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NEW PARTY TIES. POPULIST AND SILVER SENATORS ALL NOW WITH DEMOCRATS. McLAURIN BECOMES REPUBLICAN.

A Full-Fledged Member of the Administration Party, It is Said, and to Be Taken Care of Accordingly by the Senate Majority—Wellington a Man Without a Party—Washington Personals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—(Special.)—The Democratic senatorial caucus yesterday afternoon demonstrated that every man in the Senate, with one exception, who is not a Republican, intends to work hand-in-hand with the Democrats.

General T. M. Rosser, of Albemarle county, Va., who is now recognized as a full-fledged Republican, appeared on Pennsylvania avenue this morning radiant in a full suit of greenish color. He was joined by Judge Sear, a former Republican, and other members of the party.

LIEUTENANT MARSHALL. Colonel Richard C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, Va., accompanied by Representative Maynard, of the Second District, to-day called on the Secretary of War and the President in the interest of R. C. Marshall, Jr., who has been designated for an appointment in the army.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. David Furrow, East Radford, Va., has been issued a license to marry. The bride is Miss F. H. Hummer, of this city, and Fannie M. Johnson, of Fairfax county, Va.

DEATH OF GEO. T. JOHNSON. Well-known Citizen of Charlottesville—Mrs. Lucy Fry No More. CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—Mr. George T. Johnson, whose extreme illness has been referred to in this correspondence, died last night at his home in this city, in the 62d year of his age.

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THALHIMER'S "The Busy Corner." In the Midst of the Holiday Rush. A Rousing Umbrella Sale. Women's Seasonable Apparel. Rich, But Inexpensive.

A great purchase just in time for Christmas-gift choosing. The long-continued dry weather plays havoc with the stocks of Umbrella manufacturers, and many of them are largely overstocked.

Thalhimer's Millinery Department. Our Exquisitely Trimmed Hats Reduced. This is a most timely and important announcement from our Millinery Department just at the time when every woman wants a Dainty Hat for Christmas.

Furs for Christmas. What's nicer? Every woman and girl likes 'em because they know Furs lend a natty, chic appearance to any get-up. Most complete assortment of Fine Furs in the city.

Men's Holiday Neckwear. We can show you the HANDSOMEST LINE OF NECKWEAR in the city. Men's Silk Scarfs, in all the newest patterns, all silk-lined, in Knots, Impeccable and Graduated Four-in-Hands.

Women's Holiday Neckwear. A sensible holiday gift—one that is yearly increasing in popularity—is a piece of Natty Neckwear. We display such that is new for our holiday business.

Reduced prices on Suits. At— \$10—Walking Suits, double-faced, made in gray, black, or blue, 7-gored flared skirt, Oxford only.

Walking Skirts. Ladies' Walking Skirts, in Blue, Brown, and Oxford, corded flounce, a perfect fitting and hanging skirt, latest style, and best workmanship.

Fine Holiday China. Nothing can be more appropriate for a holiday gift than China or Glassware. There are no misfit sizes in these goods, and no housewife can have too many duplicates.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE. Berry Succeeds Vest in Sub-Committee Chairmanship—Ship-Subsidy Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—(Special.)—Superintendent A. P. Gaines, of the Bristol Furnace, while en route from his home to the city late afternoon, was struck by a locomotive on the Virginia and Southwestern yards and knocked from the track.

ISAAC BARE. His Death Occurred in Rockbridge County on Wednesday. LEXINGTON, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—Isaac Bare, aged 67 years, died at his home, near Flumen, yesterday. He was the eldest son of the late Robert Bare, of Lexington, and served throughout the civil war as a member of Company C, First Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army, and was a gallant soldier.

SCOTLAND NECK NOTES. A Marriage at Windsor—W. P. White's Property Burnt. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., December 12.—(Special.)—At Windsor, at 11 o'clock Tuesday, Miss Julia Tadlock was married to Mr. Walter M. Hancock, of Scotland Neck.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. BARRINGER—Died, in New Orleans, La., December 7, 1901, in the 74th year of his age, WALTER V. BARRINGER, father of Mrs. Warner L. Waring, of this city.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—The Democratic leaders of the Senate have notified the Republicans that the minority does not feel called upon to provide committee places for either Senator McLaughlin or Senator Wellington. It is understood that the Republican Committee on Committees will assign these senators to committee places.

TO TAKE VOTE MONDAY

It would also be true of any South American country whose territory extends from ocean to ocean. Senator Spooner was decidedly of a conservative opinion, and insisted that a country did not acquire any rights of a territory until it had been formally ceded to the United States.

FOR THE NICARAGUE ROUTE.

Favorable Report on the Morgan Bill—Panama Proposition. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—The Senate Committee on Isthmian Canal today authorized a favorable report upon Senator Morgan's bill providing for the acquisition from Nicaragua and Costa Rica of the right of way via the Nicaragua route.

THE PANAMA COMPANY.

Referring to the Panama Canal Company, the Panama Canal Commission reports: "This company, in a previous administration, has succeeded in securing the resignation of a Secretary of the Navy, to accept a nominal position in his service at a large salary, and expended \$1,500,000 in New York in acquiring the aid of leading business men in promoting the De Lesseps plan, without a dollar of stock being subscribed in that city."

HUTIN'S PROPOSAL.

Senator Morgan again refers to the letter to Secretary Hay of last November, which he had previously made an unmistakable reference to the Panama project to the United States, and adds: "Yet Mr. Hutin, in his correspondence with Admiral Walker, and in his letter, and the accompanying memorandum, has been very evasive and evasive, and then states and again finally insists that the United States should purchase their property, and that when the company agreed to sell it, the Isthmian Canal Company refused to accept the value of it. He implies that the company, and severely criticizes their dealings with the Canal Commission."

IMPORTANCE OF THE CANAL.

The importance of the report on the Panama project is that it is a general review of the importance of the construction of an isthmian canal, and in the second paragraph of the report it is declared that "a failure to accomplish this work would create a state of national disaster."

Local Option Election in Richmond County.

WARSAW, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—Three hundred and four votes were cast to-day in the local option election in Washington District in this county. The "drys" received 220, and the "wets" 84.

The Trial of Westey Craig.

WOODSTOCK, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—Good progress was made by the Commonwealth in the County Court here to-day in the trial of Wesley W. Craig upon the charge of murdering Bruce Lomas on December 13, 1900. It is expected that the case will be given to the jury to-morrow. A night session of the court is being held to-night, when the Commonwealth will complete its case.

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FINE BODY OF MEN.

Meeting of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange. ONANCOCK, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—The largest, most intelligent, and finest looking body of men ever assembled on the Eastern Shore met at Accomac to-day. The occasion was the second annual meeting of stockholders of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange, for the purpose of the election of officers for the ensuing year.

PERSONAL.

Mr. McKim, Cashier of the Richmond post-office, accompanied by Captain Lamb, called on the German Ambassador to-day, with reference to a large estate in Germany, to which the former gentleman is one of the heirs.

GAS AND TROUBLE.

Come from White Bread. While it is true that we build up the body from food, it is also true that different kinds of food have different effects on the body and produce different results.

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Shoe Odds. Again we have some interesting news for our remnant counters. 1 table contains Ladies' Plaid Satin Nullifiers, fur trimmed, in good order, 65 pairs, fair run of sizes, look 'em over, 50c choice. Misses', Ladies', and Men's Lamb's Wool Soles, slightly 10c.

Knitting Mills Burned. RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—At 5 o'clock this morning the entire plant of the Riverview Knitting Mills, at Tarboro, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$50,000, with \$35,000 insured.

Wolfe's Economy Store. Store open evenings 10 o'clock until Xmas.