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IMPORTANCE OF THE CONVENTION.

The Philadelphia Press (Republican) recognizes that "it is not only for the interest of Virginia, but as an aid in the solution of the race problem in the whole South," that the coming Virginia constitutional convention "should be made up of the ablest and most dispassionate thinkers that can be found in the State in order that the debates may have the benefit of their sagacity and ripe wisdom."

True, however, to its record in dealing with everything at the South, the Press cannot resist giving us a "dig." After stating that grave constitutional questions will come before the convention for settlement, and that, if they are settled rightly, "the future prosperity of the State will be greatly aided," our contemporary, by implication, expresses the fear that "a narrow and short-sighted policy will prevail."

The Press may rest assured that, if the candidates of the Democratic party yet to be chosen measure up to the standard of those already named, it will be able to view the proceedings of the convention without apprehension. The gathering will embrace many of the "ablest and most dispassionate thinkers" in the Commonwealth, and will be fully equal to the grave work that will devolve upon it.

The party has selected more than one-half of its candidates, and, if the rest of its nominees are worthy of the company so far named, the convention will illustrate the best traditions of the State in the matter of such bodies.

The Norfolk Landmark, in noting the character of the men nominated to date, says it expects to see the convention "clothed in much the same atmosphere of dignity and patriotism that surrounded Virginia's magnificent old-time public assemblies." If we finish as we have begun, there will be no reason why that expectation should not be realized. An analysis of the list of nominees discloses, as regards both public men and men who have not been in politics, a personnel and an intelligent representation of all interests of which every Virginian has a right to be proud.

We believe that the standard will be kept up. There are gratifying indications that in the districts yet to put forward candidates there is no less appreciation of the grave responsibility that will rest on the convention than has been shown in the districts that have acted. None the less, it is not amiss to continue to urge upon the Democratic constituencies that have not acted the duty of naming their ablest and wisest men. Local interest and local pride, as well as the interests of the Commonwealth at large, demand the performance of that duty. We would have assurance made double sure.

The Philadelphia Press is not singular among the papers at the North in the recognition it gives to the importance of the convention. Many other Republican papers and many leading Democratic journals in that section are from time to time making the forthcoming gathering the subject of discussion. The tone of the discussion renders it clear that the proceedings of the body are looked forward to with more interest, and will be subjected, perhaps, to closer scrutiny than those of any similar assembly that has met for years. There seems to be a tacit agreement—or, rather, a general expectation—that the labors of the convention will settle finally certain issues that are vital in their bearing not only on the welfare of Virginia, but that of the whole South. The consideration our northern contemporaries are giving the convention emphasizes most significantly the fact that for the good—the peace and prosperity—of both Virginia and her sister Southern States, the convention should, by and through, represent "the sagacity and best wisdom" of the Commonwealth.

The latest thing in swelldom, it seems, is the progressive dinner party, whereat the gentlemen, bearing their wine-glasses with them on a tray, move from one seat to another with every course. It thus gives everybody a chance to talk to everybody else, and is said to be "warranted to drive away dull formality, and put everybody in such a high good humor that the affair ceases to be a mere social function." The New York Herald says a clever woman is credited with having invented the new form of entertainment, in order to meet an emergency. "She had among her guests several Frenchmen, who could speak no English, and the majority of her guests could not converse in the language of France. There were members of the clergy present, and some who were not students of theology. There were guests who talked well, and others whose ideas were not evolved with dinner-talk rapidity. Yet this party composed of many elements was one of the most successful the hostess ever gave." The advocates of the progressive dinner say that it is a "function" which has come to stay.

LET'S PERSUADE THE RAT TO GO.

Dr. N. Nagusha, the eminent Japanese bacteriologist now visiting in Chicago, is rough on rats. He says the loathsome rodents disseminate diseases, and is attempting to inaugurate an international crusade against them. According to his statements, Japan already has begun an effort to rid the land of the long-tailed "varmints," which there are held responsible for the spread of the bubonic plague.

Dr. Nagusha, despite the unpleasant suggestiveness of the last two syllables of his surname, is said to be a practical man, with absolutely no sentiment, and but few vagaries. Indeed, his views concerning rats have been endorsed by many physicians of the Windy City, and up to this time not a soul has had a word to say in defence of the pestiferous little quadrupeds which excite our disgust.

It does not take an educated mind to understand how contagious diseases of all sorts might be spread by rats, but Dr. Nagusha, in sounding his warning, has left out some very important information. He has forgotten to say how the rats can be exterminated.

We may safely aver that the rats themselves will not be in accord with the proposed movement, and yet, without their concurrence, very little can be done. The wily rodent has never had a friend in man, and, what is more, he always has been able to shift for himself without asking favors. In short, the rat has progressed with civilization. In a certain sense he has had a college education; at least, he has attended educational institutions as well as other places of learning, and he has gotten the best in the way of edibles that they could afford. If there is anything good going begging he is very apt to get his share of it.

It is said by the encyclopaedias that rats are supposed to have had their origin in India and Persia, and that they have since emigrated into all other lands. At any rate, they are born sailors, and are quite willing to seek new homes and try new countries. And herein lies the difficulty of getting rid of them. We might kill a billion of the little scavengers in the Union to-day, and the incoming ships of to-morrow would bring thousands more. And among the newcomers we would find the same cunning and skill which have ever characterized the grisly Ishmaelite.

The rat, unlike a good many people, profits by experience and observation. If his great-great-grandmother perished in a trap, he will instruct his children, even unto the third and fourth generation, to beware of cheese with wire accessories. And the youngsters will follow his advice, too. If a cat is put on the premises, the whole colony will abdicate and leave the entire field to Tabby. Occasionally we can decoy them with poison, but if the mortality becomes marked the survivors will migrate, and meanwhile we hold our noses and are sorry we were so cruel.

Yes, Dr. Nagusha, the rat is "a mean one," and we are in favor of his extermination—plague or no plague—but you must tell us how to go about the business. The day of Pied Pipers has vanished, and our rat-terrier has gotten too fastidious to handle this particular line of business. If the pesky varmints were not so cosmopolitan we might ask them to lie down and die through mere love of country, but, under the circumstances, we don't know whether the very fellows in our house are Norwegians, or Filipinos, or Japanese, or Patagonians.

WHY NOT?

In a passage across the Atlantic from Liverpool to Philadelphia the four-masted sailing ship Kenilworth has broken all records. In 1898 the ship A. J. Ropes made the trip in nineteen days, but the Kenilworth's time from the Mersey to the Delaware capes was only eighteen days and a half.

The Kenilworth's feat has caused to be raised the question why not a regular line of passenger sailing vessels between this country and Europe. It would, it is argued, be a relief from the hurry and drive and the noise and thump of the modern liner to take a more leisurely trip across the ocean in a ship of the Kenilworth type.

Since the fashionables are returning to the old-fashioned stage-coach for pleasure and excitement, why not a return to the sailing ship in making "runs" across the Atlantic.

In calling to the attention of the people of its own community the lesson of the Jefferson and the Meyer's store fires, the Newport News Herald says:

"Fire apparatus and the whole Fire Department of any city are costly, but there is no excuse for not having them. The necessity and the danger are imperative commands that the city councils shall provide ample fire-fighting apparatus for all the buildings that are allowed to remain or to be built within the city limits. There must not be excuses after the fires that the buildings were too high, too large, too inflammable because of contents or construction, or that the water supply was insufficient. Those excuses aggravate the calamity by admitting that it was avoidable."

There is no getting away from the Herald's contentions.

Not only will every man's hand now be against the mosquito, as has been the case heretofore, but the hand of the army surgeon in particular. Orders from headquarters are to this effect.

And now we are immersed in ball the country over. Spring is with us, whatever the mercury may say. We are a nation of rooters, for some months to come, as well as grubbers for a living.

Thomas F. Grady, of New York city, the brilliant leader of the Democratic minority in the New York State Senate, has been taken to a sanitarium, it appears. His trouble is nervous prostration. He has been heard, it will be remembered, on the political platform in Richmond.

It is becoming more and more evident every day that Virginia's constitutional convention is going to be a body in every way worthy of the glorious old State and of the occasion.

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DIED FROM MOTHERLY ANXIETY.

Sad End of Mrs. Amanda Green, of Winchester—Personal Notes.

WINCHESTER, VA., April 18.—(Special.)—Anguish over an accident which recently befell her little son is given as the cause of Mrs. Amanda Green's death, which occurred here to-day.

A week ago, her son, Ernest Green, was the victim of a runaway accident, in which he was seriously injured. Constant vigils at his bedside are thought to have brought on a cerebral affection, which culminated in an abscess of the brain, and caused Mrs. Green's death. She was the wife of Mr. John Green, and leaves several small children.

Miss Annie Maria Colston, a member of a prominent family of Clarke county, Va., died here this morning, after a brief illness, of heart-disease, brought on by a slight attack of pneumonia.

She was taken sick last Saturday.

Miss Colston had been residing here since last October. She was a daughter of the late William Colston, of Clarke county, and was 60 years of age. She leaves a brother—Mr. John Colston, of Charlestown, W. Va.—and two sisters—Mrs. Elliott, of Jefferson county, W. Va., and Mrs. Carver, of Clarke.

Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde, of this city, president of the Valley Female College and chaplain-general of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans of Virginia, has been appointed by Colonel Richard L. Maury, of the Grand Camp, to represent that organization at the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Memphis, Tenn., in May. Colonel Maury will not attend.

MR. VAN SHILREY.

Mr. Van Shilrey, a young man of the county, was seriously, and perhaps fatally, injured at Clearbrook, near here, yesterday afternoon. He was hauling a load of railroad ties, and in descending a hill, started to draw the brake. He fell from the wagon, which passed over his leg, horribly mangling it.

Winchester Presbytery, in session at Strasburg, to-day elected the following delegates to the Southern Assembly, which meets at Little Rock, Ark.: Clerical Principals—Rev. J. H. Moore, of Keyser, W. Va., and Rev. A. G. Link, of Strasburg; Alternates—Rev. F. Ingle, of Falling Waters, W. Va., and Rev. R. W. Carter, of Piedmont; Ruling Elders Principals—Judge Giles Cook, of Front Royal, and J. B. Morgan, of Gerardstown, W. Va.; Alternates—H. B. Gilkerson, of Romney, W. Va., and T. K. Cartmell, of this city.

Mr. J. Montgomery Unger and Mrs. Elizabeth Strother, an elderly couple, were married at Whitacre, in this county, yesterday.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. T. Feaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Unger called at the parsonage in a buggy, and got the minister to marry them in the street while seated in the vehicle.

The bride was a widow and the groom a widower.

Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss, the New York millionaire, and a native of Winchester, is ill with catarrhal appendicitis at his home, in that city. He was taken ill in his store and removed to his home in a cab.

EDUCATORS IN GREENSBORO.

Distinguished Visitors There—Bail for Alleged "Gold Brick" Man.

GREENSBORO', N. C., April 18.—(Special.)—The educational party from the North, who are on their way to the Educational Conference at Winston, stopped over here to-day, and spent several hours at the State Normal Industrial College. Short speeches were made by Dr. J. L. M. Curry; Bishop Doane, of Albany; Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York; Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Works; Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New York; Dr. H. B. Frissell, of Hampton College; Dr. Albert Shaw, and others.

Mr. W. A. Baldwin, president of the Long Island railway; Dr. James McAllister, and other distinguished gentlemen were in the party. The visitors are travelling in on special train.

The wife of Howard, the alleged "gold-brick" man, arrived here to-day and asked the Justice of the Peace to grant bail to her husband and the other two prisoners.

The Justice offered bail in the sum of $3,000 each, but the woman declared that she could not give that much.

ALEXANDRIA.

The Fight in Police Circles—Mysterious Disappearance.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 18.—(Special.)—The controversy between Mayor George L. Simpson and the Board of Police Commissioners is now assuming forms that promise it will end in a big legal battle. Last night the commissioners passed a resolution, which requires thot the police doing duty at the station-house be changed every two months, and that all the officers of the force be given an opportunity to do station-house duty. The resolution, it was stated, will go into effect May 1st. Heretofore the station-house squad has been a permanent one, the Mayor selecting three of the policemen, whom he thought, most capable for the work.

Mayor Simpson stated this morning that he would ignore the resolution, and, if necessary, carry the matter into the courts. Corporation-Attorney Boothe has the matter now under advisement, and will render his opinion in a few days.

The secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners was directed by the board, if necessary, to employ counsel to see that the Mayor carried out the rules and regulations laid down by them. What the outcome of the controversy will be is hard to say.

D. F. Hurley, freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, in this city, disappeared from here on Thursday last, and his whereabouts are unknown. Mr. Hurley is about 30 years of age, and has a wife and family of small children. The railroad company have placed another man here in his place. No reason can be assigned for his sudden departure, and his absence is causing his friends no little anxiety.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Seven-Year-Old Girl Burned to Death.

CHARLESTON, KANAWHA COUNTY, W. VA., April 18.—(Special.)—A most horrible death was suffered yesterday by the 7-year-old daughter of V. A. Young and wife, who live in Putnam county, near Winfield. She was at the fire in the sitting-room, and all of a sudden she was ablaze from head to foot, her dress having caught from the grate. The child's mother rushed into the room, but it was too late to save the little one. She was frightfully burned, the flesh almost dropping away. She died in the greatest of agony. The father is a farmer at Oak Ridge.

THE GOVERNOR IN STAUNTON.

He Inspects the Western State Hospital.

STAUNTON, VA., April 18.—(Special.)—Governor J. Hoge Tyler reached Staunton to-day to inspect the management of the Western State Hospital. The Superintendent, Dr. Benjamin Blackford, and his staff piloted the State's Chief Magistrate all over the institution, and to-night entertained the Governor at a handsome dinner, to which were invited Lieutenant-Governor Echols and other prominent citizens. On being called on for a speech, Governor Tyler congratulated Dr. Blackford on the excellent management of this hospital for the insane, and said it was justly a matter of pride to the people of Virginia. And he addedd that he might say the same of the State's other eleemosynary institutions he had inspected. To-morrow the Governor will go to Charlottesville to visit the University of Virginia, and Private-Secretary Ben. P. Owen tells your correspondent they will reach Richmond Friday night.

This afternoon the first automobile ever seen in Staunton steamed through the streets. It was operated by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hyer, of this city.

HOBSON'S FIRST ASSIGNMENT.

Inquiry Into Claims for Extras on the Tingey.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Naval-Constructor Hobson, who is now on special duty here, was given his first assignment to-day, in connection with the torpedo-boat Tingey, the contract on which has been declared forfeited. The contractors claim that they furnished a number of extras before the forfeiture occurred. The ship will now be towed from Baltimore to Norfolk, where Constructor Hobson and other members of a board will make inquiry to learn how far these extras were warranted.

His Trouble.

(Philadelphia Press.)

"What brought you here, my poor man?" inquired the prison visitor.

"Well, lady," replied the prisoner, "I guess my trouble started from attendin' too many weddin's."

"Ah! You learned to drink there, or steal, perhaps?"

"No, lady; I was always the bridegroom."

Wasn't Appreciated.

(Boston Transcript.)

Unselfish goodness is seldom appreciated in this world of ours. There was that man in the electric car, for instance. Having rung up three fares in his efforts to stop the car for the woman that sat on the opposite side, he tossed after her the umbrella that belonged to the little gray-whiskered man on his right. Neither the gray-whiskered man nor the conductor liked the thoughtful Samaritan for his altruistic efforts.

Far Better Results.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)

Julius: Would you like to live your life over again?

Edgar: No; but I'd like to spend over again all the money I've spent.

Ingratitude.

(Philadelphia Times.)

"No; I won't give you a piece of my apple," snapped his sister.

"And who was it," the boy inquired reproachfully, "that spoiled the piano so you didn't have to practice for a week?"

Easy to See.

(Boston Transcript.)

Brigham: I saw you and your wife dining at the new restaurant last evening.

Burnham: How did you know it was my wife?

Brigham: I heard you say, "Guess we'd better have some roast beef."

BONDS AND STOCKS TO BE LISTED.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED BONDS and STOCKS are to be listed for taxation by all individuals owning them, or any of them, on FEBRUARY 1, 1901, at their market value, as of that date:

American Tobacco Company, preferred stock.
American Tobacco Company, common stock.
Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line, stock.
Atlanta and Charlotte railroad (7's).
Atlantic-Coast Line of Conn., stock.
Atlantic-Coast Line of Conn., certificates Ind., 5 per cent.
Atlantic-Coast Line of Conn., certificates Ind., 4 per cent.
Atlantic-Coast Line, preferred stock.
Atlantic-Coast Line, common stock.
Atlantic-Coast Line, certificates Ind.
Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, stock.
Chesapeake and Ohio railroad (4½'s), 1992.
Connection railroad, stock.
Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta (1st 5's).
Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta (2d 7's).
Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta consols, 6 per cent.
City of Danville (8's).
City of Danville (6's).
City of Danville (5's).
City of Danville 4½'s, 1928.
City of Portsmouth (6's).
City of Manchester Tax Rec. 10-40.
City of Manchester 6 per cent. ponds.
City of Manchester 5's, 1931.
Columbia and Greenville first mortgage bonds.
Continental Tobacco Company, preferred stock.
Continental Tobacco Company, common stock.
Columbia and Greenville 1st 6's, R. C., 1922.
Central of Georgia railway consol 5's.
Charleston and West Carolina 1st 5's.
Fredericksburg city bonds (7's).
Georgia Pacific (6's).
Georgia, Southern and Florida R. R., first mortgage, 5 per cent.
Georgia, Southern and Florida R. R., first preferred.
Georgia, Southern and Florida R. R., second preferred.
Georgia, Southern and Florida R. R., common.
Georgia and Alabama, consol 5 per cent.
Georgia and Alabama, first preferred, 5 per cent.
Georgia, Carolina and Northern, 1st 5's.
Greater Seaboard Certificates.
Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West, first mortgage (6's).
Lynchburg city bonds (6's).
Lynchburg city bonds (8's).
Lynchburg 5 per cent. bonds.
Lynchburg city 4½'s.
North Carolina new (4's).
North Carolina (6's).
North Carolina railroad stock.
Norfolk city bonds (4's).
Norfolk water bonds (8's).
Norfolk bonds (8's).
Norfolk city 5 per cent. bonds.
Norfolk and Western railroad, common stock.
Norfolk and Western, preferred.
Norfolk and Western railway 4's, 1996.
Norfolk Street-Railway Company, 1st 5's, 1943.
Norfolk Railway and Light Company, par 25.
Old Dominion Steamship Company, stock.
Petersburg city bonds (6's).
Petersburg railroad, Class "A," 5 per cent. bonds.
Petersburg railroad, Class "B," 6 per cent. bonds.
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad bonds, 6 per cent.
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, 4½ per cent.
Richmond and Petersburg railroad, 6 per cent. bonds.
Richmond and Petersburg railroad, 4½ per cent.
Richmond, York River and Chesapeake (6's).
Richmond, York River and Chesapeake railroad, second mortgage bonds (4½'s).
Richmond and Mecklenburg railroad, first 4 per cent., 1921.
Richmond Traction Company, 5 per cent.
Richmond Railway and Electric Company, 5 per cent.
Richmond and Danville gold 6's, 1915.
Richmond and Danville Debt. 5's, 1927.
Richmond and Danville, equipment 5's.
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, extended 5's.
Richmond Traction Company, stock, par 50.
Richmond and Petersburg, consol 6's, 1915.
Richmond and Petersburg, consol 4½'s, 1940.
Sloss Iron and Steel Company, first mortgage (6's).
Sloss Iron and Steel Company, second mortgage.
Sloss Sheffield, preferred.
Sloss Sheffield, common.
Southern railway, 5 per cent. bonds.
Southern railway, common stock.
Southern railway, preferred stock.
Southside railroad, third preferred 6 per cent. bonds.
South-Bound, 1st 5's, 1941.
Seaboard Air-Line, preferred.
Seaboard Air-Line, common.
Seaboard Loan Certificates.
Seaboard Bond Certificates.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, preferred stock.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, common stock.
Virginia Midland, first mortgage.
Virginia Midland, second mortgage.
Virginia Midland, third mortgage.
Virginia Midland, fourth mortgage.
Virginia Midland, fifth mortgage.
Virginia Midland, common stock.
Virginia Midland, general mortgage 5 per cent.
Virginia Midland, general mortgage gold 5 per cent.
Western North Carolina railroad mortgage (6's).
West-End Land Company, stock, par 25.

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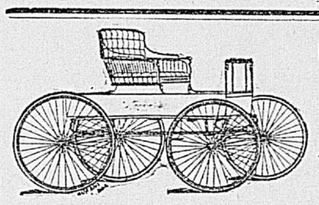

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