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does not put the blame upon the Legislature. Our contemporary says: "The chief trouble lies in the inexcusable tendency on the part of the people to fail to embrace the opportunities afforded them by the free schools. Not only do our people refuse to tax themselves for school purposes and agitate school questions during campaigns, but either do not send their children at all or so irregularly that they had as well not come at all. It is observed that farmers will often send their boys during the winter months, when there is nothing to be done on the farm, and take them away as soon as the first frost gives warning of the approach of spring."

Each community in Virginia has as good schools as the taxpayers are willing and able to pay for. Local taxation is the remedy for all defects in the popular school system. If the people of this community and that will raise sufficient revenue for school purposes, they can get the best teachers to be had, and with good teachers there will be good schools. The great need now is to arouse the taxpayers to a higher appreciation of education. There are fathers and mothers in the State who are willing to deny themselves the comforts of life in order to give their boys and girls educational advantages, and such sacrifices are not unusual. When all the fathers and mothers in Virginia are in that frame of mind there will be first-class schools in every community.

Volunteer Doctors.

In taking the census we wish that the authorities would undertake to enumerate the number of volunteer doctors in the United States. We believe that the number would be almost equal to the entire adult population. If a man makes known his bodily complaint to some friend or passing acquaintance, nine times out of ten the person to whom the complaint is made known will give a voluntary prescription. Many of these volunteer doctors will even urge the patient to try the remedy which they prescribe. If a man has headache or toothache or dyspepsia or consumption or any disease whatsoever, which does not confine him to his bed, if his hearing is defective or his eyesight is impaired, or if he has some eruption on his skin, or a sprained ankle, or whatever it may be, he is sure to find a volunteer doctor for each and every complaint. He is sure to hear of many remedies that are warranted to cure.

Some time ago on one of the James River night steamers a passenger failed to go in for his supper, and when his companions returned from the dining saloon he stated that he was suffering from some sort of malady, and for that reason was afraid to eat his supper. There were four men in the party, including the patient, and there were three volunteer doctors, each of whom prescribed a different remedy. One of them undertook to make a diagnosis of the disease and insisted upon a remedy which he knew would cure.

These prescriptions are usually offered in kindness and in good faith, and we are not disposed to find fault with any act which is prompted by kindness. But the danger is that when a man is sick he is too often disposed to try the remedies which are suggested, and we have no doubt that many a man has injured his health permanently by taking the prescriptions of the volunteer doctors.

But what a reckless thing it is for a man who has had no instruction in the science of medicine to offer to prescribe for a sick man! And if it is reckless for some to prescribe, how much more reckless is it to take the prescriptions without knowing what they are doing. Human life and health are not to be trifled with in any such way.

Ohio Democracy.

The Democratic State convention of Ohio will be held at Columbus to-day and to-morrow. The contest seems to be between the radicals, who are for Hearst, and the "conservatives," who are opposed. The "conservatives," it is said, are strong enough to defeat the Hearst forces, but they are divided among themselves in their presidential preferences between Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor three years ago; Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was Attorney-General under President Cleveland, and Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri. Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, is heading the boom in Ohio for Folk.

Mayor Johnson, who was the candidate for Governor last year, and John H. Clarke, who was then the Democratic candidate for senator against the late M. A. Hanna, are delegates from the Twenty-first Ohio District to the St. Louis convention, and neither has been mentioned for delegate-at-large. It is said that no instructions for any candidate are expected, but that either Kilbourne or Harmon will be endorsed as the "Ohio favorite," and the delegates will be instructed to vote as a unit whenever a majority of the delegation so elects. In that event Hearst will receive no vote from Ohio. The belief is that, after casting a complimentary vote for the "Ohio favorite," the strength of the State will be thrown to Judge Parker.

Hurrah for West Point.

The business section of West Point, Va., which was destroyed by fire a year ago, has been for the most part rebuilt. In the place of inferior wooden buildings handsome brick buildings have been erected, and the dirt sidewalks have been replaced with cement pavements. Many of the residences destroyed have also been restored and are of a superior character to those which were burned. Mr. E. W. Grigg, Virginia agent of the Continental Insurance Company, recently inspected the buildings of West Point, and expresses himself as being very much pleased with the situation. He says that West Point is to-day one of the best built and one of the most substantial looking towns in the State. We congratulate our neighbors upon the enterprise and fortitude which they have displayed in turning their misfortune to good account.

The State of New York has determined to expend the sum of \$100,000,000 for deepening the Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals to twelve feet. But it is now feared that even that sum will not be sufficient to meet the cost of excavation and to pay the damage claim arising from the improvements. Bids have been asked for, and it will be ascertained within the next few weeks whether or not there is enough money for the purpose. The State of New York is threatened with railways, but the people still cling to the canals as offering the cheapest mode of transportation for a certain class of products, especially farm products, and the canal rate has the effect to keep the railroad rate down. Whenever we read about the New York canal the question will come up whether or not the James River canal was wisely abandoned.

Mr. J. H. Cutchin, who for several years has been Mayor of the city of Roanoke, was recently renominated by a substantial majority in the Democratic primary. There have been stormy times in Roanoke since Mr. Cutchin has been Mayor, and he has had many serious situations to deal with. It must be gratifying to himself and his friends that his administration has thus been vindicated and that he has received a "vote of confidence," as they say abroad. The writer of this paragraph has known Mr. Cutchin for many years, and is not surprised that the people of Roanoke have entire confidence in him. He is worthy of it.

The legislative committee, junketing around the State in search of a site for a new normal school, is having a good time, and the members would do the State some service if they should finally report that one great big, perfect normal is better than two small and imperfect ones. Summed up briefly, Colonel Watterston's idea of how to run a newspaper, as elucidated at the meeting of editors at St. Louis, is "run it the way I have been running the Courier-Journal," which is good enough along some lines, but not perfect by a jug-full.

Richmond delegates to a State Democratic convention can generally be depended upon to go right ahead and do the right thing in a State gathering, but the moral effect of telling those to be elected to-day that the primary system is a good thing would be valuable. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat condenses a world of common sense in this paragraph: "The science of good roads is based on knowing how and providing the first cost. And the best road is the cheapest."

Richmond was the inventor, so to speak, of the primary system in Virginia. What is good for Richmond is good for the whole State. Richmond should stand by the primary system to-day. There will be some fun over in the Sixth District when Glass and Barksdale get right down to business in search of that Democratic nomination for Congress.

Richmond will endorse the primary to-day, because Richmond cannot very well afford to disown its own child. The good old summer time is right here with both feet and with an inclination to linger with us for several months. Vote for delegates to-day who favor the primary election system. That's the wisest thing to do.

With a Comment or Two.

In a communication published in another column the Democratic State Committee is taken to task for "pronouncing that Virginia will instruct for Parker." The News has not noticed any such declaration by the Democratic State Committee. Members of that committee, responding to a formal request for their views, wrote to a Richmond newspaper that the sentiment of Democrats in their respective localities seemed to be largely for the nomination of Judge Parker; but not one of them, as we recall, favored instructing the Virginia delegation to St. Louis for any candidate. As a matter of fact, it has never been customary to instruct Virginia delegates to National Conventions, and there is little probability that the rule will be departed from this year.—Lynchburg News.

But if an attempt be made to manipulate the Virginia vote in the interest of some candidate, who is not acceptable, the convention of 1904 may make a departure. The Richmond Democratic Committee virtually decided against permitting the people to instruct. Let that fact be noted elsewhere as warning signal, and let the example it affords be avoided.—Roanoke Times. Don't forget that the Democrats of Richmond are overwhelmingly in favor of the primary.

Things are looking well now for the National Democracy, but there is one danger ahead. It begins to look like the New York Sun may support the Democratic nominees. That would be the worst thing that could happen to Democracy.—Raleigh News and Observer. Worse than the support of the New York American?

Personal and General.

Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria, is an expert embroiderer, as is also the Grand Duke of Hesse. Dr. Grant-Showerman, now assistant professor of Latin in the University of Wisconsin, has been called to the chair of Latin at Princeton for the next college year. Most Rev. Hosed Sardjan, archbishop and head of the Armenian Church in this country, will preside at the convention of Armenians to be held in Boston at the end of this month.

Dr. William S. Evans, who died in Clinton county, Missouri, the other day, was a preacher for twenty-three years, then a physician for twenty-seven years, and again a minister for twenty-nine years. Dr. Evans was almost ninety-six years old. WHAT GUARANTEED MEANS. When you read that Father John's Medicine is guaranteed, it means that New York Sun is refunded if it does not do all that is claimed for it. This old remedy builds up the body and restores health and strength to all run-down systems. Cures scrofula, anemia (the blood), rheumatism, neuralgia and lung troubles. Not a "cough syrup" or "balsam," but a food medicine, the prescription of an eminent specialist.



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Voice of People ON Current Topics.

The Danville Primary.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch: Sir,—I have just read the report sent you on the primary held in this city on the 15th. The names of Mr. Chalmers Patterson and Mr. Thomas Moore, aldermen; A. Ellinger, W. S. Payer and C. C. Sneed, common council, were omitted in the report. These gentlemen had no opportunity in the first ward and were nominated by the executive committee nominees. Your correspondent says: "The lower branch will be evenly divided between wet and dry." Of the eighteen members elected to the common council fourteen of them are pronounced dry men, only four wet. The twelve aldermen elected consist of ten pronounced dry men and two wet. The position on this question is in accordance with the votes cast by these gentlemen in the local option election held in this city in the spring of 1903, except those of the Fifth and Sixth Wards, where the vote was held, but the representatives from these two wards are very pronounced dry men. So it will be seen that upon a joint ballot the vote will stand 22 dry and 2 wet.

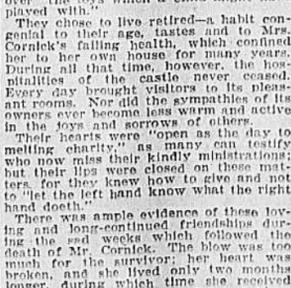
This does not look much like an "evenly divided" election by any means. Mr. J. H. Schofield, president of the Anti-Saloon League, was defeated by four votes. So that we desire it that the public should have the facts regarding the election; nothing more. E. G. MOSELEY, Danville, Va.

Theirs a Happy Home.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch: Sir,—I ask you to give space in your columns for a tribute to two of our late countrymen who have recently passed away, and who seem during the past week to have been brought before the public eye in a most distasteful and extremely disheartening manner. The feelings of a large circle of relatives and friends were shocked and grieved by the scenes at the Castle. It has been the subject from day to day of sensational articles, in which the late occupants of the Castle, their habits and their possessions have been discussed in what may be called a spirit of unseemly fun, certainly not in a respectful or complimentary manner. An impression has been created by these articles, repeated from day to day, that the place was a den of thieves, a den of gamblers, a den of rascals, and that the late occupants were engaged in the most disgraceful and disreputable of trades. The tragic circumstances of their deaths, following so closely upon the scenes at the Castle, have been forgotten by the crowds who daily attend the sales, and one reporter has described the scenes at the Castle as "the most disgraceful and disreputable of trades."

Perhaps your readers may, therefore, be interested in a few words concerning the late tenants from one who knew and loved them. Mr. and Mrs. Cornick have resided at the castle for nearly forty years, during which time it has been the abode of happiness and contentment to four generations. The late occupants of the castle were not engaged in any of the trades mentioned in the above-mentioned articles. They were engaged in the most respectable of trades, and their possessions were of a most valuable nature. The late occupants of the castle were not engaged in any of the trades mentioned in the above-mentioned articles. They were engaged in the most respectable of trades, and their possessions were of a most valuable nature.

Headache Earache Toothache. Many long weary days and sleepless nights have been filled with agony because of one of the above mentioned complaints. It is unnecessary to suffer from them.



will quickly drive out the pain. Keep it on hand for just such emergencies. There is sure to come a time of need and Hamlin's Wizard Oil will not fail you. Mrs. A. C. Schaffner, Great Bend, Kan., writes: I have been subject to Sick Headaches for over five years. I used one bottle of Hamlin's Wizard Oil as directed and have not had a headache since.

As the Kentuckians Saw It. Two New York booksetters were riding down the river, and were reading "Snip" gossip in the newspapers. A sports looking man sat just behind them. "Now, this paper," said the first booksetter, "is a very fine one. It does what the Virginian first, Mrs. Wiggs' second, and the Gentlemen," interrupted the sporting man, eagerly, "excuse me for butting in, but as I've followed this game for years I know what I'm saying. That dog about 'Snip' gossip is a very fine one. There are no such horses running; take my word for it."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Parker Can Do It. Judge Parker has carried the State once and for once. He is nominated for President of the Democratic party, and will be solidly aligned in support of his candidacy; and Republicans who desire a safe and conservative administration will join in electing him.—Buffalo Courier.

INFANT IN AN OLD WELL

Had Been Suspended by a Small Rope—Inquest Fails to Solve Mystery.

PRECINCT MEETINGS TO-DAY

Henrico Will Thus Elect Delegates to State Convention. Considerable Interest.

The remains of a murdered infant were dragged from an old well near Chestnut Hill Sunday. The well is on the site of the old laundry near the Chesapeake and Ohio shops. The child had evidently been strangled, a cord being tied tightly around its neck. An investigation was made and at a coroner's inquest, held yesterday afternoon, efforts were made to solve the mystery. There were no clues. It was simply a case of adding another unexplained infant murder to Henrico's already long list. The color of the child could not be determined.

Precinct meetings will be held throughout the county this afternoon and tonight for the election of delegates to the State Convention. In the outlying districts there is not a great deal of interest in the matter, but in the outskirts of the city are alive with interest and in some cases a promise of excitement. In certain neighboring precincts there will be a lively fight over the primary issue, though it is believed that the primary principle will receive the endorsement of the great majority of the meetings. The presidential nomination will draw the alignment in some of the places. There are one or two fights, notably on Chestnut Hill, to send a Hearst delegate to the convention. While no formal arrangement to this effect has been made, it is probable that the County Committee will receive returns from all the meetings to-night at the courthouse. The time and place of the meetings are as follows:

- St. Andrew's, 8 o'clock; Torrence's old shop, 8 o'clock; Cary and Temple Streets, three delegates; Chestnut Hill, Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, one delegate; Barton Heights, Parish Hall, 8 o'clock, two delegates; Westhampton and Ridge Church at Ridge Church, 8 o'clock, one delegate; Jones', 8 o'clock, one delegate; Hungary, 8 o'clock, one delegate; Baker's, at P. J. Boyles, in Graham Street, 8 o'clock, one delegate; Howard's Grove, 8 o'clock, three delegates; Harding's Shop, 8 o'clock, three delegates; Seven Pines, 8 o'clock, one delegate; Carter's, 5 o'clock, one delegate; Town Hall, 5 o'clock, one delegate; Whitlock's, 5 o'clock, one delegate.

The dog question in Henrico is again a live issue, more so, in fact, than ever before. Constable Cyclopedia Samuels, with a zeal as commendable as it is astonishing, set out to enforce the odious laws as he understood them, and in the course of a few days he has turned over five dogs, dead dogs and dogs that had not breathed for months. He carried a loaded shotgun with him. His operations in Henrico created a tremendous howl, and not by dogs so much as by people, and the constable has been directed by the Commonwealth's attorney to suspend until further directed. Mr. Wendenburg could not be reached yesterday, nor the reason for this suspension of action ascertained.

The judge has expressed the opinion that the fact a dog has died since he was assessed does not affect the situation in any degree, and that the constable must collect the tax bill whether the dog is dead or not. If the money is not forthcoming he must kill the dog if alive, and then levy on the property of the owner. The commissioners of the revenue do not agree with this ruling, though they are, of course, expressing themselves only as individuals. One of them said yesterday that he would not hesitate to declare that Constable Samuels had no right to go through the county with a shotgun intimidating women and children. The whole matter seems to be in a great muddle, and it will be an interesting operation watching the outcome of the situation. The laws are very objectionable to the people.

Five white boys were arrested yesterday by Constable T. H. Samuel and Special Officer Crowder, charged with playing cards in a field. These are all young and one is quite small. The offense appears to the layman an infinitesimal one, and the punishment will probably be light. The boys were not playing for money, but simply for amusement.

Considerable interest attaches to the case of H. H. Hartzell, secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Amusement Company, who with about fifteen employees of the West End Electric Park, will appear before Squire Lewis this morning, charged with operating his amusement apparatus on Sunday. On last Wednesday the man was fined \$2, and had to pay \$100 for the previous Sunday, which were in each of sixteen charges, for working on the previous Sunday, which were warned that the court would show no leniency if he repeated the offense.

A negro man named John Mickens was run over and killed Saturday afternoon by an incoming freight train on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio, near the pump house. A coroner's jury, after an investigation, declared death to have resulted from the man's own carelessness.

Magistrate W. C. Gibson, of Fairfield District, will tender his resignation next month, and will move into the city. The court will make an appointment to fill the vacancy. Squire Gibson was elected in the last election, and he has filled the office with credit to himself. His friends will regret exceedingly to see him go.

Mrs. Willie Jackson charged before Squire Gibson yesterday with abusing Mrs. Lucy Christopher, was discharged, and the complainant was required to pay the costs of the case. A marriage license was issued yesterday to Robert S. Duke, Jr., and Bessie N. Nuckols, both of Henrico.

For the Plaintiff.

Late yesterday evening the jury in the case of India Clark vs. the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, in the Law and Equity Court, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$300. The suit was for \$5,000, the plaintiff alleging that she was hurt in a collision between cars on the Chesapeake and Ohio. The jury was held by the amount of the verdict.

Union Council, No. 51, R. A. The regular monthly meeting of Union Council, No. 51, Royal Arcanum, will be held to-night in Marshall Hall. Four delegates will be initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity.

Prompt in Payment. Messrs. W. H. Creery, agent; F. I. Butler, secretary; John Roane, collector, and A. K. East, treasurer, of Union Council, No. 51, Royal Arcanum, paid to Mrs. John W. Davis, widow of Mr. John W. Davis, the sum of \$3,000, the amount of a note held by her late husband in the Council.

Shoemakers Organize. The shoemakers of Henrico organized last night. The union starts off with fifteen members, which includes nearly every member working at the business in the city. The organization was effected after many months, and will meet weekly in No. 214 North Fifth Street.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ROYAL BAKING POWDER



IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

MAY 24TH IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.

A capitation tax of three pennies laid on every Jew in England above the age of twelve years, and all above the age of seven to wear a yellow badge. 1276. Edward, the "Black Prince," conducted his captive, John, King of France, through the streets of the city of London, in triumph. 1357.

Joan of Arc, after performing prodigies of valor, deserted and alone, was taken prisoner by the English, after her horse was slain in a sally from Compiegne. The English, under Bedford, closely besieging Orleans, Joan of Arc asserted she had a divine commission to expel them, and Charles VII. entrusted her with the command of the French troops. She raised the siege, and entered Orleans with supplies, April 29, 1429, and the English who were before the place from October 12th, preceding, abandoned the enterprise May 8th following. She captured several towns in the possession of the English, whom she defeated in a battle near Patay, June 10, 1429. In her various achievements no feminine cruelty ever stained her conduct. She was wounded several times herself, but never killed any one, or shed any blood with her own hand. She was taken at the siege of Compiegne, and was burned for a witch five days afterwards at Rouen, in the twenty-second year of her age. 1572.

Drake sailed from England on his voyage of reprisal to the West Indies, against the Spaniards. 1663. South Carolina erected into a separate province. First permanent settlement began in 1669; original charter included North Carolina and Georgia. 1715.

William Red died; originally a cobbler, became a mountebank and practiced medicine by the light of nature. Queen Anne and George I. honored him with the care of their eyes. He could neither read nor write, but such was the success of his practice, that he rode in his own chariot, and "dispensed good punch from golden bowls." 1775.

John Hancock elected President of Congress; he succeeded Peyton Randolph in that office. 1814. Pope Pius VII., whose powers had been abridged by Napoleon made his grand entry into Rome to resume the throne. 1833.

John Randolph of Roanoke, an American statesman, died, aged sixty. He was a descendant in the seventh generation from Pocahontas, the Indian woman, who saved the life of Captain Smith and was distinguished for genius, eloquence and eccentricity. 1861. Colonel Ellsworth shot. 1862.

Battle at Bottom's Bridge, over the Chickahominy River, resulting in a Union victory.

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