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IS VIRGINIA RULED BY A MACHINE?

On the eve of its meeting to appoint the democratic nominee for Secretary of the Commonwealth, the report is very strong that the State Committee will name a man associated as closely as possible with the Democratic machine.

It would be impossible for the committee to make a worse blunder.

The Republicans have made a feeble campaign. They have utterly failed to make a successful appeal to the State. If they get a tolerably large vote one week from next Tuesday, it will not in any sense mean that the merits of their case have made many fresh converts.

Is Virginia ruled by a machine? It is too late to debate that question now. It is enough that thousands of intelligent Virginia Democrats believe that it is. It is enough that, from all corners of the State, they are watching the committee with a hawk's vision which nothing will escape it.

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GOVERNMENT MEAT INSPECTION.

By declining to appoint a committee to investigate sweeping charges offered by one of its members against the government system of meat inspection, the Public Health Association has terminated the incident so far as it is concerned.

Conservative people naturally go slow in accepting the conclusion that government meat inspection is a farce and a fraud.

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Dispatches from Washington quote an official in the Department of Agriculture as stating that these particular charges will be "thoroughly investigated." Unless it is argued that the department has been entirely corrupted by the packers, we may assume that its investigation will be both honest and competent.

strongly suggests that there is no occasion for anxiety.

GEORGE ALBERT AND MISS STEINMESSELER.

A New York girl named Steinmesler spurned the love of a man named George Albert, and turned a deaf and doubtless shell-pink ear to his entreaties.

Editor Brisbane never made a greater mistake in his life. There was no "reversion" to primitive conditions here, since woman has never left those conditions.

We do not mean that the George Alberts of this life, which is to say the hot-headed and resolute lovers, always carry a flask of acid in their pistol-pockets when they go courting.

Modern fiction has touched this note and touched it right. In Arthur Cosslett Smith's charming "The Monk and the Dancer" Dolores never got over being in love with the bull-fighter, Juan, and all because he had stabbed her one day when she spilled tobacco from the cigarette she was rolling to his order.

It cannot be said that Captain Kent makes the plunge with that forceful directness which Mr. Slemph has rightly indicated as a prime requisite in any candidate appealing to Virginia voters.

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MARRIAGE TO TAKE PLACE IN TOKIO

on Arrival of Fleet. The marriage of the daughter of the late Marquis d'Osmond and Mlle. Modq Pretentious is to take place in Tokio.

Mlle. Modq Pretentious

Fair Friend of Marquis d'Osmond Claims She Is Comtesse de Boigne's Heir.

BY LA MARQUESE DE FONTENOY.

So much has been made about the marriage of King Edward in consulting the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rosebery, and other statesmen who do not form part of the present Cabinet.

One important point in connection with the present crisis in England is that the King has a perfect right to dissolve Parliament of his own motion.

From Tokio comes the announcement of the engagement of Lieutenant Rouvier, son of Rear-Admiral Rouvier, of the French navy, to the daughter of Vice-Admiral de la Motte.

When he was at the North Pole Dr. Cook took a day and he looked west; that is, Charleston.

There is no doubt that hunting in Africa has not interested with any liberalists in which a man may be interested.

How the Mexicans must have itched to take a day and go to the top of Mount McKinley for Dr. Cook's records.

"Hurrah for the man with the square jaw!" he shouted at a Bannard meeting in New York the other evening.

The late Sir Edwin Arnold married, after the death of his Boston-born wife, a Japanese lady of the name of Kikuchi.

The late Sir Halliday Macartney, who died only three years ago, as we know, left a large fortune.

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Daily Queries and Answers

Address all communications for this column to Query Editor, Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no deniers' names will be given.

Making a Will. If I wish to make a will, is it necessary for me to have it signed in the presence of witnesses?

No. If you make a will in your own handwriting and sign each sheet, and certify that the whole is in your handwriting, your signature at a given date, it is valid at law.

Madame Tetrazzini and Miss Mary Garden. When did the present Sultan of Morocco die, and whom did he succeed?

Mulid Hafid was proclaimed Sultan January 11, 1908, in the place of his brother Abd-El-Aziz, deposed by the Ulema.

London Olympic Games. When were the Olympic games held in London? A. U. July 13-25, 1908.

Pension Bill. When did the old-age pension bill become operative in England? A. U. January 1, 1909.

Brigadier-General Kline. When did Brigadier-General Jacob Kline die? A. U. March 23, 1908.

Pinech's Education. Is Gifford Pinech an old college mate of Mr. Roosevelt? Where did he begin his work in forestry? R. I. Pinech graduated from Yale in 1889 and had his first work in forestry on the Vanderbilt estate at Blitmore, N. C.

British India. What is the population of British India? A. U. 223,972,832.

Fertilizer. I suspect that the fertilizer I am getting does not conform to the requirements of law. To whom should I report the matter? FARMER. Write at once to the Department of Agriculture, Richmond, Va., and give the name of the product and the dealer from whom you bought it.

Messina Earthquake. When did the Messina earthquake occur? A. U. December 28, 1908.

Cullinan Diamond. What is the size of the Cullinan diamond and what became of it? A. U. The diamond weighed 3,048 carats in the rough and was cut in 1908 by an Amsterdam firm. It yielded 100 brilliant stones, the largest of which weighed 516 carats. All of the stones were without flaw and of the finest blue-white color.

"Father of Baseball." Who is called the "father of baseball"? Is he still alive? PLAYER. Henry Chadwick graduated from Yale in 1849 and died during April of last year.

The Beginning of the Chautauque. When was the Chautauque established? A. U. In 1874, by Lewis Miller and John Vincent.

Native of Virginia. Is ex-Governor G. E. Chamberlain of Oregon, a native of Virginia? A. U. No. He was born in Mississippi but received his academic education at Washington and Lee University.

Voice of the People.

A Home for Wayward Girls, Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—I am pleased at seeing in your issue of the 13th the mention of a move to provide a home for truant and wayward girls. Why not, when we have long since had one in the State for boys? There seems to be crying need for one, and with such a body and consecrated men as Dr. Geo. W. Daniel, Dr. Buchanan and Jno. P. Branch and others, it would seem that success was sure.

God bless the good preachers of our land, they are always found with the preachers in the front ranks in all things pertaining to the uplift of our people, and when they see a need, they make for the common good of our fellowmen. It always makes my heart leap for joy when I see good citizens lay aside business cares for a moment at least, and give their ear to any worthy movement that may be undertaken for the good of our fellowmen and country.

I sympathize deeply and tenderly with our women. They are a people of many sorrows, and are always found with the preachers in the front ranks in all things pertaining to the uplift of our people, and when they see a need, they make for the common good of our fellowmen. It always makes my heart leap for joy when I see good citizens lay aside business cares for a moment at least, and give their ear to any worthy movement that may be undertaken for the good of our fellowmen and country.

Whatever we can do to inspire in our manhood and womanhood a sense of character and virtue, clean and spotless, and such civility in our men that they will always strive to respect and protect women, who is the weaker sex, and who is often imposed upon by unworthy men, should be done, and by the means of a home for wayward girls that means our moral standards being raised higher and society purified.

Character, high, noble and true in our most valuable asset to our country. If we will stop in our mad rush for money-getting long enough to think of the needs around us and what we can do for the happiness and comfort of others who are weaker and more unfortunate than ourselves, we can and will do it. Let us make more of our money for the good of our fellowmen, and let us have a home for wayward girls. I have expressed the sentiment, and I hope that should appeal to our sympathies more tenderly than the tract that means our moral standards being raised higher and society purified.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—In your editorial article in your issue of today on "The Reappearing Red Man," you speak of "Jedediah Morse." The forename of the man to whom you refer was "Jedediah," not "Jedediah," as you will see by looking at the title-page of any of the books of which he was the author. SCRIBATOR. Boston, October 14, 1909.

STATE PRESS

King's Best Speech. But what about the part of the alleged dispatch from Heatsville, which told of the crowd which gathered to greet the King—how very large.

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