of our party men elsewhere appear to be united in support of the conclusion which Governor Tyler has reached.

The Governor is of the opinion that an extra session of the Legislature prior to the presidential election is not requisite, and would not be desirable, and we agree with him.

In this matter the press undoubtedly represents the convention sentiment throughout the State. The campaign on behalf of the convention was fought and won by the press, and it may be assured that they speak now on behalf of the people.

Our delegation in Congress view the summer session question from a twofold point of view, so to speak. It is a view which takes note of the political welfare of our State not only in November, but in succeeding elections.

With the convention question out of the way for the time, our congressmen would be better able to address themselves to Federal issues. If party lines are successfully maintained in Virginia in November, the Democracy will emerge from that contest stronger and more confident and in his own house.

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The Richmond Dispatch's Home Study Circle. TWENTY LESSONS IN FRENCH CONVERSATION.

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Note—The remaining five lessons consist of a "talk" between a visitor and a guide. The one in Paris. The student should carefully mark each phrase, its idiomatic construction, and its use in an interesting study to compare the construction in the two languages. The pronunciation is made up of the pronunciation rules learned in former lessons.

LESSON NO. 16. SEIZIEME LEÇON. SEE-ZEE-EM LES-SONG.

Talk Between a Visitor and a Guide. Conversation entre un visiteur et un guide. Visiteur—Bien vu, prêt à partir! Are you ready for our journey? Guide—Nous partons tout de suite si cela vous est agréable. We may start at once, if so agreeable to you.

LESSON NO. 15. DIX-HUITIEME LEÇON. DEE-ZEE-VEET-TEE-EM LES-SONG.

LESSON NO. 17. DIX-SEPTIEME LEÇON. DEE-SET-TEE-EM-LES-SONG.

LESSON NO. 19. SIX-NEUVIEME LEÇON. DEE-ZEE-NUHY-EE-EM LES-SONG.

LESSON NO. 20. VINGTIEME LEÇON. YANG-TEE-EM LES-SONG.

Visiteur—S'il y a d'autres frais à payer, faites-les moi savoir et je les paierai. Let me know of any special expenses you have and I shall pay.

Guide—Merci bien, madame. Maintenez, passons au troisième jour. I thank you very much. Let us now proceed to the next day.

Les halles centrales. The central markets. L'Église St. Eustache (l'une des plus importantes de la capitale). St. Eustace Church (one of the most important of the city).

Le Musée des Arts et Métiers. The Conservatory of Arts and Trades. Le Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers. The Conservatory of Arts and Trades.

Le Musée de Cluny (recueil d'objets antiques). The Cluny Museum (collection of ancient works of art).

Le Palais National. The Chamber of Deputies (le palais Bourbon). The Chamber of Legislative Justice (in the palace of the Bourbons).

Le Jardin des Plantes (qui date de l'an 1638). The Botanical Gardens (which date from 1638).

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