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VIRGINIA'S OYSTER PROBLEM.
In the first paragraph of Chair-
man W. McDonald Lee's letter to the
oyster situation he says: "Permit us
to invite you to Tidewater, among the
people and officials daily working or
crising the grounds, and then see how
erroneous—indeed, absolutely ludicrous—
sounds the statement that 5,000 per-
sons, at \$300 apiece, are driven out of
work on the James, bringing suffer-
ing and destitution, because the Legis-
lature and the State Board of Fish-
eries failed to heed The Times-Dis-
patch."

Well let us see whether 3,000 men
have been thrown out of employment
by the failure of the oysters this year
in James River.

In the last annual report of the State
Board of Fisheries it appears that 12,
500 men took out licenses as tongers,
dredgers and scrapers. From the same
report it appears that about 5,000 men
worked for planters in private grounds.
There are thus employed between 20,000
and 21,000 men who earn their liveli-
hood by handling the oysters in Vir-
ginia waters, either as tongers or as
employees of the planters.

But this is by no means all that
depend on oysters for their daily bread.
The hull boys, the crews of the tongers,
the crews of the boats that engage in
tarrying oysters to Northern points,
the shuckers and handlers in the
oyster packing houses—all depend on
that vanishing bivalve for their daily
bread. No oysters means no employ-
ment, and the Commissioner of
Fisheries as well as the humblest citi-
zen knows that no employment means
no bread. Nor do the people on
James River find anything "absolutely
ludicrous" either in the argument or
the fact.

It was stated by the papers published
in Newport News that the James River,
which is the most lucrative and pro-
ductive spot for seed oysters in Vir-
ginia, was practically barren this year.
These statements have not been dis-
proved from any authoritative source,
and in confirmation The Times-
Dispatch printed Wednesday a story
from an oysterman who called at this
office to say that to his own
knowledge forty-six boats from Gloucester
county had been forced to abandon
the James River because there
were no oysters to be taken.

It costs, according to the figures of
the Maryland Shell Fish Commission,
\$217.75 for one tonger to support him-
self for a season. The estimate of The
Times-Dispatch, therefore, that each
tonger "lost" a season's work was
out \$300, is apparently accurate.
Whether the estimate of 3,000 men is
numerically correct or not The Times-
Dispatch does not undertake to say,
but we do allege that the oyster busi-
ness is in a very bad condition in the
James River this year, and that this
condition has come about despite the
large increase of appropriation by the
State Board of Fisheries, or the Com-
missioner of Fisheries, as it is now called,
and despite the promises of the Com-
missioner of Fisheries that with an in-
crease of appropriation he would prom-
ise an increase of revenue and an im-
provement of conditions. Furthermore,
if the proper information had been
given to the public as to the true con-
dition of the oysters in the James
River, the tongers would not have been
put to the unnecessary expense of
painting their boats, laying their food,
and in many cases giving up steady
employment to go upon the hopeless
quest of seeking oysters where none
were to be found.

The Times-Dispatch feels that it is
hardly necessary to reiterate that it
has no animus in this matter, and that
its sole desire is to see the resources
of the State administered so as to
produce the greatest revenue and the
greatest prosperity for the citizens at
large. In the pursuit of this object it
may become necessary to criticize or
oppose, but the spirit that animates
the entire proceeding is constructive,
not destructive, and the aim is public
service, not private attack.

DAIRYING IN VIRGINIA.
Diversification is the cardinal prin-
ciple for successful agricultural States,
and The Times-Dispatch is gratified to
notice the interest that the farmers
who are attending the State Fair show
in the field that dairying affords,
Virginia, as a prominent and success-
ful dairy farmer pointed out, is un-
usually well adapted for dairies, as its
location gives it easy access to the
great markets of Washington, Balti-
more, Philadelphia and New York. In
addition to geographical location, Vir-
ginia has a climate that enables the
farmers to keep their cattle out of
doors certainly nine months out of the
year, while in Wisconsin, where dairying
has been carried to a very high
degree of excellence, the cattle are
stabled for six or eight months; yet
Wisconsin is able to produce \$50,000,000
of dairy products a year, \$25,000,000 of
which are sold outside of the State.

Some idea of the possibilities in-
volved in successful development of the
milk and butter industry is shown by
this line. With a total of only 15,592
square miles, of which 5,660 miles are
fields in the State and the Paroee, and
with a population of only 2,500,000,
Denmark sold to England alone ap-
proximately \$18,000,000 worth of butter
in 1905, and in addition supplied that
country with \$20,000,000 of bacon and
\$8,000,000 worth of eggs. These prod-
ucts, it will be noted, did not de-
stroy the corpus of the State, in that
they were created, had could therefore
be indefinitely reproduced.

A business of that character is not
like lumbering or mining, limited by
the destruction of the materials on
which it exists. The dairy farmer ac-
tually improves the soil he uses and
turns the undiminished forces of na-
ture to the production of wealth. It is
perhaps not possible to choose the
greatest service rendered by this fair,
but no risk is hazarded in the state-
ment that millions of dollars will be
annually added to the Virginia farm-
er's income if the fair succeeds in
creating a real desire to take up dairy
farming in a modern way and on a
comprehensive plan.

OUR NATIONAL GAME.
The intense interest with which the
contest for the championship of the
National Baseball League has been
watched throughout the country shows
how strong a hold the national game
has upon the minds and hearts of the
whole people.

And it is a fortunate thing for our
people that we have a game now ac-
knowledged to be national which is
mainly, skillful, "out of doors," with
thrilling incidents, and above all in-
nocent. It is a clean, fair, open game,
free of dangerous or offensive charac-
teristics.

Rhymes for Today.
BOZZARIS, JR.
[With due deference to Halleck and
to the 782 bards who have beaten us
to it.]
At midnight, in his handsome flat,
The Turk lay dreaming of the
hour
When he might hand an ultimatum
Unto the avareicious powers.
In dreams he saw himself uprising
And biff the Gerson on the stairs,
Now Austria felt his striking blows,
Now he pursued scared Russian foes,
Now England quivered as he rose
And banged the Lion's snout.

At midnight this occurred, I say,
And in the tricky land of Nod—
But ah me, with the crack of day
A telegram came for him, COD.
It read: "Sire, Bosnia's in revolt,
Bulgaria has announced a bid,
And Russia is not far behind,
And Herzegovina's like mind!"—
So ran the wire; it was signed
PRO PRONO PUBLICO.

At daylight, in his guarded flat,
In somewhat of a peevish mood,
The Turk lay, eating from a plate
Some predigested breakfast food.
Mused he: "The time is not yet ripe,
As for my dream, it was a pipe—
Which this dispatch has refert.
I'll try no more anation yet—
It's denotation that I got;
In short, unless I hump, I'll bet
There'll be no Turkey left."
H. S. H.

THE PERT PARAGRAPHERS.
PROF. JOHN TYLER MASON STONE,
professor of biology at Amherst, has offered
to sell his head after death for \$100,000
if the circumstance should so favor Mr.
Stone's head is too valuable
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Macdonald did not take the trouble to
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SALE PRESS.
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Yet not one of these men at whom Mr.
Bryan is so justly indignant, is guilty of an
impropriety one-tenth as flagrant as count-
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Satisfactory to the South.
The Eagle is wrong on this point. The
New York World asked Mr. Bryan a catch
word for the South, and the latter
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Denver convention, and it was answered to
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pressed his sympathy for the South in her
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problem in her own way, free from the
needless interference of misguided phil-
anthropists. And when they are
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As the Fakers Do It.
So far, so good, but when we come to
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are enough microbes on a dollar to start
an epidemic in heaven. The way to ren-
der the dollar innocuous and to prepare
them for saintly functions is to run them
through the Bryan campaign fund.—Hous-
ton Post.

Up to yesterday a great many people be-
lieved that Bulgaria was the name of a
sleeping cat.—New York Mail.

MERELY JOKING.
Pernicious Grand.
"Ma'am," began Mrs. Newstead timidly. "I
don't suppose that you would—er—
object to my setting an alarm clock?"
"Not at all, ma'am," replied the sleepy
maid. "The alarm will disturb me at all!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Grumpler.
"I see they are to have a hookless waist,"
said his wife.
"And just as I had got to be an expert
in hanging up a coat, and I'm wearing a
natural knicker!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Silly and Saucy.
The New Minister: "Do you know who
I am, my little man?"
Little Billie: "Certainly. Don't you
know who you are?"—Judge.

Not So Wonderful.
"My grandfather," said the new neighbor,
"was a making a very call on a great
privat man. With one stroke of his
brush he could change a smiling face into
a sad one."
"Ma'am," exclaimed small Johnny, who
happened to be in the parlor. "Our teacher
can do that."—Chicago News.

Free Passes Barred.
Mandy was a young colored maid fresh
from the cotton fields of the South. One
day she was in the kitchen and her
employer's young son, a Northern mis-
tress, and her maid, were in the kitchen
and she handed her a card.
"De lady what gib me dis is in de par-
lor," she exclaimed. "De's another lady on
de steps."
"Gracious, Mandy!" exclaimed the mis-
tress, "why didn't you ask both of them?"
"Kase, ma'am," grinned the girl. "de
one on de do' steps done forgit her ticket!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
Mrs. Carl Mueck, wife of the new direc-
tor of the city of Richmond, is a
fond of America that she says she has
no desire to return to Berlin.

Thalassotherapy, or treatment of dis-
eases by means of sea-bathing, etc., is a
subject for accurate investigation. Its re-
sults, promise, limitations, etc., will be
fully discussed at the special congress to
be held next year at Abasco, Southern
Austria.

Members of the family deny a report
that Joseph Chamberlain, of England, in-
tended shortly to resign from the House of
Commons. On the contrary, they declare
that his health is much improved, and that
he is preparing an address to his constitu-
ents.

Tolet's domestic life is singularly happy,
in spite of the fact that his wife does not
share his views concerning religion and
zoology. The countess is sixteen years
younger than her husband, and, although
both are distinguished children, is still
beautiful and charming.

The natives of the Malay peninsula have
in use the smallest current coin in the
world, which is a small piece of metal
the size of a pinhead, and is worth
about one-tenth of a cent. The smallest
gold coin in circulation at the present
time is the Portuguese three reis piece,
worth 5-100th of a cent.

Campaign
Appointments
Through his secretary, Mr. J. N. Brannan,
Hon. J. Taylor Blinn, chairman of the
Democratic State Committee, has an-
nounced the following appointments for
public speaking:
Samuel W. Williams.
Lynchburg, October 15th.
Charles Cliff, October 15th.
Samuel L. Kelley.
Lynchburg, October 15th (night).
William Hodges Mann.
Craig, October 10th.
Port of Johns Creek, October 10th
(night).
H. St. George Tucker.
Chatham, October 15th.
O. H. C. Stuart.
Grayson, October 15th.
Floyd, October 15th.
John Lamb.
Goehland, October 15th.
C. C. Carlin.
Warrenton, October 8th (night).
Upperville, October 10th (afternoon).
R. T. W. Duke.
Louisa, October 12th.
W. B. Cooke.
Lynchburg, October 15th.
H. D. Flood.
Clifton Forge, October 9th (night).
Craig, October 10th.
Amherst, October 12th.
E. E. Montague.
King and Queen, October 15th.
James Hays.
Greene, October 15th (night).
Carter Glass.
Northumberland, October 15th.
Floyd, October 15th.
E. M. Carter.
Wise, October 15th.
Blair, October 15th.
J. E. Tyler.
Burke Garden, October 9th.
A. J. Montague.
Louisa, October 15th.
Francis R. Lassiter.
Lynchburg, October 15th.
Mecklenburg, October 15th.
A. F. Thomas.
Amherst, October 12th.

A French Critic of American Beauty.
It will be a shock to Americans of
Puritan ancestry to hear the verdict
of the much-travelled Hugues Le Roux
that the beauty of American women is
not found in those of Puritan blood.
Le Roux studied American women at
first in the United States, and the results
of his study is a book, "L'Amour aux
Etats-Unis," just issued in Paris. In
a chapter devoted to American beauty
the author writes that a note in New
England is to be found, but in the
Mississippi Valley. The great beauties,
French, and descendants of early
French settlers, and of a certain per-
centage of Spanish. He finds them
of the type, the finest and most typi-
cal specimen of American beauty, and
with the reflection that the Puritan is
paying the penalty for closing his eyes
to the fact that he is the mirror
to God.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Bryan and Thirteen.
Let all superstitious Democrats know
that in the next election with Bryan
there are exactly thirteen letters, count
'em; and by the same token, exactly
thirteen letters in his name and State.
Bryan, Nebraska, count 'em; and
that he was nominated at Chicago on
a Friday, and that in the words "Chi-
cago, Friday," there are exactly thir-
teen letters, count 'em.

Cleveland's Farewell Message.
This utterance of the departed states-
man is a welcome and valuable help
to the Taft campaign. It cannot fail
to be of great value to the cause of
a partisan document, but, though it
lacks, as might have been expected,
some of the polish of Mr. Cleveland's
speeches, it is worthy of acceptance as
safe, patriotic and unprejudiced
counsel.—New York Times.

Rothschild's Strict Orders.
A New Orleans man said the other
day of the great house of the Roth-
schilds:
"The Rothschilds push their strict-
ness to the point of eccentricity. They
once had for agent here in New Or-
leans a fine fellow. They telegraphed
to this agent at a certain season to
sell their cotton holdings, but he knew
the price would go higher; and there-
fore he didn't sell his lot four days
later. In consequence he netted an extra
profit of \$40,000 for his firm.

The Speculator Out-Speculated.
He had for agent here in Okla-
homa. They have beaten the crafty palface
at his own past game.
We had believed that no one except
Theodore Roosevelt and Jim Hensley
could defeat a Western land
speculator. But the Five Tribes, hav-
ing tentatively agreed to sell their
lands at a fixed