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The Free Bridge.

In The Times-Dispatch of yesterday letters were printed from officials in a number of cities showing that the day of the toll bridge is past. It is a relic of a less progressive age. The American people in this age believe in the open-door policy.

Each and every progressive city is advertising its advantages to the world and inviting outsiders to come in without money and without price. Indeed, many such cities are offering as inducements to visiting merchants free transportation.

There should be no such thing as a toll bridge in this community. It is a bar to trade. It is inevitable, exclusive, offensive and undemocratic, and a poor advertisement for a progressive city.

The Times-Dispatch has always been opposed to toll bridges and has been hearty in favor of the purchase of Mayo's Bridge by the cities of Richmond and Manchester, that it may be rebuilt and converted into a free bridge.

But we were opposed to purchasing the bridge like a pig in the poke without knowing its real value, without knowing the cost of the new bridge to be built, without having the whole subject thoroughly investigated by expert representatives of the city government.

We were in no sense opposed to the purchase of the bridge; we were simply opposed on principle to the hasty and unbusiness-like method proposed. As a general principle we hold that in every such transaction there should be thorough and expert investigation and that all the facts should be well known and understood, before the transaction is closed.

It was contended that this measure should be rushed through in the closing days of the old Council for the reason that there was a valuable option on the bridge, which would expire on September 1st, and which probably could not be renewed.

But the option has been renewed and the whole question has now been referred to the city engineer for investigation and report. The proper course has been pursued and we hope that the Council will now see its way to pass the measure and let the work of construction proceed as rapidly as possible.

Our Water Supply. The statement made in The Times-Dispatch on yesterday that Dr. E. C. Levy has been making tests of Richmond's supply of drinking water is a report altogether comforting and reassuring.

Upon the report of Dr. Levy's report on work done during the past three months the Water Committee recommended to the Council an ordinance appropriating \$2,700 to continue the work for a period of one year, according to Dr. Levy's recommendation.

The ordinance should by all means be adopted. The Virginia Board of Health reported that more than 90 per cent. of the cases of typhoid fever in Richmond have their origin in drinking water. It is, therefore, a matter of supreme importance that the water supply of this city should be kept pure and free from disease germs, and out of abundant precaution the tests should be frequent and continuous.

Democrats. He charged that Mr. Woodruff had been deceived by the leader of the party, meaning Governor Odell. Mr. Woodruff had been told that this was to be an open convention. It was not an open convention. He said the only thing open about the convention was the trap door, through which candidates not desired by the Governor, were to be dropped.

This speech enraged the Higgins men and the Odell men and had blood was stirred to the boiling point. The Herald's conclusion is that the nomination of Higgins under these circumstances makes New York doubly doubtful for the Republicans.

Now, let the Democrats profit by this blunder of their opponents and put up a ticket that will win. Democratic Prospects. A correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle has recently interviewed ex-Governor George W. Peck, of Wisconsin, now Democratic nominee of the party for Governor against the two Republican nominees.

From all accounts, it appears that the Democrats at least have a fighting chance in Wisconsin, and the latest news from Indiana is encouraging. Soon after the Democratic convention in St. Louis the tide of public sentiment ran strongly toward Judge Parker. Indeed, Judge Parker remarked privately that he feared things were coming his way rather too fast.

By which he meant that he would prefer to see the enthusiasm later on in the campaign. It is needless to deny that there has been something of a reaction. But it is some time yet before election, and by and by, when the campaigners get down to work in good earnest, the people will become aroused and the popular tide will again flow toward Esopus.

Shirking. Much has been said of late concerning civic duties, but we have seen nothing more to the point than the following extract from an address by Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson, president of the Chicago Art Institute:

"Every man should put into the city in which he lives as much as he gets in it. If he does not take pride in his community, he is less than a man, and not worthy to live in it. A wealthy man does not, as a usual thing, make the best citizen, for he believes that all his obligations can be discharged simply by the expenditure of money. But by his he has a right to demand, from a man not only a part of his money, but also a tithe of his thought, his time and his life."

During the war between the States there were men in the South—only a few, thank God—who did not join the ranks, but sent a hired substitute. There are men in the South to-day, and we fear they are many, who take a similar view of their civic duties. They may know that the government's affairs are not properly conducted. They may know that they are paying more taxes than they ought to pay. They may know that the government needs their services, but they will not volunteer for service and they will not suffer themselves to be conscripted. They send substitutes, try to discharge their obligations in cash; they are willing to be imposed upon and pay more taxes than they ought to pay, if by paying they may be exempt from civic service.

In pursuing such a course, do they not put themselves on a par with the men who during the war sent a hireling to war to do their fighting, while they shirk duty and hide in a bonny-proof?

The Richmond Times-Dispatch endorses the suggestion of police protection for our rural districts, and this is good, but makes the additional suggestion that country policemen should be willing to work without pay. "Poor pay poor preach" and poor pay poor policeman. The government has long thought that the suggestion of police protection for our rural districts, and this is good, but makes the additional suggestion that country policemen should be willing to work without pay.

Our contemporary is mistaken. We are in favor of a paid force and have said that property-owners could well afford to pay the tax. Indeed, we went so far as to express the opinion that the counties would save money by having a police force large enough to restrain criminals and prevent crime. We suggested as an alternate that if the counties would not pay for such services, citizens might volunteer to serve without pay. But the county policemen ought by all means to be paid, and well paid for their services.

An esteemed correspondent writing from Blackstone on insurance rates, says that "unless insurance men are better Christians than the average American, they will take a profit every time they can get it, and a good one." Very true. Very true. And our experience is that traders,

whether insurance men, bankers, merchants or farmers, take as much profit as they can get.

The Philadelphia Inquirer feels called upon to remark: "Gover Cleveland and Admiral Evans went blue-fishing the other day, it is reported, and one fish was caught. This is so much unlike the ordinary run of fish stories that it is probably true."

The weather experts declare that there is no such thing as an equinoctial storm. It always comes about this time, no matter whether you call it by that name or some other.

If that important opinion that Judge Parker is soon to hand down is ready, as the press dispatches say, why not let it come right along? Why hold it up until the 26th?

Being in the political wheel house now, Judge Parker will get a lot of experience that will be useful to him when he takes the helm of state next spring.

Anyhow Bishop Potter's establishment does not have to pay any advertising bills. The temperance organs are saving it that expense.

Anyhow the two leading vice-presidential candidates are not fools. That is to say they and their money do not part very readily.

The little news that comes from the far East indicates that the cruiser Lepa will have a long rest in the San Francisco harbor.

Don't fret about the lull in war news bulletins. The politicians are with us and the foot-ball season is soon to open.

The "Amalgamated Order of Beef Consumers" will be all winter paying the cost of the recent strike in Chicago.

The Japs need the rest they are taking and the Russians are enjoying the one the Japs are giving them.

With a Comment or Two. The Richmond Times-Dispatch says it is to the discredit of North Carolina that no monument or tombstone marks the last resting place of Richard Caswell, the first Governor of the State after the downfall of the English dynasty. That statement, taken literally, may be exact; there may be no monument or tombstone at the grave itself, but North Carolina has not neglected the memory of Governor Caswell. There is a monument to his memory erected by the State, in the town of Kinston, where or near which he was buried—Charlotte Observer.

The announcement that Chattanooga is to have two sky-scrapers should cause the people to look up a little.—Chattanooga Times.

When the workmen get busy up again in the air your folks will "hook up."

Those morning newspapers which take a press service and do not come out on Monday mornings have a right to feel sore over the President's course in giving out his letter on Sunday.—Greensboro Telegram.

When they printed it a good deal sooner than the average reader was ready to peruse it.

North Carolina Sentiment. The Winston-Salem Sentinel makes this gratifying boast: "The Democratic party here for the State Legislature, as the result of the recent primaries in Wake and other counties, are rebelling. As we have said before, the fact that the State's ablest men are coming to the point where they are willing to perform a duty they owe to the State by accepting such positions is one of the most encouraging signs of the times in a political way."

The Charlotte Chronicle lambasts the home boys thus: "The Chronicle has had a good deal to say about the conduct of the Georgia troops on route to Manassas. Charges are now made that at Redsville, Va., the Georgia troops, robbing stores and otherwise acted in a manner to bring scandal upon the State. This matter is to be investigated fully, and if the charges are sustained those of the State troops found guilty of participation will deserve, not an equal share of the opprobrium that has been heaped upon the Georgia troops, but more, because better conduct was expected of them."

The Raleigh Times publishes the following from an exchange and labels it "A tonic is one of the most encouraging true bills": "The September Review of R-stand for law and order in the midst of these times and for the generation. They are Governor Montague, of Virginia, and Governor Aycock, of North Carolina. These brethren are by odds the ablest Governors in the South."

The Charlotte Observer says: "I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, spoke in New York Tuesday and is quoted as saying that the Republicans have the Democrats on the run in his State. This will doubtless be the noise about the race in North Carolina."

SEPT. 17TH IN WORLD'S HISTORY

1605. Philip IV. of Spain died. He was unsuccessful in his wars with Holland and France, and the Portuguese also rebelled and compelled him to acknowledge their independence.

1683. Controversy between Lord Baltimore and William Penn. Lord Baltimore appointed Colonel Talbot to demand of Penn all the lands lying on the west side of the River Delaware and south of the fortieth degree as a part of Maryland.

1700. A fire in Boston destroyed the printing office of Bartholomew Green, which was the best furnished in America.

1720. William Burnet, son of the English bishop, took upon him the government of New York.

1753. The first theatre in New York opened in Nassau Street by Lewis Hallam; third stage on which the productions of the dramatic muse were exhibited to the inhabitants of the new world. The days of performance were Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and so continued for near half a century.

1767. Frances Sheridan died; an ingenious novelist and dramatic writer, and mother of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

1771. The Prussians, under General Platten, destroyed the Russian magazines on the frontiers of Poland.

1775. Americans, under General Montgomery, laid siege to St. John's, Canada.

1788. The Constitution of the United States adopted by the Federal convention at Philadelphia, and referred to the conventions of the separate States for concurrence.

1790. Battle of Altenkirchen, in which the celebrated French general, Mercoeu, was killed.

1811. A beautiful annular eclipse of the sun was observed at Richmond, Va., and other places adjacent.

1814. Sortie and battle of Fort Erie. The British sine qua non, totally defeated and compelled to break up the camp and retire. British loss, killed, wounded and prisoners, 578; American loss, 82 killed, 216 wounded, 215 missing—518.

1847. General Scott imposed a contribution of \$150,000 on the city of Mexico for the protection the United States Army had given to the public property.

1867. The Antietam National Cemetery dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

1871. Mont Cenis Tunnel inaugurated. It is 7-5 miles long.

1898. The American Spanish war peace commissioners sailed for Paris.

Dr. John Hall died.

1903. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain resigned from the British Ministry as Secretary for the Colonies; the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, Chancellor of Exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of India, also resigned.

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A COLORED PARSON'S SIN

Pleads for Release in Order to Administer Baptism. DEMOCRATS ON THE STUMP Colonel. Benahan Cameron, to Take Goody Bunch of Farmers to St. Louis.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 15.—"Please let me out of jail 10 minutes to administer the ordinance of baptism," was the remarkable prayer made to Justice of the Peace Hamlin in this city last night.

The appointment of State Auditor B. P. Dixon to speak at Edwards, in Beaufort county, September 25th, has been changed to Raleigh, in the same county.

The appointment of R. E. Glenn, Democratic candidate for Governor, to the Southern Farmers' Association, at St. Louis, Mo., on September 28th, has been changed to Morgantown on the same date.

Colonel Benahan Cameron, first vice-president of the Farmers' National Congress, which convenes in St. Louis September 28th to 30th, in the city of Raleigh, his plans to leave for St. Louis with a big delegation of North Carolina farmers, met Tuesday at the Southern Growers Association, and Colonel Cameron, who will attend the two meetings.

A charter was issued to-day for the Bank of Norfolk, of Norfolk, Va., with a capital of \$25,000, authorized and \$12,500 subscribed by T. C. Ingram, M. E. B. B. B. and others. It will do both commercial and saving business.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Monday to Wednesday in an educational picnic in celebration of the opening of the graded school there.

General Carl A. Woodruff, who has just returned from the manoeuvres at Manassas, was the first recipient of the North Carolina medal of honor, presented by the commanding officers.

Mr. Henry P. Primrose, who has been connected with the local office of the News and Observer for some time left to-day for Norfolk, where he becomes cashier on a steam-boat running from Norfolk to Washington.

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Services in the CHURCHES To-Morrow.

Rev. J. J. Haley, the pastor, will preach at the Seventh-Street Christian church Sunday morning and night. His subjects will be, "Our Relation to Material Things," and "How to Live in the World."

Emory and Henry. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) EMORY, VA., Sept. 15.—Emory and Henry College opened yesterday with over one hundred students.

Original Bucket Kicker. The expression "kicking the bucket," as synonymous with dying, is said to have originated in an English method of suicide.

Work for the Blind. Blind massages have been so successful in London sanitariums that the "art of massage" is to be taught in New York schools for the blind.

Conveniently Located. Andrew Carnegie's "palace of peace" is to be erected at Scheveningen, the famous Dutch watering place, where it will come in handy for people who want to quarrel about their hotel bills.

Important far beyond the money involved: Fels-Naptha soap. The bar saves half the work in a week's washing and half the wear on clothes.

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