ORGANIZE TO STOP BUYING OF VOTES

Movement Inaugurated by Members of Both Parties at Norton Rally

TO MEET LATER AT BRISTOL

Permanent Body Will Be Known as "Fair Elections Society of Ninth District."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norton, Va., October 14.—This was political rally day at Wise Courthouse, and notwithstanding that rain fell nearly all day, a large crowd was present at the county capital to hear the speakers. The Democrats were represented by General R. A. Ayers, candidate for Congress, and Senator Claude A. Swanson. The Republican speaker, Colonel D. F. Bailey, of Bristol, opened at 12:30 o'clock with a speech of one and a half hours. He was followed by ex-Senator J. C. Noel, of Lee County, who was followed by General Ayers in a lengthy speech, setting forth the issues of the campaign and stating explicitly his position on the more vital questions concerning his individual canvass. General Ayers was followed by Senator Swanson, who spoke for more than an hour.

One of the most interesting, and certainly the most far-reaching, proceedings of the day was a resolution by Hon. J. F. Bullitt, of Big Stone Gap, and president of the Virginia Bar Association, intended to purify the ballot and stop vote-buying in the Ninth District, and introduced and adopted before the crowd had dispersed. Judge Skeen acted as chairman and Judge Kilgore was secretary of the meeting, which unanimously passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we, the undersigned, hereby request and urge all citizens of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia, regardless of their politics, who are interested in fair elections, and especially in preventing the purchase and sale of votes, to meet at Bristol on the 21st day of October, 1912 at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of procuring a permanent organization, to be known as the Fair Elections Society of the Ninth District of Virginia, and for discussing the best methods of securing fair elections in the coming and all future elections, and of adopting practicable plans to carry these ends.

"Resolved, further, That the chairman appoint a committee of three, to be known as the executive committee of this movement, to hold office until the meeting at Bristol is organized, and whose duty it shall be to fully advertise the meeting hereby called and to make all arrangements therefor.

"Resolved, further, that said executive committee secure the signatures hereto of all persons present who favor this movement."

Then follows the signatures of forty-eight voters, including men from all parties. An executive committee consisting of J. F. Bullitt, Howard C. Miller and R. V. Wohleford was appointed by the chair to act in completing arrangements for the Bristol meeting, at which time it is planned to form a permanent organization, not only for this election, but for the future, and to have a district president and vice-president for each county; also executive committees for the district, counties and precincts. It is further planned to print and send out pledges to all the voters in the district, obligating them to attend all elections and hunt out and report to the general organization all violations, these to be further reported to grand juries of the various counties. The plan as outlined pledges every member of the organization not to contribute money to campaign committees for other than legitimate purposes. It is more than probable that the movement to-day will revolutionize politics in the Ninth District, and perhaps in the whole State.

VIRGINIA SYNOD TO MEET TO-NIGHT

Convenes at First Presbyterian Church for Opening Meeting of Big Convention.

The first session of the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia will be called to order to-night at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church, when the several hundred delegates will be organized into a working body for the transaction of business and the consideration of overtures. Following the opening sermon, which will be delivered by the retiring moderator, Rev. Harris T. Kirk, D. D., pastor of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, of Baltimore, the delegates will proceed with the election of the new moderator and the clerks. The initial session is expected to close with the making up of the roll.

Because of the centennial celebration of the founding of Union Theological Seminary, to be observed in connection with the meeting of synod, the attendance of the present session is expected to be unusually large. Provisions are being made for the entertainment of 400 delegates, who come from the Presbyterian churches of Southern affiliation in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, the territory included under the Synod of Virginia. It is the largest synod in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The Synod of North Carolina, with perhaps 200 delegates, will meet to-night in Goldsboro, N. C., coming to Richmond to-morrow to take part in the centennial celebration. The North Carolina delegates leave Goldsboro to-night on a special train provided by George W. Watts, of Durham, and will arrive in this city early to-morrow morning. Immediately upon arrival, they will be taken in charge by representatives of Union Theological Seminary, the Synod of Virginia and the First Presbyterian Church, who have joined forces for the entertainment of the visitors.

Go to Work To-Morrow.

The Synod of Virginia will settle down to work to-morrow morning while the visiting North Carolinians are being shown about the city. If the weather permits, the afternoon exercises of the centennial, participated in jointly by the two synods, will be held on the campus of the seminary. To-morrow night a great mass-meeting of Presbyterians has been planned in the City Auditorium, when the principal addresses of the celebration will be delivered before the two synods. The visitors from North Carolina will stop at the Richmond Hotel to-morrow night, returning by special train to Goldsboro Thursday morning.

The auditorium meeting to-morrow night will bring together a representative gathering of Presbyterians second only in importance to the general assembly itself eclipsing in point of numbers the assembly, but representing only these two large synods instead of the entire South. The speakers will be drawn from the most distinguished and eloquent ministers of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

INSURANCE ORDER HALED TO COURT

Must Show Cause Why Commissioner Button Should Not Take Over Assets.

An order was entered in vacation in the City Circuit Court by Judge R. Carter Scott yesterday directing the Modern Workmen of the World to show cause why the petition of Commissioner of Insurance Joseph Button should not be granted. The papers were served on the attorneys for the Modern Workmen in Alexandria. The company is directed to appear before Judge Scott at 11 o'clock A. M., on October 24. The petition of Commissioner Button, accompanies the order and sets forth that the Modern Workmen of the World is a fraternal insurance company, incorporated under the laws of Virginia; that on January 25, 1911, the Modern Workmen, by contract of reinsurance, transferred its entire property and business to the Royal Life Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, without having first obtained the written approval of the Commissioner of Insurance of Virginia; that the further transaction of business by the Modern Workmen of the World "would be hazardous to its certificate holders, its creditors and the public." Therefore Commissioner of Insurance Button, with the approval of the State Corporation Commission, asked that the company be summoned to appear and show cause "why the said Joseph Button, Commissioner of Insurance, should not take possession of its property and conduct the business of the said Modern Workmen of the World, and do what the interests of the certificate holders and creditors of the said Modern Workmen of the World and the public may require."

Attorney-General Williams appeared for Commissioner Button in presenting the papers.

News of South Richmond

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For the first time in its history the merry whistle of the postman on his daily rounds will echo through the streets of the suburb of Woodland Heights. The new carrier service will go into effect this morning. Two deliveries will be made each day. Pursuant to an order from the post-office authorities, the householders of Woodland Heights and Forest Hill, which will also be included in the route, have numbered their houses.

The mail will arrive through the Manchester station, as heretofore. It will be sorted and sent out. General delivery letters will be sent to the branch station, which will be established at Wood's Store, Twenty-eighth and Semmes Avenue, with R. G. Wood, Jr., as clerk in charge. There letters and packages will be registered and money orders and stamps sold.

Another innovation which will help the suburb is the installation of a fire bell. It has been placed in the rear of the home of C. D. Burdett. Should fire break out in either Woodland Heights or Forest Hill the fact is to be telephoned to Mr. Burdett, and he will do his share in arousing the neighborhood. Every able-bodied man is supposed to respond. Buckets and ladders will be placed in convenient places.

While five arc lights have been installed along Semmes Avenue, the Citizens' League has not forgotten the promise made by the Board of Supervisors to put in five more this fall. If necessary they will send a committee to the next meeting to jog up the memory of the board.

Club to Meet Friday.

The South Richmond Democratic Club will meet Friday night at the usual place, Fraternal Hall. As this is the last regular meeting before the close of the presidential campaign a large gathering is desired. It is probable that a special meeting will be arranged and speakers invited to attend.

The committee from the club which has been soliciting funds for Woodrow Wilson has not yet made a report, but it is understood that a neat sum has been realized. One of the nine men has received more than $50. The others are expected to turn in a like amount.

Continues Suit by Consent.

By consent of all parties concerned, the hearing of the motion for judgment in the suit of the Middle Atlantic Immigration Company against the Virginia Realty Corporation, which was set for yesterday in Hustings Court, Part 2, was continued until Saturday.

This morning Judge Ernest H. Wells will begin the trial of the personal injury suit of E. P. Grubbs against the George R. Fuller Company.

To Get Returns by Wire.

Arrangements are being made by Manchester Lodge, No. 843, B. P. O. E., to have a special leased wire placed in the Elks' Home, Eleventh and Bainbridge Streets, on the night of the presidential election. Members and their friends will be invited to hear the returns, which will probably be read from the porch.

Fined for Throwing Rocks.

Because they indulged in the gentle sport of heaving rocks at each other on the Sabbath, R. Livesay, E. Wingo and H. Jones, young white men, yesterday morning were fined $5 and costs by Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part 2.

Wash Mosby, colored, accused of beating his wife, was taken into custody yesterday morning. He was promptly haled before Justice Maurice, where a fine of $5 and costs was assessed.

Charles Russell was arrested last night by Watchman W. J. Doyle on the Free Bridge. He was turned over to Officer Phillips, who carried him to the Third Police Station, where he was charged with being drunk and unable to care for himself.

Sneak Thief Gets Overcoat.

Expecting to go forth into the chilly dampness comfortably clad in his new $28 overcoat, W. H. Archer, of 112 Cowardin Avenue, was disagreeably jarred yesterday morning by the discovery that some party, presumably a sneak thief, had removed the garment from the hall of his home. His loss was immediately reported at the Third Station, but no clue to the new wearer of the coat has yet been unearthed.

Funeral of Infant.

The funeral of Florence May, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sadler, who died Sunday morning at her parents' home, 8 East Eleventh Street, was held yesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. T. Haley, pastor of the Stockton Street Baptist Church, conducted the services. The burial was in Maury Cemetery.

With the Churches This Week.

For the purpose of promoting a greater interest in church work among the members of the congregation rally services will be held to-morrow night in the Stockton Street Baptist Church. Addresses will be made by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Haley, and several laymen.

Taking as his subject "Old Virginia," Dr. Douglas Freeman will deliver a lecture Friday night at the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. Haddon S. Watkins will render several solos.

Revival services, conducted by the Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, are being held this week at the Weatherford Memorial Church, Swansboro. A large attendance marked the opening services. They will continue for ten days.

To Elect Delegates.

Delegates to the State Convention of King's Daughters will be elected to-night at the first fall meeting of Whatsoever Circle, which will be held at the home of the leader, Mrs. S. H. Bemiss, Eleventh and Bainbridge Streets. The circle last winter did much to relieve suffering among the Southside poor, and greater things are being planned this year.

Rally Services at Swansboro.

Rally day services, starting in the Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock, will be held next Sunday at the West End Methodist Church. Every member of both Sunday school and church are urged to attend. The Men's Bible Class is expected to turn out in full force, and every effort is being put forth to make Sunday a red letter day for the church. Evangelistic services are being held this week.

Personal Mention.

Rev. F. Ernest Warren, rector of the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, will leave this morning for Waverly, Va., where he will attend the Central Convocation of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Mrs. M. L. Roberts is ill at her home in Woodland Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peters, who have been the guests of relatives, have returned to their home in Harrisburg, Pa.

W. J. Carter will leave this morning for Petersburg, where he will act as judge at the Southside Fair.

S. E. Phillips, J. W. Marks, H. G. Newguesor, W. A. Toler, H. E. Wilson, I. H. Reynolds, C. W. Roach and A. L. Sampson left yesterday for Staunton, where they will be delegates to the State Convention of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, representing the South Richmond councils.

PUBLIC SPEAKING DATES

The following appointments are announced from State Democratic headquarters:

Rufus A. Ayers.
Wytheville, October 21.
Pearisburg, October 29.

Henry C. Stuart.
Luray, October 18.
Winchester, October 19.
Harrisonburg, October 21.
Saltville, October 22.
Rich Valley (barbecue), October 22.
Roanoke, October 24 (night).
Richmond, City Auditorium, October 31.

James Hay.
Frederick County, October 14 and 15.
Shenandoah County, October 18 and 19.
Harrisonburg, October 21.
Rockingham, October 22 to 25.
Page County, October 26, 29 and 30.
Clarke County, October 31 and November 1.

H. D. Flood.
Augusta, October 17, 18 and 19.
Appomattox, October 22.
Fincastle, October 24.
Buchanan, October 25.
Staunton, October 28.
Warm Springs, October 29.
Millboro, October 30.
Buena Vista, October 31.
Rockbridge County, November 1 to 4.

J. Norment Powell.
Chincoteague, October 18.
Parksley, October 19.
Luray, October 21.
Lawrenceville, October 22.
Madison, October 24.

Aubrey G. Weaver.
Harrisonburg, October 21.

J. Gordon Bohannon.
Boydton, October 21.
Powhatan, October 22.

R. L. Gordon, Jr.
Palmyra, October 28.

R. E. Byrd.
Palmyra, October 28.
Dillwyn, October 29.
Arvonia, October 26 (night).

C. T. Allen.
Boydton, October 21.
Accomac, October 28.
Eastville, October 29.

Carter Glass.
Floyd, October 16.

Martin Williams.
Pearisburg, October 22.
Bland, October 21.

John Lamb.
Charles City County, October 17.

A. J. Montague.
Bristol, October 15 (night).
Marion, October 16 (night).
Wytheville, October 17 (night).
Bland, October 18 (1 P. M.).
Pearisburg, October 19 (noon).
Richmond, City Auditorium, October 22.

Norman R. Hamilton.
Princess Anne County, October 19.
Courtland, October 21.
Fairmount Park, October 27.

E. W. Hubard.
Dillwyn, October 28.
Arvonia, October 26 (night).
Centenary, November 2.

Richard L. Beale.
Westmoreland, October 28.
Richmond County, November 6.

C. C. Carlin.
Herndon, November 1.

E. W. Saunders.
Chatham, October 21.

Harry St. George Tucker.
Richmond, City Auditorium, October 22.

R. T. W. Duke.
Richmond, City Auditorium, October 31.
Chatham, October 21.

Thomas S. Martin.
Palmyra, October 21.

E. E. Holland.
Creed's, Princess Anne County, October 18.
Princess Anne Courthouse, October 21.
Courtland, October 29.
Boykins, November 2.

Don P. Halsey.
Luray, October 21.

S. W. Williams.
Stanardsville, Greene County, October 28.

J. TAYLOR ELLYSON,
Chairman.

J. N. Brenaman, Secretary.

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Watson-Turnbull Contest May Occupy All of To-Night.

The State Democratic Committee will meet at 8:15 o'clock to-night at the Jefferson Hotel to take up and finally dispose of the contest from the Fourth Congressional District. It seems the district committee will be unable to reach a conclusion before some time this afternoon, after an almost continuous session, but it is understood that an appeal is certain to result. Although the attorneys will be tired out with work at Petersburg, it is probable that each will insist upon making a full representation before the State Committee, whose session may run far into to-night.

The name of the successful candidate must be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by 12 o'clock to-morrow night, in order to get it on the official ballot.

RESTORES OLD SEAL

Judge Richardson Orders Ancient Die of Court Replaced.

The ancient seal of the Court of Hustings, which was adopted when Richmond was incorporated in 1782, will be restored in the Hustings Court to-day, after having been discarded for a more simple die years ago. It will supplant the seal lately used and which bore merely the name of the court.

The former seal depicted Blind Justice, and bore the inscription: "The Court of Hustings—In Hoc Signo Veritas." The translation of the Latin phrase is "Truth in this sign." The seal which will be placed in use today will bear the present name of the court.

Judge D. C. Richardson, who was recently appointed to the bench, learned of the change in the seals, and ordered that the old one be replaced. A new die was accordingly made.