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Mr. Leland Rankin, who was for five years general manager of the Nashville American, and who occupies a high place in the ranks of southern journalists, has accepted a like position on this paper.

Mr. BRYAN'S FUTURE. While the Charlottesville Progress has as much faith as ever in the purity and absolute honesty of Mr. Bryan's character and convictions, and thinks that he has superb attributes as a statesman, it believes that as a future presidential nominee he is, and should be, an impossibility.

OUR FRIENDS, THE MARTIANS. If Nikola Tesla, the electrical wizard, knows his business—and he thinks he does—it will not be so very long before we are holding communication with the residents of the planet Mars.

THE RISK OF NOMINATION. Judge Sam. Williams's letter, asking the ground that the nominations to be made by the State Democratic Convention this year should be postponed until the constitutional convention has acted, will, we believe, excite general attention.

Now these remarks, while apparently complimentary to Mr. Tesla, do not appear to have pleased him. He is quoted as making the following comments about Marconi.

WEST VIRGINIA'S PART. The West Virginia debt question is before the Legislature of that State, which is now in session. A fight is on and has been precipitated by a resolution offered, which asserts that the State owes nothing.

Deserves Consideration. (Marion Democrat). The Hon. J. Taylor Elyson, of Richmond, has announced that he will not be a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination.

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ARMY BILL ISSUES.

The advocates of the pending army bill should be frank enough, says the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin (Republican), to state squarely what everybody knows—that the plan of saddling American taxpayers with the expense of a hundred thousand regulars is due solely and simply to the need for a large army to keep the American flag from being driven out of the Philippines.

When we come down to the basic facts that is about the "immediate" issue. But isn't there a far reaching issue behind, or beyond that which the Philippines situation injects into the army bill matter?

What ever provision may be made for reducing the army, the danger is that, when the time set for reduction shall have arrived, excuse will be found for giving the increased establishment a new lease upon life.

In considering the army bill "issues" it should not be forgotten that the reorganization act now in effect was the result of a compromise forced on the administration by the Democrats in Congress and that it has been pretty conclusively shown that Mr. McKinley and his imperialist supporters have never given up the idea of a permanent big standing army.

There is more in connection with the army bill "issues" for the American people to think about seriously than the present necessities in the Philippines and the burden of taxation the bill threatens to put upon them.

NOT THE FIRST TIME. The Leesburg Washingtonian says: "The Republicans are threatening to 'reconstruct' the Supreme Court if it does not decide 'right' in the colonial cases. This is a pretty state of things for a party that so condemned Mr. Bryan's remarks on the same lines a few years ago."

It has been announced, it seems, "by a close friend" of the Vanderbilt and French families, that Alfred Vanderbilt has settled on Miss Elsie French, as her marriage portion, one-tenth of his enormous fortune—namely, \$3,700,000—the great jointure being given, according to the authority named, not in cash, but in selected gilt-edge bonds and stock from that part of the estate of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt which was apportioned to Alfred, the chosen son and heir. These young favorites of fortune, Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss French, went together to obtain their marriage license, Friday, it is reported, and in filling out the blank such applicants are required to sign he was unable at the moment to state where his mother was born, and she, strange to say, was in similar predicament with respect to hers! Possibly there was a telepathy in the case, which prevented one of the high contracting parties from seeming to take advantage of the temporary ignorance of the other. But what must be the blissful state of mind of the happy young people, that they are unable to tell at any moment and under any circumstances where their mothers were born? They are both fairly well situated socially, as well as very rich. Surely they know where their mothers were born.

The navy-arch plan in New York has been revived. The Naval Academy alumni have taken up the project, and the subscriptions to the Dewey arch fund, amounting, we believe, to some \$200,000, are to be turned over to them, it is said. We wish the new idea success. The Dewey arch was a thing of beauty that should not be permitted to pass into oblivion. It should be reproduced while yet it remains in the recollection of New Yorkers and those who visited New York between the time of its erection and that of its demolition.

J. J. Hill, the great railway man of the Northwest, is in the Minnesota race for the Federal Senate, it seems. There is said to be a strong movement in his behalf, and as he has plenty of money, as well as much influence on account of his railway prominence, he may be regarded, we suppose, as one of the strong possibilities. He has supported the McKinley administration, "but beyond this has not announced his conversion to Republicanism," it is stated.

While so far as the Norfolk Landmark can remember it has seen very little in Mark Hanna that it can commend, it, nevertheless, thinks it rather hard "to condemn him for leasing his Cleveland theatre on condition that no play be presented therein without his approval."

Counties and cities, where small-pox prevails, cannot now send prisoners to the Virginia Penitentiary. The doors of that usually hospitable institution are closed upon them, and will so remain till the danger is over. But the prisoners will lose "no time." The Governor will commute their sentences to even up matters with them.

A New York Coroner's jury which has been inquiring into the deaths of the seven persons who were killed in the disaster at the Tarrant establishment, in Warren street, October 29th last, has returned a verdict declaring that "the explosion was occasioned by the storage of combustible chemicals in excess of the quantity permitted by law," and holding Tarrant & Co. criminally responsible for the deaths. The Coroner said he would admit the members of the firm to bail in \$5,000 each, pending action by the grand jury, and this bail, counsel for the firm said, would be furnished.

The Farmer and Fisherman, published at Belle Haven, in Accomac county, is after the postal service on the Eastern Shore with a sharp stick, or rather a sharp pen. It informs all concerned that it is tired of the delay to which its subscribers are subjected in the matter of getting papers, and that unless there is immediate reform it will know the reason why from "higher authority" at the Post-Office Department.

A Runaway Amendment. "When you married, they say, 'twas a runaway match." Remark the inquiring preacher, "Now, tell me, if you were to do it again, Would you leave out the runaway feature?" The benedict looked at his querist awhile. Like a man who is deep in reflections, then answered, "By no means, but I should insist On our running in diverse directions."

Inherited Superstition. "I never undertake an important business venture in the afternoon; history has established a superstition that makes it seem unfortunate to do so." "To what historical event do you attribute such a theory as that?" "Why, the fall of Adam. That happened at the approach of Eve, you know."

OUTLOOK FOR BASE-BALL.

The Richmond Club Will Give Clean Ball-Interest on Increase. Push and activity, coupled with enthusiasm, never fail to accomplish an end in view. This has been especially demonstrated in the recent effort to rehabilitate base-ball in Richmond.

Less than two weeks ago the national sport was considered dead in the city and any effort to revive it was hooted at by its old-time supporters. They were confident that any such attempt would meet with certain failure. This sentiment was so prevalent that the few "fans" who have always remained loyal were fearful of the result if they attempted to revive the sport.

All of this time the movers were shaking in their boots. The meeting was held, and a spirit developed which gave the revival an impetus which was not anticipated. The result is that nearly all of the stock of the concern has been placed, the franchise has been secured, the Broad-Street Park has been tendered by the Traction Company, a number of players have been secured, and the club will be represented at the meeting of the league, to be held at Norfolk on Wednesday.

The officers of the association realize that the Richmond patrons will not encourage money ball playing, and will do all within their power to select only such players who they know can conduct themselves as gentlemen while on the field, at least. They will also strive to have the same requirement made of the seven other clubs composing the league.

The cities to compose the league will be Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, and Danville, in Virginia; Durham, Greensboro, and Raleigh, in North Carolina. The officers of the association desire it known that no one connected with the project expects to make any money out of it, and, especially, that neither of the street-railway companies of the city has anything to do with it at all.

Happenings of the Week and Personals from the East End. Mr. Lewis Seal, of the Millhiser Manufacturing Company, received a letter last week from J. S. Kersey, who is now in Denver, Col., for his health, saying that he is much improved and feeling better than he has felt for some time.

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HENRICO COUNTY NOTES.

Alice Henderson (colored) was committed to the county jail on Friday evening for thirty days by Justice Lewis. She was charged with a felonious assault on a white woman. She was fined \$10 also.

The charter of incorporation of the Richmond Investment Company was recorded in the Circuit Clerk's office yesterday. The company is formed to develop mineral properties in the State, and the home office will be in Henrico county. The capital stock will be \$100,000 maximum, and \$50,000 minimum.

The officers who for the first year are to manage the affairs of the company are: J. W. Massie, Manchester, vice-president; H. W. King, Richmond, secretary and treasurer; Directors: F. P. Ryan, J. W. Massie, L. D. Aylett, R. W. Sullivan, and T. J. Moore, all of Richmond.

County Court will convene on Monday. Judge T. Ashby Wickham will preside. The County School Board met at the court-house yesterday morning and transacted considerable business of minor importance. Mr. R. M. Pilcher, who represents Varina District, was elected clerk of the board.

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pre-eminently fit him for a seat in the convention. Those who are close to the gentleman know that he will accept the honor if tendered him.

The following names constitute the venire for the January term of the Henrico Circuit Court—viz.: R. P. Fagan, E. S. Falmore, H. M. Starke, W. H. Deane, W. F. Gaines, John Archer, A. B. Cross, George T. Duke, and J. S. Brant. The court will convene on the 21st and will have a number of important cases to be heard during the term.

Interesting Banking Case. A special jury has been summoned in the very interesting case of C. B. Wood vs. the American National Bank, which will be called for its second trial in the Law and Equity Court to-morrow.

This suit is the result of the turning down of a check for \$100, drawn by Mr. Wood, when he had funds on deposit in the bank, and at the first trial the jury rendered a verdict for \$725, but this verdict was set aside for some legal technicality.

This trial is looked forward to with much interest in banking and legal circles. The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. J. Kent Rawley and J. Preston Carson, and the defendant by Messrs. O'Farrell & Register.

In Olden Times people overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects, and were satisfied with transient action; but now it is generally known that Syrup of Fig will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Company.

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