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A NOVEL PROPOSITION.

The Mississippi constitutional convention is looking into a bold scheme to get rid of the negro population in a lump. The scheme is nothing less than empowering the legislature to set off, with the consent of Congress, any section of the State and erect it into a territory by itself. This is certainly novel and from its novelty almost certain to meet disapproval.

The delegates from the black counties look upon the proposition as an intimation that at some time the white counties may attempt to secede and leave them alone to struggle with the dusky problem.

The power of secession, of division, or of in any way changing the continuity and completeness of any State, is so completely bound up and tied by constitutional limitations that no American State, with the possible exceptions of Texas and Florida, will ever be shorn of its present proportions. Mississippi will have to settle the negro question by a different method.

AN IMPORTANT ARTICLE.

The extended article on the Iron Development and Ore Resources of Virginia, which we print this morning, is taken by permission from the papers read before the New York meeting of the British Iron and Steel Institute.

Its author, Mr. Edmund C. Pechin, of this city, is widely known as an authority on iron ores and kindred topics, and the article may be accepted as a text for information on the important subject which he discusses at length. No leading point remains uncovered, and the general analysis will be found of great value.

The members of the British and German Iron and Steel Institutes are to-day to look at some of the new towns of Tennessee and Kentucky. To-morrow evening they will reach Roanoke. From here they will go Luray and to Washington. Tired though they are from their long journeys, they display an unflagging interest in the mineral resources and developments of the Southern mineral belt.

CHAIRMAN J. TAYLOR ELLYSON, of the Democratic State Executive Committee, has issued an address on the political situation in Virginia which would occupy a full page in THE TIMES, and is therefore unavailable. He discusses the leading issues ably and at great length.

A STRONG committee has been appointed by President Woodrum of the Commercial Club to take care of Roanoke's interests in the matter of the Baltimore and Ohio Valley extension. Gentlemen, if you take up this task the eyes of Roanoke will be looking at you.

ABOUT the time Lynchburg is fairly awake to the importance of having the Baltimore and Ohio Valley branch extended to that city the branch will have been running trains into Roanoke twelve months.

Food for the worms—this year's chestnuts.

Governor Hill on the Stump.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 20.—[Special]—Governor Hill left here to-day for Ohio to speak on "Democratic Principles" at different places in that State. His first speech will be made at Canton to-morrow night. When he has finished his engagements in Ohio he will go to West Virginia on a similar errand.

DR. FLIPPO'S LECTURE.

His Chosen Theme Was "Friendship, True and False."

The second lecture in the course delivered under the auspices of the Vigilant Fire Company came off last night at their beautiful hall in the Fire Company's building on Jefferson street.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the lecturer. Dr. Flippo said: "The definition of my subject as found in the lexicons is too tame. It must be felt to be known and enjoyed."

The writers that disparage the name and deny the virtue were referred to and received due attention. The lecturer continued: "These disparaging walls are the murky drizzle of moody, disappointed misanthropes, whose selfishness prevented them from penetrating those depths where the hidden spring abounds! That spring is there, flowing in perennial gladness, washing the impurities of envy, hate, malice and deep, dark suspicion from the heart, knitting souls, soldering society, until 'Great hearts by instinct to each other turn, Demand alliance and in friendship burn!'"

Woman's definition of friendship was the rocky strength upon which the lecture was built.

Love, said the lecturer, is not the only sentiment worthy of notice. Friendship, with all that it implies, deserves a larger share of attention in the life of the present age than it receives. There was an earnest plea made for the cultivation of high-toned friendships with each other.

The dogmatic assertion of some writers that woman is unfitted for friendship, and that woman has no true and abiding friendship for woman, was attacked with becoming vigor and refuted. The union of hearts formed between queens and other great ladies and favorite maids of honor, or their chosen companions, was alluded to as immortal illustrations of female friendships. Philippa Meard, the favorite of the queen of Edward the Third, Mary Stuart and her maids of honor, Marie Antoinette and the Princess Lambella, Anna Seward in the full bloom of youth and beauty, offering her own veins to transfuse a supply of the vital blood into the veins of the Countess of Northesk to restore her failing health.

Among men, Pythias and Damon, Orestes and Pylades, David and Jonathan and many others were mentioned as illustrations of a friendship enduring as the granite and refreshing as the dew.

Nord did the lecturer slight the friendships of the present day. Friendship is still alive. There are those in our midst whose souls are knit together, who grow up leaning upon each other like the olive and the vine.

The lecturer closed with a plea for a friendship that is real—a friendship that is a solid trust in the truth of hearts.

AN OPEN LETTER.

D. R. Strouse, Esq., Salem, Va.

Sir: I am reliably informed that you have this day made remarks derogatory to my character. You, of all men know, that though I may have been misled and erred in judgment as all men are liable to do, yet, my intentions and acts throughout the unfortunate Salem affair, were actuated by motives only for the good of Salem, and that you could have saved both Salem and myself, from the trouble incident upon my independent stand, by meeting me halfway at a time when matters could have been adjusted. You know in your soul that you were party to my stubbornness in not yielding a point to me at a time when so much depended upon harmony. You know that you promised to meet me at my office after our interview in your office, at which you claim that I made admissions fatal to the cause of the Southwestern Virginia Land Company, and you further know that you deliberately broke that engagement, thus envenoming a spirit already kindled and fanning to a flame a fire that you could have quenched with a word of kindness, or encouragement, or diplomacy, in all of which arts you excel.

Now, Mr. Strouse, I say, in the presence of God, that I am an honest man, though my zeal for Salem's good has on two notable occasions brought me near to disrepute. The first time, in the Fischer matter, you were my friend and adjusted a very unpleasant affair satisfactorily to all concerned. In the second instance, you chose to ignore me, because you thought I was in your way, thus keeping me in your way, instead of removing me. Finally, however, your power became so great, as a result of the accumulated bitterness through wrought up public sentiment that I was forced from self respect to go into voluntary exile from the place that I had so long labored to serve, and yet bearing the odium of having been accused of intentions to destroy her. Roanoke has been an hospitable St. Helena to me and through my indomitable will, irrefragable spirit and ambition to be useful to my fellow man, coupled with the encouraging looks, words and deeds of the business men of this place; through the spirit and truth of the Golden Rule which has met me since my arrival within the gates of this favored city, I have been enabled to assert my manhood and live down the intended disgrace heaped upon me through your lack of those qualities which animate the Christian man, viz: Forgiveness, Magnanimity and Charity. Why continue to hound me?

I have exercised a degree of forbearance during this whole affair, which may have been construed by some as cowardice, but, as God liveth, there may come a time when personal explanation can alone atone for the great wrongs which I have been called upon to endure through you, and I now call upon you to desist or rest upon the consequences.

E. A. PARSONS, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 20, 1890.

Racing Yesterday

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 20.—[Special]—First race—Early Blossom won, Stragtagem second, Guildean filly third; time, 1:19 1/4. Second race, three-fourths of a mile—Raymond G. won, Lemon Blossom second, Ganymede third; time, 1:17 1/2. Third race, mile and one-sixteenth—Nevada won, Vengeur second, Reporter third; time, 1:52 1/4. Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile—Trellis colt won, Ella F. second, Latina third; time, 1:05 1/4. Fifth race, one mile—Chesapeake won, Gunwad second, Woodcuter third; time, 1:46 1/4. Sixth race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling—Whitnose won, Can't Tell second, Hornet third; time, 1:54.

NOTES OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

Eine Kirche eigentuemlecher art ist in Batoum-Baku es ist ein Wagon welcher an einer seite mit einem Kreuze verziert und an der anderen mit Glocke versehen es koennen 70 Personen platz darin finden und ist es fur die Eisenbahn Beamten bestimt. Es ist ein sicheres zeichen das Russland in Ihren asiatischen provins auch Fortschritte maecte.

Mr. Robert Gordon, M. I. C. E. and M. Am. Soc. C. E., has resigned his position as Government Engineer of Siam, and will shortly return to England. Mr. Gordon is well known among American engineers, and though he was for 17 years the Resident Engineer of Burmah, he is a strong advocate of American methods of railway construction and equipment in the East. His departure from Siam would seem to mean that that country is not yet ready for railways, and that the 300 miles of line favored by the King is not to be built at present. Later information seems to indicate that German engineers and German contractors have captured the King of Siam and propose to build the first 100 miles of railway in that country.

Um die Eisenbahnen von den fliegenden Sand zie beschuetzen hat Prof. Seubler ein Deutscher botanist, einen guten vorschlag gemacht. Sein Vorschlag ist wie folgt die Wurzeln von der tritricum repens L werden bei einer maschine in der lange von 20 centimeter geschnitten mit etwas Erde und Wasser vermischt und ueber den Sand geschuettet und binnen zwei Wochen wird es wachsen und der Sand vom herauf Kommen hindern.

Der Paris Rouen schiff canal hat genuegende fortschritte gemacht dem Publicum alle Papiere und Zeichnungen in den Hotel de Ville, in Paris bis zum 2ten November zur besichtigung vorgelegt. Der vorher genannte canal hat eine laenge von 108 meilen und eine Tiefe von 19F7. Die Kosten werden 27,000,000 dollars sein.

Bids for heavy guns have been called for by the War Department until December 3, as follows: Twenty-five 8-inch, fifty 10-inch and twenty-five 12-inch steel guns and ammunition for the test. All of these guns are to be of American manufacture, and the advertisements provide that one-fourth of these guns shall be made on the Pacific coast.

The Annapolis armor plate tests have been completed by the removal of the plates from the backing and the examination of the rear of the plates. The result was as follows: The four cracks in the all-steel Crouzet plate, radiating from the center 8-inch shot, were not continuous on the back, as supposed, and the plate still had strength enough to support itself. The back of the Crouzet nickel-steel did not show a crack, except where the metal was bulged out by the points of the projectiles. This plate was still apparently perfect, except at the five spots actually struck by the projectiles. The back of the Cammell plate was also uncracked, except immediately around the five more or less ragged holes where the shots had cracked through it.

The new tower bridge over the Thames in London is progressing satisfactorily. Including approaches the bridge will be 2,640 feet long. The two river piers, requiring the laying of about 80,000 tons of stone are nearly completed. The north towers to be 275 feet high, are well under way, and the falseworks for the two side spans are in position. In the construction of this bridge there will be required 31,000,000 brick, 19,500 tons of cement and 70,500 cubic yards of concrete, and 15,000 tons of iron and steel. The bridge will be finished by the end of 1892.

The Niagara Falls water-power tunnel is now well under way, at two shafts and at the mouth near the new suspension bridge. At the latter point an inclined railway for construction use will be built. Both night and day shifts will shortly be put on.

The gross earnings of 151 railways for the month of September, according to statistics collected by the Financial Chronicle, are \$43,381,520, as compared with \$40,407,531 for the same month of 1889, an increase of 7.36 per cent.

Die Couls Bruecke in Prage welche die ueberschwemmungen seid dem jahre 1357 ueberstanden, hat am 13ten October wieder eine Arche verlohren wobei sex personen verunglueckt sind. Das heftigste gefaecht fand auf der Bruecke im Jahre 1744 statt. Von den 16 Archeen die mitlere ist am 2ten September eingefallen und 2 andere den folgenden tag mit grossen Menschenverlust eine 4te Arche ist nun auch fort und ist es dem lang jaehrigen auswaschungen zugesehen worden.

THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.

The Distinguished Visitors are Almost at the Virginia Line.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 20.—[Special]—The members of the British and German Iron and Steel Institutes have been here two days. They have seen historic battlefields, have been shown the most prominent industries and were given a final reception to-night at the Chamber of Commerce, after which they left for Middlesborough, Ky., where they will stop to-morrow. They express themselves as amazed at the vastness of the mineral resources of the South, and the favorable outlook for their development.

Sir James Kitson, president of the English society, said: "It is possible to make iron in this section as cheaply as in any part of the world."

Perry Gilchrist, one of the founders of the basic steel process, says: "Ores here are peculiarly adapted for steel making."

William Whitwell says: "Basic steel made from Tennessee iron compares favorably with that made in England."

T. M. Percy, proprietor of the great open hearth steel works in Lancashire, says: "In the South, where phosphoric ores are so plentiful and cheap, with the basic process, this section will compete with any part of America making steel."

To Revise the Regulations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—[Special]—The government has decided to revise regulations now in force affecting the rights of foreigners holding landed property in Russia.

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THE PLAN OF THE COMPANY.

This Company is chartered under the laws of Virginia, and its object is to invest combined capital in Southwest Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, and other rapidly-developing sections of the State, embracing the growing towns of Roanoke, Radford, Salem, Danville, Lynchburg, Buchanan, Bedford City, Buena Vista, Glasgow, Waynesboro, Basic City, AND SUCH DISTRICTS AS AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAFE INVESTMENTS AND QUICK RETURNS in town property, mineral lands, stocks, bonds, and other securities.

THE INVESTMENTS

are to be judiciously made by a Committee of the officers selected for that purpose, thus securing to each stockholder the benefits of their combined judgment and discretion.

THE STOCK

is divided into shares of the par value of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH, BUT ASSESSABLE ONLY TO THE AMOUNT OF \$52.00 ON EACH SHARE, payable as follows:—\$12.00 when stock is subscribed for, and \$10.00 each month thereafter until the whole \$52.00 is paid in. No more assessments will be called for. It is confidently believed that the stock will, by judicious investments, readily be worth \$100.00 per share inside of twelve months, and then rapidly rise to a handsome and ever-increasing premium. Of the \$52.00 paid in, \$2.00 will be applied to expenses of obtaining the charter, placing the stock and other preliminary expenses. So soon as \$100,000.00 is subscribed for, investments will be commenced and continued as further investments are paid in, thus keeping no idle funds, but putting every dollar into active investment and earning.

NOTE.

This company is formed to meet a growing necessity. The phenomenal development in Virginia presents unrivaled opportunities for safe investment and large and quick returns. Capital can nowhere earn surer or more speculative profits than here, whether in town property, mineral lands, stocks or securities. Large fortunes have been legitimately and quickly acquired by investors, both by individual effort and especially by combined capital. To those who have the time and means to come and see and invest for themselves, no field offers richer returns. But the visitor is embarrassed by the very multitude of opportunities offered him on every side in the many localities, and can, with difficulty, determine where it is best for him to place his money.

Again: Even those upon the grounds are often compelled to let slip rare opportunities daily presenting themselves, simply because of lack of sufficient individual means. It is frankly believed that this Company meets both of these embarrassments.

This Company Will Not Confine

Its Operations to Any One Locality, but Will Seek Out the Best Wherever Presented in All the Places Named.

The investing Committee will give their personal inspection and judgment to all investments, both as to their locality and their nature, in all of which they will have a common pecuniary interest with all other stockholders. With the aggregated capital of the Company large and varied investments will be made that are denied to the smaller means of the individual. Every thinking man can see that no plan can offer more advantages to invest carefully and wisely than that of this company.

Real estate will be bought and sold; investments in stocks and securities will be made, as stated, wherever the best may be found, confining the scope of the company to no one locality. Rich returns have been had from similar organizations whose operations have been almost, if not entirely, confined to Roanoke and vicinity alone.

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GREAT NATURAL ADVANTAGES

Presented by the town of Elkton, which is not only lavishly equipped by nature as a site for a rapidly growing and thrifty business and industrial center, but which has behind it, and in it, and for it, an improvement company amply provided with means and every other necessary facility to put Elkton in the van of the industrial cities of the South. The lands are unsurpassed in natural advantages, being located in the richest agricultural, mineral and timber region of the Old Dominion. It is watered by the Shenandoah River and several remarkably bold springs, the latter of which afford an ample supply of the finest water which can be introduced by natural gravitation. The largest of these springs is the famous Elk Lithia, with its source a mile from the center of the town and seventy-five feet elevation. Its flow is 1,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

ESTABLISHED ENTERPRISES

Among the Enterprises already established at Elkton are an extensive tannery, employing 100 hands, which has been in successful operation for years, and which consumes three to five thousand tons of bark per annum; a large planing mill; flouring mills, carpenter shops, brick yards, wheelwright shops, harness and saddle manufactory, &c. There is already an admirably conducted hotel at Elkton, and the Elkton Improvement Company is now having constructed, on a commanding location, an elegant hotel, to cost about \$50,000, to be first-class in all of its appointments. It will be surrounded by a splendid park and grounds, sloping down to a beautiful stretch of the Shenandoah river, which will be utilized for boating, fishing, etc.

OTHER INVESTMENTS.

Three Building Companies have been organized, with a paid-up capital of \$50,000 each, which guarantee to expend \$12,500 each in the construction of buildings every six months, thus insuring the expenditure of \$150,000 upon the town site in two years. The company has also authorized the use of \$250,000 of the company's assets in aiding the location of industrial and manufacturing enterprises upon the company's property.

The officers of the company are S. P. H. Miller, of Elkton, president; Thomas K. Harnsberger, of Elkton, secretary and treasurer; James Hancock, James I. Lee, Lynchburg; D. F. Kagey, Luray; D. W. Flickwir, Roanoke; J. W. Childs, Buena Vista; H. B. Taliaferro, Richmond; S. P. H. Miller, J. G. H. Miller, Elkton, directors.

Railroad fares will be returned to all purchasers on day of sale who buy \$500 worth of property. Paid-up stock of the company will be received in payment for lots at the rate of \$150 per share, but no fractional part of a share will be received.

A special train will leave the Union depot at 6 o'clock on the 23rd, returning on the afternoon of the 24th. Tickets can be had at the train, or of Messrs. Gallaher and Lunsford. Less than half fare will be charged. S. P. H. MILLER, JAMES HANCOCK, S. C. SPENCER, President, Vice-President, General Manager

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