

MR. WISE'S DEFENCE.

FORMER VIRGINIAN TRUSTS TO TIME FOR VINDICATION.

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Nevertheless, he is at some pains to make his position clear as to his becoming Counsel for Those Who Attempt to Overthrow the New Constitution.

The following open letter from John S. Wise to the gentlemen in Virginia has been furnished The Richmond News for publication.

New York, Dec. 22.

My Dear Judge:

Thank you once again for that sweet letter so timely at this particular time, when so many folks are saying mean things about me. They do not disturb me, because I know I am right and that they are wrong. When a man knows his is right he is serene and abuse does not rattle him. The knowledge that they are violating pledged faith, and doing mean, despicable and dishonest things, makes them irritable and abusive. In a sense their wrath amuses me. In another sense I am moved by pity for their narrow-mindedness and vindictiveness. They cannot turn back the hands of time or obliterate history.

I agree most heartily with all you say about the importance of denying suffrage to negroes and limiting it to intelligent ones. Any fair limitation of the right to those sufficiently educated to possess understanding as well as character must be approved by every right-thinking man; but when the limitations are not imposed good faith in the nation stands guilty of the confessed purpose of race discrimination, and when they are enacted by fraudulent abandonment of pledges and in defiance of all authority; the questions whether it is broader than any question of race, whether it is broader than the question whether, in defiance of law and precedent, a factional oligarchy, in perpetuity, can establish itself, by over-throwing all Democratic-Republican government in any State of the Union.

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No people can exist in a free community without the power of self-protection. The ideas of freedom and political serfdom are inconsistent. The men who freed the slaves saw this so clearly that they bestowed suffrage upon the negroes, as a means of political self-protection, prematurely.

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Do not tell me that government under any such auspices will be better. No government so conceived or so executed, will be better than the bad men who seize it, or the worse men who administer it. It is not democratic or republican government. It is the domination of a faction which neither respects the principles of government it pretends to administer, the rights of the governed, nor its own pledges. Doing evil that good may come of it, is not a government. It is a usurper and tyrant from the time that government began, with the inevitable result that the evil has been done and the promised good did not come of it. I feel a contempt for the expression so often heard that even if the method resorted to, to eliminate the negro vote, was bad and vicious, the results will emancipate thought in Virginia and build up what the nation using this argument of convenience are pleased to predict, will be two respectable parties there. In a word, that with the negro vote removed as a fusing influence upon the whites, the whites will divide upon public issues, as they have not done before.

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to him of rights, which we are pledged by every consideration of honor and of interest to respect, we drove him from our midst? No, sir, we could not afford it. There is not a pig-headed, bourbon, fool, near-to-hater living who, when pressed, will not admit these truths.

And if we be true that honor and self-interest may be so that his lot is cast with us, in the name of reason and humanity, I ask, what have we to lose by being just and humane to him, or by according to him those political rights which white men deem essential to the protection and the preservation of their liberty? God help the State that falls within the control of small souls who cannot see these great truths through the bloody mists of race prejudice.

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SOUTHERN PEOPLE NARROW. We hear much also of the duty to maintain white supremacy. This talk springs from no honest fear that white supremacy is imperilled. It is intended to enlist race sympathy from those who will not take the trouble to inquire themselves upon the problem. But I say God help a white supremacy attained by breach of pledged faith to the nation; by cruel and unjust race discrimination against the blacks; by laws enacted without any legal sanction, which in any broad apprehension of the true relations between the races, dictated by vicious and half civilized race prejudice, and committed, for their administration, to willing tools, whose only idea of civic duty or loyalty is to work to perpetuate the rule of the faction which installed them.

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LET VIRGINIANS ANSWER. Let every citizen of Virginia, affected by the work of these tools of this conspiracy, answer the questions that I put in the light of his knowledge of the character and attainments of the individuals chosen at his home to do this deed of political murder. And finally, has not every appointee, legislative and executive, of government, since this alleged new constitution has been put into operation, been one of those who planned it, and for whose benefit it was devised? Read the list and answer me.

Do not tell me they intend to lose their grip. The statement is a reflection upon your intelligence or upon mine. I tell you they gained this power, corruptly, to enjoy it themselves; and will retain it as unscrupulous as they gained it. Under the plea of fettering the negro they have fettered all the whites also. There is no more hope of white men successfully overcoming their factional domination than there is of black men, or black and white men, would do. The poor deluded people of the State have, under the false fears excited by appeals to their race prejudices, allowed the coterie of Bogus patriots, typified by the leaders in this convention, to fix upon them a thraldom, the end of which no man living can foresee, unless it is broken by the power of the law; and judicially declared to be, as it is, an outrage upon the rights of the people. It is worse than any monarchy, for it has no single head to chop off. It is as specious in its pretences of benefits, and will be, if it is permitted to stand, as tyrannical and corrupt as the Venetian Signory of Forty.

In spite of all these people say to the contrary, I love Old Virginia better than any spot on earth, and her glory is as dear to me as to any of her sons. I am heartily ashamed of what has been done there. I will break it up, root and branch, if I can, as a duty which I owe, not only to my clients, but to my native State. If I cannot, that is all; but I am neither afraid nor ashamed to say, even if I be the only white son of Virginia who feels as I do.

Is it not natural that the negroes, who are wronged by this thing, should seek in every way in their power, to obtain redress? Are they so beneath the notice of the law that they are not entitled to seek its protection? Are their claims so preposterous and so unbecomingly repulsive that a reputable lawyer cannot present and urge them without aspersions upon his character and ability? These questions bring their own answers. A negative answer must come from every honest man, lawyer or layman, for it is the boast of our profession that no man is so humble, or even so base, that he is not entitled to have the best aspect of his case presented to a court for judgment; and that no human

being is so low in the scale of humanity or political consideration, that to allege a case in the land should turn a deaf ear to his prayer for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I took their case, knowing full well the unreasoning and brutal prejudice which would excite. How could I doubt this would be so, when I recalled that my father's life-long service to the State did not protect his grey hairs from villainous aspersions when he defended Chatham in the unpopularity contest in Virginia in the seventies.

WILL PLAY GAME TO FINISH. I have undertaken the task of bringing these galants to a finish, and we will play this game to a finish. It may end in the courts; or it may end in congress; or it may end in some other way; but if they think it is ended, or that it is even fairly begun, they are bravely deciding themselves. It is too large a game to be decided by one throw of loaded dice. They are playing for political power.

But my clients, a number of 100,000 of Congress, have been taught to think they are men and promised manhood by their State and nation, are not playing; they are praying and struggling and agonizing in the equity whether they are freemen or serfs or chattels.

At the end we shall know who is right and who is wrong; and, whatever that end may be, I know I am on the side of the weak against the strong, of the humanity against the prejudice, of the advancement and progress against obstruction and negation; of good faith against broken pledges of honor; of popular rights against unscrupulous usurpation; of the people against the politicians.

In all my life I never had a cause in the justice of which I felt more confidence; or advocated a measure which I felt was more surely for the benefit of all the people concerned. Thus, feeling I am unaffected by adverse criticism and more and more resolved to go on with the good work.

And the time will come when every body's friend and opponent will see, and say, that I was right—right as God's precept—"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you."

Let this be my answer to all that has been said in trust to time for vindication, and meantime am just as well, just as prosperous, and just as happy as if the heathen did not rage furiously against me.

Yours truly, JOHN S. WISE.

MARCONI SUCCEEDS AT CAPE BRETON.

He Sends and Receives Wireless Message Across the Atlantic—Commercial Operations in a Few Months.

HALIFAX, December 22.—Marconi when interviewed last night, said he had exchanged messages successfully yesterday with King Edward and the King of Italy. His system met with emphatic approval, completely vindicating Marconi's views, completely vindicating Marconi's views.

The station will not be opened for commercial business for four months this giving time to perfect the Cape Cod station and to conduct further experiments with a view of improving the system. Every day of progress to the active mind of the wizard improvements that he puts into execution. It was discovered that one-quarter of the aerial wires that hang from the tower of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were used successfully as the bunch and down came the surplus lot.

The grand spectacular opening was to be on Christmas-Day, but Marconi sprung a surprise and announced his achievement before the holiday season.

EMPLOYMENT FOR MANY MEN. The placing of the system on a commercial basis will give employment to a large staff of expert telegraphers and operators. Before the work begins, it will require a score of mechanics.

Marconi's success was received in Gloucester with delight. The wizard is highly respected here. In addition to the message sent to King Edward, the messages were exchanged. The instruments worked perfectly.

Cornwall was called up at an early hour. It was a fine day, bright and clear. The wires or instruments were tested before the hour struck. The first wireless message was dispatched through the air across the broad expanse of ocean. There was a pause. At last the answer came. Marconi had triumphed. His pleased countenance indicated the success of the feat.

MESSAGE TO KING EDWARD. The message to King Edward was sent by several ticks, then the message to King Edward was sent radiating on its immense circuit; it connected with the circuit from Cornwall, and Marconi had made the achievement of his life.

Having finished with the experiments the Carlo Alberto got up steam and sailed for Venezuela. The Carlo Alberto was sent here by the Italian Government to assist in Marconi's experiments, and proceeds to Venezuela, in accordance with the government's instructions.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL NOTIFIED. OTTAWA, Ont., December 22.—The following message was received by the Governor-General of Canada, from Marconi, at Gloucester Bay, shows that wireless transatlantic telegraph has been a success: "Have honor to inform your Excellency that your message has now been transmitted to Marconi's experiment, and proceeds to Venezuela, in accordance with the government's instructions."

MARCONI'S ANNOUNCEMENT. NEW YORK, December 22.—The following dispatch from Marconi dated Gloucester Bay, December 21st, has been received here: "I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton, N. S., and Cornwall, England, and that the success, inaugurating messages, including one from the Governor-General of Canada to King Edward VII, have already been transmitted and forwarded to the Kings of England and Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P. (Signed) "G. MARCONI."

LONDON, December 22.—London Times received the receipt of a message by wireless telegraph from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S.

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PULASKI GOSSIP.

Christmas Entertainments—Prominent People Discussed. PULASKI, Va., December 22.—(Special.)—Entertainments appropriate to the holiday season, to be given next week by each of the churches to their respective Sunday schools, are looked forward to with much interest by the young folks. In some instances there will be a substitute for the time-honored "Christmas tree," but this means variety and a great gratification of that universally popular custom.

A party of prominent citizens of Wythe county are here to view the site of the new bridge over the north side of Draper Mountain, and within a mile of the city. The property is under the management of Captain Moore, who is forming a joint stock company with a view of early development. L. T. Hiltzinger and J. J. Allen. G. C. Mooney has purchased the grocery stock of J. P. Kelley, and will conduct the business in the same stand.

Mr. Randall Brown has accepted a situation with the Stone Printing Company, of Lynchburg, and will enter on his duties the first of the new year. Mr. W. A. Peagles, now of Chicago, visited relatives here, to this week. About two years ago, he was charged with the murder of Mr. John B. Caddell, treasurer of the county, and after a long trial, he was acquitted.

At a recent entertainment of the Euchre Club, given at Maplewood, by Messrs. E. T. Howard, B. B. Neal and L. W. Miller, the prizes were won by Mrs. H. Peyton Gray, Miss Emma Peyton, Messrs. J. B. Neal and J. D. Axtow, secretary and Mrs. R. R. Moore, treasurer. The house and furniture of Moses Porter, Newbern, the oldest democratic negro in the county, was burned Sunday during his absence from home.

Mr. James Darst, of City Point, is visiting his sisters, Mrs. J. W. Wilson and Mrs. E. T. Howard, at this week. Mr. J. Kent Warden, who is employed at Fort Jay, West Va., is here to spend the holidays with his family.

The Bitters was positively cured Stomach Ills, Liver and Kidney Troubles, or Malaria, Fever, and Ague. We therefore urge every sufferer to try a bottle at once. For sale by your Druggist, or write us for a sample.

ROOSEVELT FAMILY ATTENDS CHURCH and Afterwards Goes Riding in S. P. of Hain-Storm. RAPIDAN, Va., December 22.—In a driving rain the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, and four of their children, accompanied by their host, Mr. Joseph Wilmer, went horseback riding yesterday afternoon. The party left the Wilmer mansion after 5 o'clock, and did not return until 5 o'clock. It had rained here since last night. Yesterday morning the President and his family, Mr. Wilmer, drove to the picturesque little church in Rapidan to attend divine service. The trip was made

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In all my life I never had a cause in the justice of which I felt more confidence; or advocated a measure which I felt was more surely for the benefit of all the people concerned. Thus, feeling I am unaffected by adverse criticism and more and more resolved to go on with the good work. And the time will come when every body's friend and opponent will see, and say, that I was right—right as God's precept—"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." Let this be my answer to all that has been said in trust to time for vindication, and meantime am just as well, just as prosperous, and just as happy as if the heathen did not rage furiously against me. Yours truly, JOHN S. WISE. MARCONI SUCCEEDS AT CAPE BRETON. He Sends and Receives Wireless Message Across the Atlantic—Commercial Operations in a Few Months. HALIFAX, December 22.—Marconi when interviewed last night, said he had exchanged messages successfully yesterday with King Edward and the King of Italy. 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Marconi's success was received in Gloucester with delight. The wizard is highly respected here. In addition to the message sent to King Edward, the messages were exchanged. The instruments worked perfectly. Cornwall was called up at an early hour. It was a fine day, bright and clear. The wires or instruments were tested before the hour struck. The first wireless message was dispatched through the air across the broad expanse of ocean. There was a pause. At last the answer came. Marconi had triumphed. His pleased countenance indicated the success of the feat. MESSAGE TO KING EDWARD. The message to King Edward was sent by several ticks, then the message to King Edward was sent radiating on its immense circuit; it connected with the circuit from Cornwall, and Marconi had made the achievement of his life. Having finished with the experiments the Carlo Alberto got up steam and sailed for Venezuela. The Carlo Alberto was sent here by the Italian Government to assist in Marconi's experiments, and proceeds to Venezuela, in accordance with the government's instructions. GOVERNOR-GENERAL NOTIFIED. OTTAWA, Ont., December 22.—The following message was received by the Governor-General of Canada, from Marconi, at Gloucester Bay, shows that wireless transatlantic telegraph has been a success: "Have honor to inform your Excellency that your message has now been transmitted to Marconi's experiment, and proceeds to Venezuela, in accordance with the government's instructions." MARCONI'S ANNOUNCEMENT. NEW YORK, December 22.—The following dispatch from Marconi dated Gloucester Bay, December 21st, has been received here: "I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton, N. S., and Cornwall, England, and that the success, inaugurating messages, including one from the Governor-General of Canada to King Edward VII, have already been transmitted and forwarded to the Kings of England and Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P. (Signed) "G. MARCONI." LONDON, December 22.—London Times received the receipt of a message by wireless telegraph from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S. THE BITTERS was positively cured Stomach Ills, Liver and Kidney Troubles, or Malaria, Fever, and Ague. We therefore urge every sufferer to try a bottle at once. For sale by your Druggist, or write us for a sample. ROOSEVELT FAMILY ATTENDS CHURCH and Afterwards Goes Riding in S. P. of Hain-Storm. RAPIDAN, Va., December 22.—In a driving rain the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, and four of their children, accompanied by their host, Mr. Joseph Wilmer, went horseback riding yesterday afternoon. The party left the Wilmer mansion after 5 o'clock, and did not return until 5 o'clock. It had rained here since last night. Yesterday morning the President and his family, Mr. Wilmer, drove to the picturesque little church in Rapidan to attend divine service. The trip was made

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