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## SLEMP'S CLAIM IS EXPLODED

### No Truth in Statement That Republican Poll Taxes Are Paid.

### NOT ENOUGH VOTES TO ELECT SLEMP

The Times-Dispatch Representative, After a Close Survey of the Field, Sees Victory for Democratic Standard Bearer.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

BRISTOL, VA., September 22.—If Representative Slemp is to be elected to Congress from the Ninth District, the votes necessary are not yet in sight. If the election were to come off to-morrow Mr. Wyser would be elected by a majority of several hundred. It has been evident for the past two or three days spent in various parts of the district, that the drift was towards Wyser, and I was confident that if it was as strong generally as in two or three counties, the success of the Democratic nominee was assured.

In some of the counties in which I have been there is a stronger drift towards the Democratic nominee than in others, but the summing up of the whole matter is that Mr. Wyser will be elected by a safe majority, unless there is some entirely unforeseen occurrence between this time and the day of election. There is little apprehension that there will be any such occurrence.

There is one thing that can defeat Mr. Wyser yet. If there is not some increase of Democratic enthusiasm he may lose. There is no reason to disguise the fact that some Democrats are not manifesting the interest in the result of the election that was expected of them. They are Democrats all right, and if they vote Mr. Wyser, but they are not ready to pull off their coats and work for the success of the ticket.

**Wyser the Victor.**  
Still, even if there should be a small per cent. of the Democratic vote absent from the polls on the day of election, Mr. Wyser would be elected, always supposing that something is not injected into the canvass not now visible.

After the most careful investigation, which took the form of the closest questioning of numbers of Democrats and Republicans as to their personal knowledge of the claim set up by the Republicans a month ago, more than a dozen Democrats had paid their poll taxes, I am convinced that the claim is without foundation. It may be that in one or two counties more Republicans than Democrats have paid their capitation taxes, but as to the rest of the district, I do not believe there is anything in the assertion.

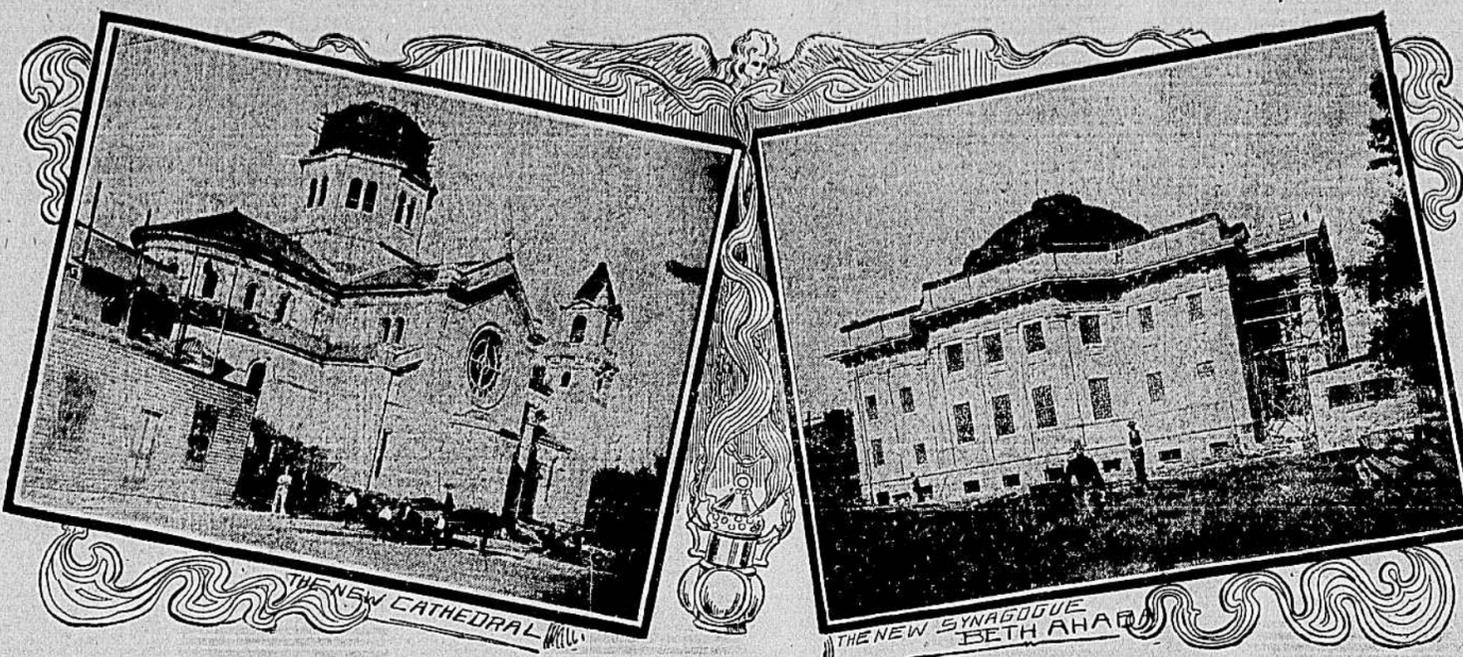
There is no doubt that the Republicans have paid the taxes of more voters than the Democrats have. There were fewer Democratic voters in the district who did not pay their own capitation taxes. The number of Republican voters who all paid their party taxes, to furnish the money with which to pay their taxes was far in excess of the number of Democratic voters that allowed the leaders to settle with the treasurer for them.

An evidence that the Republicans have exaggerated the disparity in numbers between the number of Democratic and Republican voters who have conformed with the law making the prepayment of the poll tax a prerequisite of voting, is the state of affairs in Washington county. The question came up in that county, and the Democrats of the county who had paid were considerably greater than the total number of Republicans.

**Work of Annanias.**  
The constant claim made by the Republicans that they had beaten the Democrats in the county by securing the registration, has had the effect of depressing many Democrats. The claim was a piece of campaign work, clever, but the men who have circulated the report were either misled or disciples of Annanias, to whom such reports are a delight.

The Democrats have not completed the poll of the counties of the district, but they have learned enough of the strength of the two parties in every county to enable them to begin to figure intelligently. The estimates given below of the major-

## RICHMOND'S SPLENDID TEMPLES OF WORSHIP NEARING COMPLETION.



Plans in the counties named, are obtained from sources which are regarded by Mr. Wyser as entirely reliable. It is likely that in some instances allowances should be made for the enthusiasm of the Democratic workers, but the party leaders generally look upon the estimates as approximately correct, and entirely responsible.

For Wyser—  
Buchanan ..... 100 majority.  
Craig ..... 200 majority.  
Bland ..... 100 majority.  
Dickinson ..... 100 majority.  
Giles ..... 30 majority.  
Pulaski ..... 200 majority.  
Russell ..... 200 majority.  
Wythe ..... 200 majority.  
Bristol City ..... 200 majority.  
For Slemp—Tazewell and Wise counties, certainly with good chances of carrying Scott and Lee.

Washington and Smyth counties are in doubt. The Democratic chances in these counties are at least as good as the Republican, and in Washington it is believed that the probabilities are Democratic. Smyth county has been giving a Republican majority, but it is said that the Democrats have the advantage in the payment of poll taxes in that county. Furthermore, the Democrats of Smyth are more enthusiastic than those of any other county of the district.

**Use of Money.**  
It is claimed by the Democrats in order to defeat Mr. Wyser, Colonel Slemp will have to carry the counties of Tazewell, Wise and Lee by extraordinary large majorities. "If it were not for the money the Republicans are spending in Tazewell, they would not carry it at all," said Mr. Wyser to-day. "I have no doubt that Colonel Slemp's majorities in Tazewell, Scott, Wise and Lee will be very greatly decreased."

The Republican vote in Tazewell has been much cut down by the disfranchisement of the large number of negroes employed at the Pocahontas mines, and by the failure of many Republicans to pay their taxes. There are 127 voters registered in the town of Pocahontas, which has a population of 4,000. The town is believed to be Democratic by a majority of 50. With the possible exception of the Democrats of Tazewell are more enthusiastic than those of any other county of the district.

There is local trouble of some importance among the Democrats of Russell, but despite that fact, the Democrats claim that it will give a majority of something like 200.

**LEATHER OVERCOATS FASHION AT NEWPORT**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT, September 24.—Men who would dress in the newest and highest styles must wear brown leather overcoats this winter.

The rage for automobiles is responsible for these overcoats, but the truly fashionable are wearing them even when they do not walk. J. C. Mallory, of New York, was the first to appear in one of them. Leather overcoats will never wear out, and so should recommend themselves to those who are not enormously wealthy.

**FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES**  
(By Associated Press.)  
WINCHESTER, KY., September 21.—Four children of George Cooper, ranging from two to seven years in age, who were left alone by their parents, perished in a fire, which destroyed their home last night.

## VIRGINIANS OFF FOR HOME

### Party Left St. Louis Last Night and Will Get Here Tomorrow Morning.

### THE BLUES MUCH PRAISED

### Created a Great Impression at the Fair and Were Highly Complimented.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
VIRGINIA, BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MO., Sept. 24.—After a most enjoyable stay at the World's Fair, the Richmond Blues to-night broke camp and started on their journey home. The Governor having left last night, the Blues did not have the honor of his company on the return trip. His staff, however, left on the train with the boys.

The impression made by the Blues after yesterday's parade was most gratifying to the young Virginians, who have so much pride for the historic organization they represent. The management of the fair war, which, by the way, is considered one of the most interesting attractions of the fair, extended an invitation to Major Cheatwood and his battalion to witness the performance as their guests.

The Blues had another signal compliment paid them when they had finished their parade yesterday. They were requested by the administration to march to the "Cascades," where the battalion was photographed. The picture will be put in the official records of the Exposition. This is the first military organization that has been so honored with an invitation or has been allowed to be photographed on the "Cascades," the most beautiful spot in the great Exposition.

The boys have also been delightfully entertained. They were invited to dances at several of the State buildings. The health of the Blues is excellent and Surgeon Edwards had little to do in the way of administering to the sick. The last day of the stay at the fair has been a dreary rainy one, and the boys are not in the best of spirits, as they are not anxious to leave, as can be well imagined. They will arrive in Richmond Monday morning. Many visitors have expressed regret that they were unable to witness the dress parade scheduled for this afternoon, but which was cancelled on account of the weather.

General Fitzhugh Lee is here in the interests of the Jamestown Exposition Company, and will make several speeches during his stay. He will address the National Farmers' Association and the Southern Cotton Growers on Monday. The General and his assistants are busy looking after the interests of their company and will book all exhibits possible to the Jamestown Exposition.

**PRICES ADVANCED BY STANDARD OIL CO.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURGH, PA., September 24.—The Standard Oil Company to-day advanced the price of all grades of petroleum ex-

## Three Cents Postage.

Many copies of the Sunday Times-Dispatch, which are mailed by individuals in Richmond every week never get further than the Richmond post-office, because of insufficient postage. The weight of the Sunday paper makes it necessary to put three cents on it in postage and the Richmond office will not forward the paper unless the full amount is prepaid.

cept Ragland. The quotations follow: Pennsylvania, \$1.55; Mon., \$1.71; Corning, \$1.41; Newcastle, \$1.43; North Lima, \$1.05; South Lima, \$1.00; Indiana, \$1.00; Somerset, \$1.01; Ragland, \$1.00.

(By Associated Press.)  
TANGIER, MOROCCO, September 24.—Mr. Lee, the British merchant of Rabat, who was captured by tribesmen while fishing in the Rabat river, and who subsequently returned safely to Rabat, only procured his freedom after paying a ransom of \$145.

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vein and carotid artery cut on Thursday in the shops by a bit of steel, died in the hospital this morning from loss of blood. He was twenty-five years of age, and leaves a young wife. His remains were carried to Bedford for interment.

**To Hold Joint Meeting.**  
There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of electing two school trustees to take the place of the late Mr. Edgar Shino and Dr. J. P. Stiff, resigned.

The body will also elect the members of the Committee on James River Improvement, recommended by the Chamber of Commerce.

At 8 o'clock the Board will meet to elect a member of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

**Visited the Pope.**  
Right Rev. Benjamin J. Kelley, of Savannah, Ga., is being entertained in the Episcopal residence while en route from Europe to his home.

While in Europe Bishop Kelley was granted several audiences with his Holiness Pope Pius. He was deeply gratified to learn of the Pope's interest in American Catholics.

Bishop Kelley will conduct the services in St. Peter's Cathedral at the 11 o'clock mass this morning.

**Will Speak at Orange.**  
Governor Montague's party, including his family and staff and the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, will arrive here on their return trip from St. Louis to-morrow morning early.

So far as can be learned here, the Governor will not come to Richmond on his special train, but will leave the party at Gordonsville, and go to Orange Courthouse, where he is billed to speak for Congressman Rixey to-morrow.

**Capital Square Bees.**  
Last year a swarm of honey bees settled in one of the boxes provided for the squirrels in the Capitol Square, and made the latter their prompt vacate. Yesterday Colonel Richardson inspected the box and got about forty pounds of delicious honey. He took it home in a tin bucket and asked his friends to help him enjoy it.

**"To-day and Immortality."**  
Rev. M. Ashby Jones, pastor of Eighth Street Baptist Church, will conduct both services to-day.

His morning theme will be "Commerce and the Kingdom—Can They be Reconciled?" His evening subject will be "To-day and Immortality."

**Committee Meetings.**  
The following committees are scheduled to meet this week at the City Hall: To-morrow night, Printing and Claims, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, Streets, 8 P. M.  
Thursday, Water, 8 P. M.

**Doing Quite Well.**  
Judge Julian Minor, Quarles, of Staunton, was operated on yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital for appendicitis. The patient was doing well last night.

**Hon. C. B. Jones Here.**  
Hon. Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen county, was in the city for a while on yesterday.

## SPLENDID STRUCTURES UNDER WAY

### Million and a Half Now Invested in Building Operations.

### OFFICES, EDIFICES, TEMPLES OF WORSHIP

Mutual Assurance Building, Virginia State Insurance, the Cathedral, State Capitol, Churches and Flats Are Among Them.

At the advent of autumn, a time when building operations are seldom begun, Richmond presents a scene of unusual activity.

There are now under construction, nearing completion or about to commence, new buildings aggregating in value fully one and a half millions of dollars. Three of these structures combined exceed in value one million dollars. Other additions and improvements and new buildings range in value from \$4,000 to \$80,000 each. Besides the new buildings specified in the appended list, other works of construction, residences large and small and business houses in various sections of the city are of an estimated value of \$100,000. The grand total, including this estimate, of the contract-prices of building operations in this city is about \$1,600,000.

Here is the list of the principal structures, their contract prices, the name of the builder or architect, the materials of which constructed and the height in stories of some of the more noteworthy building operations:

The Mutual Assurance Society's steel, stone and brick nine-story building at Ninth and Main Streets, for which J. T. Wilson is contractor, to be completed about May 15, 1905, to cost slightly more than \$600,000.

The Catholic Cathedral, at Laurel Street and the intersection of Floyd and Park Avenues, J. E. and A. P. Pennock contractors, stone, steel and brick, to cost \$250,000.

The reconstruction and enlargement of the State Capitol, W. A. Chesterman contractor, brick and steel and cement structure, to cost about \$240,000.

The Virginia State Insurance Company's building, at Fifth and Main Streets, also stories high, of stone and brick, Noland & Baskerville architects, office building and apartment house combined, to cost about \$80,000.

The new Beth Anabab Tabernacle, at Franklin and Ryland Streets, brick and stone, J. T. Wilson contractor, to be completed about October 15th, to cost about \$60,000.

The Second Baptist Church edifice, at Adams and Franklin Streets, brick and stone, J. T. Wilson contractor, structure to cost \$55,000.

The Kidd Flats, a four-story brick and stone structure, at the corner of Grace Street and Second Avenue, Carl Rushmunda architect, about to be let to contract, to cost approximately \$30,000.

Repairs and improvements to the United States postoffice and Custom House, and general rehabilitation, W. A. Chesterman contractor, estimated cost of improvements of every description probably \$15,000.

Improvements to Major James H. Doolley's estate, including stables, walls, etc., Addison T. St. Paul's contractor, improvements to cost about \$15,000.

The Coleman Flats, at Adams and Grace Streets, brick and stone structure, three stories and basement, now nearly complete, W. A. Chesterman contractor, improvement to cost approximately \$8,000.

Residence for Mr. J. Ad. Cooke, at Grace and Lombardy Streets, brick structure, three stories, in Colonial style, Noland & Baskerville architects, to cost probably \$15,000.

Two residences for Dr. Ross, on First between Main and Franklin Streets, brick structures, just completed by W. A. Chesterman, cost of two about \$11,000.

Additional to St. Paul's Church, west wing, attached to rear, W. A. Chesterman contractor, brick structure to cost about \$4,000.

Among the other large buildings and a number of residences, included in the estimate of \$100,000 are the new Bijou Theatre, on Broad, between Ninth and Eighth Streets, the additions to Campbell's Hotel, at Tenth and Broad Streets, a new and large store house on the north side of Broad Street, near Foushee, and other structures.

## NOTABLE EVENTS SEEN THROUGH THE GLASSES OF CARTOONIST ROSTRUP.

