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McKINLEY AND OUR VETERANS.

It was a blunder upon the part of the Veterans' Committee of Memphis to invite President McKinley to attend the Confederate reunion there in May. Their intentions were good, no doubt, but if they had thought the matter over carefully they would have realized that Mr. McKinley would be persona non grata on that occasion.

These reunions of our old soldiers from all the States of the South are sacred to them and to their children. It is impossible for Mr. McKinley to understand the feelings of their hearts; the emotions that are awakened and the memories that are revived. His presence there would be as much out of sorts as it would be at a family gathering where he had no kinsman and no ties of family history.

Personally, the President is a genial and good-natured man, and he must see how awkward the situation is. When the Memphis committee waits upon him to present the invitation to visit that city it is our belief he will receive them with the utmost cordiality, and, in a most affable manner, explain to them that previous engagements positively will prevent his being present.

If the southern veterans who are going to Memphis are men like those who have honored Richmond with their visits on several occasions, they will want the occasion to be a strictly family affair. They will wish to tote rebel flags, and sing rebel songs, and tell of rebel vicereis without the slightest hindrance or restraint. In short, for a day or two, they will desire to be—or, at least, to imagine that they are—back in the Southern Confederacy! After that they will be ready to resume duty as American citizens, and will be delighted to sustain the President in every act of his looking to the preservation of the honor and liberties of the people of the United States.

WYTHEVILLE'S INVITATION.

The people of Wytheville are organizing to invite the Virginia constitutional convention to hold its sessions in their town.

We presume the Legislature will fix upon Richmond as the meeting place for the convention, and June 12th will be about the date when it will be called to order. But after the convention is organized it will have the power to decide for itself whether it will continue to sit here, or will adjourn to meet in some other place, or will merely take a recess until another time.

The Dispatch finds many thoughtful men who believe the best possible thing the convention could do would be to come together here, organize, and appoint its committees, and then take a recess until September. The resolution introduced by Mr. Fleet, requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts and the clerks of courts and of city councils to collect and tabulate certain important statistical information, if passed by the two houses as we suppose it will be will greatly expedite the convention's work.

But there are some other matters which cannot be hurried. The franchise question will inevitably lead to prolonged discussion. Plan after plan will be submitted. Day after day will be occupied in argument, and the committee having the subject under consideration will be lucky if it succeeds in framing an acceptable franchise article within four or five weeks' time.

with their constituents, and they will be prepared to discharge their duties most creditably. So our Wytheville friends will see that there is considerable doubt whether the constitutional convention will sit during the summer months. And it would be as pleasant summer home for the convention that Wytheville could base its claims. With the information before us at this moment, we should say that it is highly probable the convention, after meeting in June and cutting out its work, will take a recess until September.

IN LINE WITH US.

The Clifton Forge Review is in line with the Dispatch in expressing the hope that the Legislature will not attempt to exclude office-holders from membership in the constitutional convention. In discussing this question yesterday the Dispatch said that "without question some of the very best material in this State for members of the convention is to be found among the office-holders." The Review remarks that were we "to take out the office-holders of Virginia much of the talent and ability of the State would be excluded from participation in this most important body."

The "idea" of discriminating against office-holders is, our contemporary adds, "a foolish one," for we want "our best, most talented, and most capable men in the convention." Undoubtedly, we need that the doors of the convention be open to the ablest and the best men in all walks of life. And in that view alone the Review's rather blunt characterization of the "idea" of taboing office-holders is warranted. But for another reason also an effort to bar the office-holding element would, as we see it, be unwise. It would be a brutal blot on the name of the State.

THE COURSE OF HONOR.

It was by embodying in the Cuban resolutions the principle embraced in the Teller resolution that we committed ourselves absolutely to Cuban independence, and on April 19, 1898, the New York Tribune, in an article on the Cuban resolutions, said: "The resolutions may not be the best that human wisdom could have devised, and they may not altogether please everybody. . . . Now, that they are at last enacted, they will be accepted and supported loyally by all the people as an essential and highly important part of the law of the land."

Now, however, the Tribune is trying to find a way to help the administration repudiate our solemn obligation not "to exercise sovereignty jurisdiction or control over the island," but after pacification "leave the control of the island to its people." So, in the Tribune of last Wednesday, this doctrine is laid down: "If, then, the Teller resolution respecting Cuban independence were an error, it would be neither wise nor just to persist in maintaining it. The course of prudence and honor would lie in frankly admitting the error and in atoning for it by doing now the thing which should have been done at the outset."

UNNECESSARY ALARM.

Referring to the fact that there "are advocates of putting the new Constitution in force without submitting it to the people" for ratification, the Bedford Bulletin says: "A man who is not willing to trust the people is not fit to be trusted by them. A statement should be exacted from every candidate whether or not he is in favor of submitting the new Constitution to a vote of the people."

While we see no objection to the test the Bulletin proposes, we think there is unnecessary alarm about the matter in question. We do not doubt the right of the convention to refuse to submit its work to the people for approval or disapproval; but we have no idea that it will exercise that right. We are satisfied that it may be trusted to follow precedent and respect the obligation entered into by the Democratic party at the Norfolk convention.

SHADOW ON THE WHITE HOUSE.

Profile of McKinley and Picture of Queen Victoria. (Washington Correspondence New York Sun.) Several times in the last three years there have been published in the Sun descriptions of the various singular shadows which have appeared from time to time on the north or main porch of the White House. One of these shadows represented the profile and bent form of a woman, with one hand resting on an indistinct object that resembled a spinning wheel. This shadow, cast by the sun's rays shining through the railing which incloses the balcony structure at the top of the mansion, appeared daily at a certain hour for two or three weeks in the winter of 1897.

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A Baltimore school teacher, convicted of obtaining money under false pretences, admitted that she owed \$70,000. The development is not creditable to her, but it shows that she must have been a person of fine credit.

The night sessions of the Federal Senate seem to be quite a joke—on the Republican side.

PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER.

The Lynchburg News thinks that discussion of Democratic available presidential timber is somewhat premature. In the next few years, says our contemporary, new and vital issues will attract public attention, and it may well happen that new leaders will come to the front and draw to themselves the support of Democrats of every shade of opinion. And so, adds the News, let us bide our time and wait in patience for the next turn of the wheel which will bring the Democratic party again to the top; for the fundamental principles of the Democracy are imperishable and must endure as long as the "republic exists."

True, likewise it seems true that if the republic is to continue to exist, the fundamental principles of Democracy must triumph, and that pretty soon. Therefore, neither the Democratic party nor the country can afford that the Democracy make any mistake in 1901, either as to men or issues.

That was a noteworthy compliment received by ex-Judge George L. Christian in the extract from a letter published in the Dispatch yesterday. The writer is Mr. Charles A. Gardner, a lawyer of prominence in New York, and he was warm in praise of Judge Christian's historical address, wherein the Judge shows that the first thrusts of secession came from the North.

Mr. Gardner expressed the wish, in which hundreds of our people are ready to join, that the address "should be reproduced in book form."

The King of Italy is said to have a Gordian knot before him in the parliamentary tangle now "on" in his country, and the times are not propitious for his solving it as Alexander did the original one. Hence he has to submit to the commonplace experience of being in a quandary.

THE DEMANDS AT PEKIN.

Proposed Posthumous Honors and Chinese Counter-Proposals. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 8.—The State Department has received the following report, dated February 6th, from United States Minister Conger, at Peking:

"The foreign ministers held a conference yesterday (the 5th), with the Chinese plenipotentiaries, who presented the difficulties in the way of the execution of the Chinese notables, Prince Tuan, Prince Lan, and General Tung Fu Shao. They gave assurances of the execution of Chung and Yu Hsien, but urged leniency for the others, begging that the Court be not placed in a position too difficult. The foreign ministers demanded capital sentence for Tuan and Lan, but with the expectation that it will be commuted to exile. They demand the death penalty for others also mentioned in the decree—Yu Hsien, Chin Liu, and Hsu Cheng, Yu—the last two now being prisoners to the Japanese at Peking."

"Posthumous honors also are demanded for the four members of the Tsung Li Yamen, who were executed last summer." It is said at the State Department that the last-named honors are particularly desired by the four members of the Tsung Li Yamen referred to were strong sympathizers with the foreign element, and their earnest pleas with the Court for moderation in the treatment of the legation and missionaries brought about their execution upon the demand of some of the Chinese named in Mr. Conger's dispatch.

CHINESE COUNTER-PROPOSALS. PARIS, February 8.—Havas agency dispatch from Shanghai that, in response to the diplomats' communication relative to the punishments, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang made the following propositions: "Prince Tuan to be degraded and exiled to Manchuria; Yu Li, formerly Viceroy of Chi Liu, to be degraded; Chung to receive an order to commit suicide; Ying Nian to be degraded and exiled to Manchuria; Cha Tu Sio (Cha Su Kiang), Kisiu (Yu Hsien), and his son, Sin Tong, to be degraded, while Sin Tong, Liping Hang (Li Ping Heng), and Kong Yi (Kang Yi), who are dead, are condemned to posthumous execution."

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THE HAPPIEST HEART.

(Ripley D. Saunders, in St. Louis Republic.) The happiest heart is simple. None tries to call it wise. It sees the beauty of its life. With frank and truthful eyes; it has a knack of loving. It has a trusting heart. Oh, what a foolish heart is this, The worldlier people say! The happiest heart is childlike. None tries to call it wise. It sees the sunset's splendor. As it saw the dawning's gold; it has a gift of gladness. Its dreams die not away. Oh, what a foolish, happy heart, The worldlier people say!

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WINCHESTER.

The Particulars of Dr. Hockman's Suicide. WINCHESTER, VA., February 8.—(Special.)—The remains of Dr. John W. Hockman, who committed suicide at Covington, Va., on Tuesday, were brought to this city last night and today taken to Slanesville, near here, for interment.

Dr. Hockman was a dentist and a former resident of Slanesville. He had practiced his profession in various towns in Virginia, but was unsuccessful. Some years ago he went into the mercantile business and conducted a store for Charles Broadway Roush, the New York merchant. He had been in the hotel business at Covington for some time past, but about two weeks ago sold out and had packed up his goods preparatory to returning to Slanesville. Last Tuesday he had his wife good-bye, went to a field on the suburbs of Covington, and fired a bullet through his brain. Before dying he stated that financial reverses caused him to take his life. He lived only a few minutes. Dr. Hockman was 55 years of age.

IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTION.

Passed by the North Carolina House Judiciary Committee. RALEIGH, N. C., February 8.—(Special.)—At 12:29 p. m. this morning, after a long session of the House Judiciary Committee, thirty-seven present, adopted a resolution in favor of the impeachment of Judges Furches and Douglas, by a vote of 22 to 10, some not voting. The resolution will be reported tomorrow. Speeches against impeachment were made by Connor; Whitaker, of Guilford, and Ebbs, the last a Republican, and in favor of impeachment by Roundtree, Spaulding, and others. Among those voting against impeachment were Connor, Whitaker, Smith, Patterson, Stubbs, Ebbs, and Blythe.

West Point Personals.

WEST POINT, VA., February 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. N. E. Rilce is quite sick with pneumonia at her home, on Railroad street. The L. E. Mumford Banking Company, of Cape Charles City, opened business in our town this week. Mr. H. E. Toppan, of Middlesex, is in charge of this branch.

Mrs. S. C. Burkholder is quite sick with complicated grip at her home, on Ninth street. Mr. W. R. Dudley, who last year clerked for Owens & Co. of our town, has gone into business in Newport News with Mr. James Spencer, of King and Queen counties. Mr. Dudley is visiting his family here this week but expects to return to Newport News Saturday.

Mrs. Britt, wife of Rev. W. L. Britt, was quite sick with the grip and other troubles the first of this week. She is, however, able to be up at the time of this writing. Miss Annie Jones, of New Kent, is the guest of her friend, Miss Pettie Nunn, on Twelfth street, and the aged treasurer, Mr. J. H. Gray, Justice of the Peace, and his wife, are both very poorly this week.

Mr. G. E. Trice, with his wife, visited his mother, Mrs. Louisa Trice, on Fourth street, last Sunday. Miss Maria Robinson is visiting her uncle, Mr. Albert Robinson, on D street. Dr. Gatewood has removed his office to the building on the corner of Fifth and D streets.

Mr. Richardson, of New Kent, who bought several town lots here a few weeks ago, is making rapid progress in the erection of a saw-mill on the Southern railroad; he has bought some thousands of dollars' worth of standing timber from his father's estate, in New Kent, and is in every way prepared to make his enterprise a success.

Mrs. C. C. Cane, with her children, has gone to Baltimore to pay an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Levin. The young son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Richardson was quite sick the first of this week. He seems to be alright now.

Miss M. G. Trice left for Baltimore Monday, the 4th instant, on business. The Baptists are going to have the interior of their church beautifully decorated and painted. Hitchcock and Tucker, from Connecticut, have recently purchased from Mr. W. R. Broadbent, a nice farm on the road to King William County, and in the way, they have started in; we judge they mean business. We wish them success. The lecture at the Baptist church on last Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Mr. C. H. Smith, coming from New Kent, was well attended. He will lecture again on the third Sunday.

Funkhouser-Chamblin.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) FRONT ROYAL, VA., February 7.—Meade-Memorial church, at White Post, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last night, and the historic old building was filled with friends to witness the marriage of Miss Kate B. Chamblin to Mr. Joseph Funkhouser, of Clarke county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. F. Laird, pastor of the Front Royal Presbyterian church. The ushers were Lewis Van Bieker and Henry Briarly, of Winchester, Va.; H. J. Funkhouser, of Hagerstown, Md., and C. Frank Craig, of Middleburg, Va.

After the ceremony the couple left for a trip to New York city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Thomas S. Chamblin, of White Post vicinity, and the bridegroom a well-to-do farmer of Clarke county.

Facts Below.

Referring to certain proposed changes in the State Constitution the Farmville Herald says: "To restrain those who unrestrained words obtain a very pretty wedding last night, and the historic old building was filled with friends to witness the marriage of Miss Kate B. Chamblin to Mr. Joseph Funkhouser, of Clarke county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. F. Laird, pastor of the Front Royal Presbyterian church. The ushers were Lewis Van Bieker and Henry Briarly, of Winchester, Va.; H. J. Funkhouser, of Hagerstown, Md., and C. Frank Craig, of Middleburg, Va."

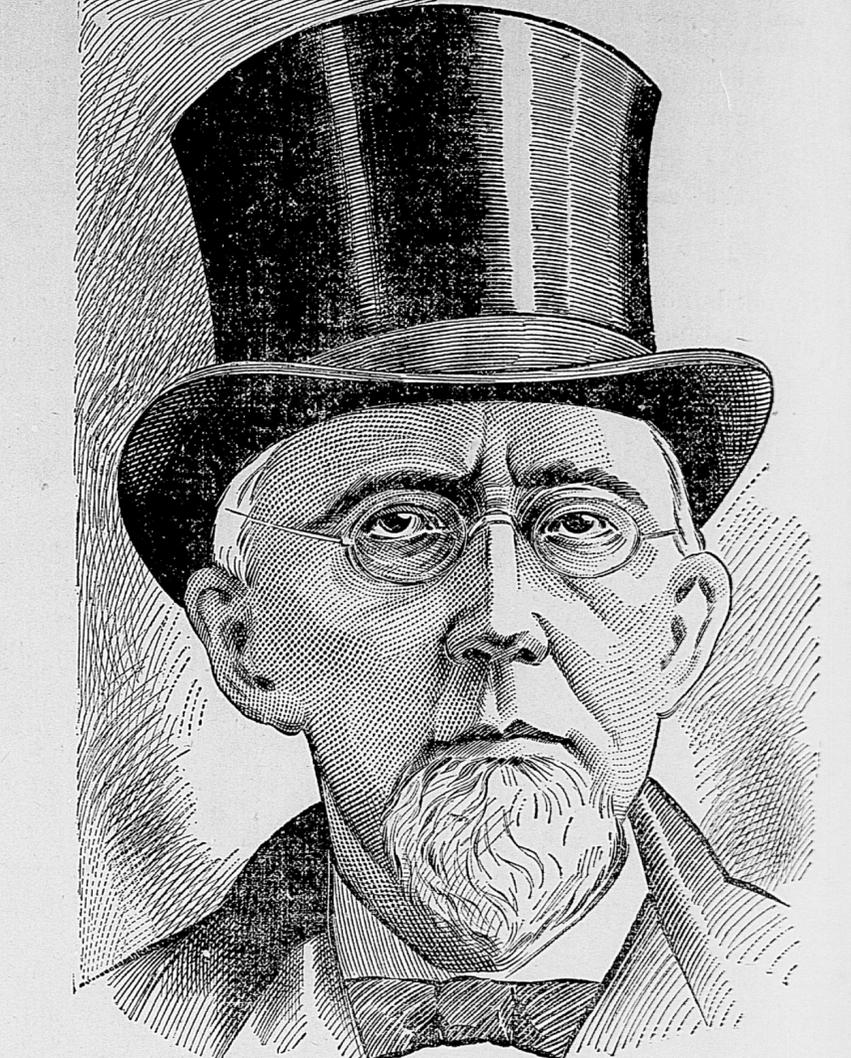
A DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

Eight-Seven Men, Women, and Children Killed. DENVER, COL., February 8.—The News has a special from Chihuahua, Mexico, which says: "Several hundred tons of dynamite stored in an underground chamber of the San Andres mine, situated in the Sierra Madre, in the western part of the State of Durango, exploded with terrific force, blowing the whole top of the mountain off, and destroying a portion of the village of Guaymas. Eighty-seven men, women, and children were killed, and many others badly injured. None of the men in the mine were seriously hurt. Among the killed are Herman Lentz, superintendent of the mine, and his family. The government has ordered an official investigation of the accident."

THE FRASER KIDNAPPING.

Another Demand for Money from the Abductors. MONTGOMERY, ALA., February 8.—Hix Fraser, a brother of Bass Fraser, who is believed to have been kidnapped in Atlanta some time ago, has, it is understood, received another anonymous letter from the kidnapers, in which they ask for a much larger sum than they secured from him recently in Atlanta. The letter says that the \$500 received from Mr. Fraser, near Atlanta, has been spent on

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CLASH WITH LA GUAYRANS.

Sailors from the Lancaster Have Difficulty Ashore. WASHINGTON, February 8.—Information has been received here of a clash between sailors of the United States naval vessel Lancaster, now at La Guayra, Venezuela, and the populace of that city. From what can be gleaned, the difficulty is without any political significance, and in all probability was the outcome of a brawl between sailors who had been enjoying themselves on shore-leave. As a result of the difficulty, the Lancaster's men were forced to take to their small boats and return to the ship. It is understood that the military forces were not called on to take part in the disturbance, although it is possible that the police assisted in quelling the disorder. No fatal casualties are reported on either side.

The Lancaster has a large number of ironmen on board, and was sent to La Guayra for temporary duty, to await the return of the gunboat Scorpion, which went to Curacao to coal. At the State Department no information was obtained, although the officials would not deny that Minister Loomis had communicated with the department on the subject.

WORK ON NEW WAR VESSELS.

Status of Construction—Battleships, Monitors, and Torpedo-Boats. WASHINGTON, February 8.—A statement issued by Admiral Hitchborn, chief constructor of the navy, shows that rapid progress is being made in the construction of new war vessels now building at ship-yards throughout the country. The big battleships Maine and Missouri have both advanced 2 per cent. toward final completion since January 1st, and the Ohio and Illinois, which latter is 85 per cent. finished, have both advanced 1 per cent. The sheathed protected cruisers all stand below the 50 per cent. mark, but an average advancement of nearly 3 per cent. in all six since January 1st is noted. Of the monitors, the Nevada, building at the Bath Iron-Works, is the nearest to completion, standing at 79 per cent. The other three are more than half completed. All of the torpedo-boat-destroyers, with the exception of the Stewart, which stands at 40 per cent., are over half-completed, and the Dale, Decatur, Lawrence, and MacDonough are set down at 95 per cent. completed, and over. Of the fifteen torpedo-boats now building, eleven are more than 25 per cent. completed, and fast work is being done on the seven submarine torpedo-boats.

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