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THE SUN'S TOTAL ECLIPSE.

A total eclipse of the Sun is a phe in the eclipse predicted to occur on the 28th of May, and which will be visible at Norfolk

The total eclipse will occur in Norfolk shortly after sun-rise, about 5:30, and the total obscuration will last one minute and forty-four seconds. One

about 1,060 miles an hour. This differs

until finally, the great spectacle can be viewed, comfortably, with the naked

There is grief and anger in the ranks of the Anglomaniacs. John Bull has forbidden them to bring their dogs along this summer unless they are prepared to feave them in quarantine for three months to see whether they have radies. It is almost enough to inspire the tendles with a mild form of particular, or to convert them into Boer sympathizers, a calamity the Burghers have not descrete.

THE "POSITION" OF HON. THOMAS S. MARTIN.

Commenting on the Albemarle County Martin's attitude as to Constitutional evision, the Lexington News says: "Senator Martin refuses to answer all inquiries as to his position on the Constitutional Convention.

The Senator has shown no disposition since he last fall obtained a large majority of the legislative caucus favorable to his nomination to use his influence to direct public affairs or control the election of officials in Virginia, and the indications are that he will pursue this attitude toward a Constitutional Convention. The originators of the Convention. The originators of the movement are among his closes friends. Some of his friends antago aize it, as was the case in Albemarie."

It is not really necessary for Hou When Hon. Tom opens his mouth, years he will consistently and tenawhich in his case is infinitely pre-

tious. 'answer all inquiries as to his "posifor the reason that he has not yet been other words, through some oversight he has not yet been provided with a Simpson be expected to discuss his We are strongly in favor of Hon, Thomas S. Martin for the present. By the time the Democratic State Con vention meets, a "position" will doubtless have been made for him, and we may all discuss it without seeming ungracious. It is boorish to cast a poor man's poverty in his teeth.

Moreover, the Hon. Tom, perhaps, feels that his "position" (if one has Something like this has happened before; and a shade of coyners, a tinge nomenon not often seen, hence the of timidity, is therefore both matural to gaze upon Hon. Thomas S. Martin IN any "position;" or upon any "posiout a deep sense of gratitude that he

imperialism is the same in substance carth's rate being 1,040 miles an hour, and in tendency, whether it be in the same in substance of American citizens for damages to the and that of the moon 2,100 miles an South Africa, the Philippines, or Parto. Ecparates College buildings. The and that of the moon 2,100 miles an hour. The velocity of the shadow, passing over the earth, is equal to the cently as Friday of the past week. voteing this sentiment.

about 1,060 miles an hour. This differs according to the distance one is from the equator and the obliqueness of the shadow on the earth.

Persons should prepare smoked glass through which to witness the eclipse. A very dark glass will be necessary at first. As soon as the eclipse is partly under way a lighter glass can be used, until finally, the great spectacle can

The reason that Mr. Atkinson has "no sympathy with the Boers" is that | it says:

responsible for forcing an imperialistic Rossers.

to imperialism from principle, and who know little and care less about Mr. At kinson. They will select their own-leader at the proper time, and he will be a practical statesman, not an academic visionary.

PORTS CUTH AND REVISION.

In the ward meetings of Portsmouth on Thursday night the First, Second and Fifth wards adopted resolutions in-

to let the others do all the talking, and stitution to a vote of the people is one a vote, or that their delegates will vote the trouble to make their wishes known. It does not pay to take things for granted in polities.

The date for the selection of delegates has not yet been fixed; but as the time really been formed for him) may not In the interim, every Democratic voter commend itself to the distinguished should make up his mind to see to it are chosen as delegates to the State and indescribably becoming! The Vir- matter that has come before the party ginia public has never been permitted in years, and should receive grave and

> Both upon the question of making the call for a Constitutional Conven-

The Staunton Spectator is inclined to be unkind to General Rosser, of whom

sprang from ignorance of the condithere, it was asserted, were imperial-Leland Stanford University, says that who enlisted at the beginning of the istand in subsequent campaigns, are anti-imperialists to a man. As they contended that they were ignorant ob-

anti-imperialists to a man. As they were University men. It will hardly be contended that they were ignorant observers.

Richmond is to have a Street Fair and Carnival that will draw thousands of visitors to that city. Reanoke is taking active steps to organize for a like event. Chattanooga, Tennessee, is to have a spring festival, which will be attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live attended by a party of National officials and will be worthy of that live court-house at Courtland last Morday.

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viding for a reduction of the war taxes bave been introduced in Congress during the present session. Of these, at least a dozen provide for the repeal of he odlous. stamp taxes, the revenue from which imounts to about \$44,000,000 annually As the surplus is twice this amount, the stamp taxes could be repealed with out hardship to the Government; but Mr. McKinley has said no.

people to engage in a "man hunt" with sleedhounds has created something of a furore. The privilege of man-chasing has its strict limitations, even in so-

Hon. Thomas S. Martin (our own Matthew S. Quay) is doubtless busily engaged in handing out those "secondsuch a distinguished medium.

Lemuel Eli Quigg declines to be hissed loose from that chairmanship of the New York County Republican Commit

Governor Taylor may not get back to Frankfort in time to forestall the unpleasant results of the grand jury's investigation with his militia.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

OUR FINANCIAL ANARCHISTS. (New York Journal of Commerce.)

minutes and torty-four accounts.

It have not method one as essentive readily the importance of particles of the property of the country of t Among its other dangers the trust system seems to involve that of placing the control of huge aggregates of capi-tal and productive energy in the hands of men entirely unscrupulous. Before

We hope that our people will turn out and express their interest in the meeting of April 30th. Delegates and alternates to the Democratic State Convention will be appointed. The convention will meet in Norfolk, May 2d, during which meeting there will likely be a disposition of the State Constitutional Convention question. Accomack should give no uncertain sound in this matter. If our people want a Constitutional Convention the delegates to the State Convention should know it.

SOUTHAMPTON'S RESOLUTIONS. (Southampton Democrat.)

The resolutions as added to were unanimously adopted. THE PEOPLE MUST RATIFY IT.

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Should the Democratic purty remmit itself to the movement for a Constitutional Convention, it would of course be held respons, ble for every act of that body. Unless the Constitution as framed by the convention is submitted to the people for ratification, objectionable features, radical and unforcesen changes, might become the supreme law of the land, and for such a result the Democratic party would be held responsible by the people. There are in the estimation of thoughtful and patriotic citizens changes—not a few—which can be made in the present Constitution, helpful to the Commonwealth, and consequently promotive of the prestige and power of the Democratic party. There are other changes suggested which, should they be embodied in the new Constitution, would be destructive of the best interests of the people, and a consequent menace to Democratic supremacy. There are broad lines of policy in the formation of a new Constitution, which might be followed by the convention, such as the reduction of the expenses of our county and city governments: the lessening of the number of the officials; and yet unless the Democratic party commits itself to this theory of revision there is no assurance but that the convention itself might increase the number of offices, and as a result of the convention in self might increase the number of offices, and as a result of the convention in the expenses of the present system.

Still more important than any change suggested, is the question whether of not the sovereign people of the Commonwealth shall be denied the power of passing finally upon the work of the convention, and declaring whether it shall stand as the convention is the formation of the convention, and declaring whether it shall stand as the convention is and the convention.

monwealth shall be denied the power of passing finally upon the work of the convention, and declaring whether it shall stand as the organic law of our land. The Democratic party is the party of the people. It lives, and has lived, because of its willingness to submit to the people the determination of great questions affecting their rights. Shall the convention make for this Commonwealth a Constitution without according to the people the right to pass upon its provisions? The Democratic party should proclaim in advance its position, and thus the members of the convention, owing allegiance to that party, would be bound by its declarations.

Judging from the hurrah with which the State Department gave cut its purposer asserted that a little cheap political capital was being made out of the tardiness of Turkey in paying the claim of American citizens for damages to the Euparates College buildings. The Washington correspondent of the Pittsburg Post says of the incident:

"The present alleged pressure on Turkey, of which the State Department has been caper to give out the news, is an piece of buncomine gatten up for the purpose of creating an impression in cottain church circles, and for effect in the coming campaign."

And why not? It is not by any means the first play to the galleries that the present Administration has indulged in.

DIVIDED ALBERTAN.

(Course News.)

We do not think it fair and just to gasemble in convention and frame a new State Constitution to bind the people of the max paying the atmosphere of a century without allowing the people a chance to read and consider the proposed to read and consider the proposed to read and consider the proposed of which the State Department has been caper to give out the news, is an piece of buncomine gatten up for the propose of creating an impression in cottain church circles, and for effect in the coming campaign."

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(Danville Register.)

Albemarle county's delegation to the State Democratic Convention is almost evenly divided for and against the Constitutional revision plan. One of the delegates opposing a Constitutional Convention is Senator Thomas S. Martin. For the benefit of those gentlement who assert that Senators Daniel and Martin always stand together, the fact should not be overlocked that while Mr. Martin is against the convention plan, Senator Daniel is one of its ardent advocates.

IN ACCOMACK.
(Accomack News.)

We call the attention of the readers of the News to the announcement of the County Chairman in this issue.

(Eastville Herald.)

If Albemarle county's officials are as zeolous in attending to their during the they are in their efforts to hold on to their respective offices they ought to make most excellent public servants; but let that be as it may, the thirst for milk from the public pap should not drive them to marshal in solid phalanx to compass the defeat of a measure that has been the dream of every true born Virginian for thirty years. It is the sorriest spectacle in the whole move to see these fellows, fat with long continuating for the public favors, trooping down to Norfolk to head off a change for the better in our governmental machinery. Proper modesty would dictate that they at least smother for the time their in-ordinate greed for the monthly stipends of the County Chairman in this issue.

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