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ROANOKE, VA., JULY 8, 1893. GIVE US THE FIGURES. An amusing feature of every political campaign is the forecast. Both sides indulge in it and point rosy pictures of success, but it is an unusual feature when one side puts out absurd claims as to delegates elected.

When delegates are elected it is not difficult to find out where they stand. Up to date Colonel O'Ferrall claims 111 delegates, and it would be difficult to obtain the signature of Major Tyler or any of his responsible lieutenants to figures giving Colonel O'Ferrall less than 100 at the lowest.

Under these circumstances it is amusing to read the claims of the secretary of the "Tyler Home Club," of Radford, who figures 87 votes for Colonel O'Ferrall and 51 for Major Tyler. He is badly misinformed and the final proof of his misinformation is that he claims 850 delegates for Major Tyler, when Major Tyler's own estimates county by county only figure up 750 delegates, and indicate reliance on a combination to win.

The Times is the only paper printing a forecast of the result up to the night of Monday, July 10. It gives Colonel O'Ferrall 232 to 55 delegates for his opponents on that date. We would be pleased to see the detailed forecast of the opposition up to that date.

A LULL IN THE DOWNWARD TENDENCY. There seems to be a lull in the downward tendency of business. Reports from many sources indicate that capital is again beginning to creep out of its hole and again seek employment and in a few weeks a good part of the scare may be over.

A significant feature of the situation is the heavy buying of wheat by English purchasers. This wheat is still stored in American elevators. When the time comes it will be shipped to England to supply the heavy deficiency, and America will profit by the result. Wheat is at the lowest point known for years and stocks are scarcely better off. Now is the time to buy.

"Farmer Tyler." From the Eastern Shore Herald. The friends of Hon. J. Hoge Tyler are claiming for him the particular support of the farmers because they say he is a farmer; while they also say that he is the strongest in the cities, although no reason is assigned for this.

Colonel Buford is also a farmer—he owns and operates land, and doubtless has as much claim to the farmer vote, if the occupation of the candidate is to be considered alone, as Mr. Tyler—and, as a matter of fact, we expect Colonel O'Ferrall is as much of a farmer as any of them—at least, he is a good enough farmer for those model farmers of the seventh district to think him worthy of representing their interests in the national Congress for seven terms.

We farmers of the Eastern Shore are opposed to class legislation, even for our benefit; we are opposed to any attempt to array one occupation against another, and we understand that in the gubernatorial chair Mr. Tyler can be of no more advantage to us than either of the other two gentlemen, as the Governor is the executive of the State, not of one occupation in the State. The Eastern Shore is for Colonel O'Ferrall, because it knows him, it knows his record, it admires his ability and his unflinching Democracy in season and out of season, and the delegates will be for him in the convention.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE. The Tone in Business Circles Has perceptibly Improved. NEW YORK, July 7.—R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review of trade says: The tone in business circles has perceptibly improved. This is partly because the banks have been rendered more hopeful of an early financial settlement by the calling of an extra session of Congress, partly because of some recovery in prices from the sudden depression which followed the decision to close the Iedra mint, and partly because crop prospects have clearly improved, in spite of the dismal reports from some sections. On the whole there has been a little better distribution of goods to consumers, and perhaps the countermanding of orders given some months ago is not quite as frequent as it was last week.

The more hopeful symptoms are gladly noted, but while the causes of the depression remain, it would be rash to calculate that the difficulties will not reappear. Large sums of money will be required to move the crops, and in the present state of the money market, some stringency is not improbable.

The market for pig iron and steel rails looks very gloomy, the rail makers having about reached the end of their orders. Yet the consumption of pig has been 350,000 tons larger for the last half of this year than for the last half of 1892, stock being reduced 125,000 tons. Heavy contracts for iron have been made by agricultural implement works, locomotive works never busier, Cramp and other ship yards are well employed, hardware, stove and other special works are busy with good prospects and yet the prices for pig iron are quite demoralized by the Southern pressure to sell, and, in general, prices of iron products are the lowest ever known.

Money has grown easier, but it is still hard at most points to get accommodations, as the banks are preparing for larger demands. Foreign trade shows little change, exports being much below last year's, and imports quite large. Stocks are dull and inactive, with some signs of a more foreign disposition to buy, but prices are only a fraction higher. In the meantime the failures during the week number 324 in the United States against 158 last year and 23 in Canada against 18.

THE CARAVELS IN PORT. They Arrive Safely, in a Driving Storm, at Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 7.—The caravels arrived at Milwaukee at 3:10 o'clock this morning, in a blinding rain storm, accompanied by dazzling flashes of lightning and tremendous bursts of thunder. The night was one of the most severe ever experienced by Milwaukee boatmen.

The tug Sauke, Captain John Driscoll, and a reporter met the caravels ten miles out in the lake. They were braving the storm nobly, and Captain Honigan, of the Heckla, the towboat, was interviewed on the bridge. The rugged captain was clothed to the chin in tarpaulins and the rain beat upon him in an incessant torrent. Above the roar of the elements he was heard to say: "All safe, thank God. Tell them I have brought the Santa Maria, Pinta and Nina safe into port."

Death of a Bride. ELKTON, Va., July 7.—William Rodgers, a young man, resident of this town, went to Washington about two weeks ago and on the 23d ultimo returned with a bride. She was a Miss Jennie Talbot. Shortly after her arrival Mrs. Rodgers was taken ill and early Tuesday morning died.

Doc Taylor Must Hang. BRISTOL, Tenn., July 7.—To-day the supreme court of Virginia, in session at Wytheville, affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Dr. Marshall B. Taylor, the notorious outlaw, who was sentenced to be hanged in Wise county a few months ago for the murder of the Mullins family.

Another Lynching in Prospect. RICHMOND, Va., July 6.—A Times special from Keysville, Va. says: Town Sergeant V. S. Almond while attempting to arrest a negro burglar this afternoon was shot through the shoulder. The negro then escaped to the woods and is being pursued with dogs. If caught he will doubtless be lynched.

Not Made a Martyr. CHICAGO, July 7.—Rev. John T. James, of Virginia, who smashed the whiskey exhibit of Sir John Powers in the agricultural building on the Fourth of July, got off easy in Justice Porter's court. The prisoner refused to make any statement, and acted so queerly that the justice allowed the charge of malicious mischief to be changed to that of disorderly conduct. He then fined him \$25. Mr. James declared that he would go to jail and pose as a martyr for demon drink. Then the judge remitted the fine.

Funeral of Mrs. Rhodes. The funeral of Mrs. Rhodes, the mother of J. R. Rhodes of Vinton, who died Thursday night, took place yesterday afternoon from the Lutheran Church at that place.

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LUCKY, BUT WORKED HARD. The Duke of Cambridge, Who Commands the British Army. Neither hard work nor merit could have won for H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, commander in chief of the British army, the rapid promotion which fell to his lot during the early years of his connection with the service. Such quick advancement, like kissing, goes only by favor, and that the duke was exceptionally favored the army records prove.



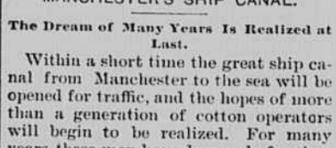
DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, records prove. He was a brevet colonel at the age of 18, though unattached to any regiment, and was commissioned lieutenant colonel of light dragoons in 1842, when he was but 23. By the time he was 26 he was a major general, and at 37 he was a full fledged general, having seen his first active service during the Crimean campaign from 1854 to 1856.

But during these years of rapid advancement the duke was by no means idle or inattentive to the duties attaching to the several positions he was called upon to fill. He devoted much time to mastering the details of the science of war and with such good results that he attained a perfect knowledge of duties that had never come within his practical experience. The terse and forcible phrases in which he sums up the achievements and blunders of all ranks at army maneuvers are not the words of a man ignorant of military matters, though they may be uttered in the manner of the martinet. The duke is certainly a strict disciplinarian, but is full of consideration for the health and comfort of his men, steadfastly refusing to have them exposed to unnecessary hardships for the sake of mere display.

He was raised to the rank of field marshal in 1862 and subsequently appointed commander in chief, the appointment being confirmed by royal patent in 1887. In 1888 he contracted a morganatic marriage with an actress, Miss Featherstone, who has borne him several children. These are known by the family name of Fitz George and have no rights of succession to their father's titles.

MANCHESTER'S SHIP CANAL. The Dream of Many Years Is Realized at Last. Within a short time the great ship canal from Manchester to the sea will be opened for traffic, and the hopes of more than a generation of cotton operators will begin to be realized. For many years these men have dreamed of a time when the vessels bearing their cotton from abroad could sail promptly up to their own wharves and deliver cargoes without paying toll at Liverpool. Nor was the matter purely one of sentiment, for the cost of the 30-mile shipment of merchandise from Liverpool to Manchester by rail was as great as that of a 30,000-mile ocean voyage.

Though the canal project was vigorously agitated for a quarter of a century, the opposition of interested railroads and the city of Liverpool was so strong and successful that it was not till 1887 that parliament could be induced to pass an act authorizing its construction. Work was begun the same year and has since been constantly pushed, often with a force of 17,000 men, yet the time limit at first set for its completion was exceeded by two years, and the cost, which was estimated not to exceed \$38,000,000, has aggregated fully \$80,000,000.



THE LAST LOCK. From an engineering standpoint the work is a marvel. Its average breadth and depth are greater than those of the Suez canal, though the length is not so great, being but a little over 35 miles. The locks are built in groups of three, of different dimensions, so that vessels of all sizes may pass without unnecessary waste of water. At Eastham, where the canal enters the Mersey, may be said to end, the largest of the locks is 600 feet by 80, the next 350 feet by 50, and the smallest 150 feet by 30.

Between the locks are concrete piers 30 feet wide, and each lock has in addition to the ordinary gates a storm gate formidable enough to withstand the force of the greatest waves. These gates are made of greenheart, a species of laurel from Guiana which never decays, but has the disadvantage of being so poisonous that a splinter will produce a painful and dangerous wound.

Toistol Dislikes Poetry. In conversation with a young Russian poet recently Count Leo Toistol expressed himself as follows: "I entertain a general dislike to all poetry, and for this reason—that it prevents one from giving a clear, intelligent and comprehensive expression to one's thoughts and ideas. Why should we laboriously strain to conform our expression to the rhythmical and metrical rules of versification when we can the better and more clearly convey our thoughts in simple and lucid prose? It is as if, instead of permitting me the free use of my limbs, you tether my legs and make me hobble around the object of observation. In order to be succinct, concise and comprehensively expressive, I always strive so to construct my language that every reader, even he of the scantiest intelligence, can, without the slightest trouble or reflection, at once grasp my meaning. If I wrote in verse, my primary and distracting labor would be to conform to the laws and rules of versification, and my readers would be left to sift out for themselves the thoughts and ideas I wished to convey."

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HUSTINGS COURT. In the Hustings Court yesterday a motion was made to set aside the verdict in the case of the commonwealth vs. S. P. Markham and the court took time to consider the motion.

The case of the commonwealth vs. C. T. Holden, who was indicted jointly with Markham for shooting James Gun, was continued on motion of the defendant. A decree was entered in the case of R. J. Echloff and F. H. Walker et als vs. Thomas W. Miller, trustee, et als. In the trial of J. E. Kidd, for misdemeanor, the jury returned a verdict of a fine of \$25.

The case against Mike Foley was continued. An injunction was granted in the case of Ida Bolling vs. M. M. Rogers et als. In the trial of the city of Roanoke vs. S. S. J. Akers, being an appeal from the decision of the police justice, a continuance was asked for and granted.

A decree was entered in the chancery case of John K. Forrer vs. Lucy C. Hazlewood et als. J. A. Adams, a juror, was fined \$5 for non attendance. The hearing of the motion of P. L. Terry and other for an injunction restraining any further excavations for sewer work during the summer on the grounds that such excavations is a menace to the health of the city, was called up at 4 o'clock and the argument by counsel continued. The argument is not yet completed and the case will be resumed this afternoon.

In the Police Court. In the police court yesterday the case of Jennie Williams and Rosa Adams, charged with stealing some clothing from Minnie Russell, was postponed owing to the absence of witnesses. John Carter was fined \$2.50 for striking Fred Hippey with a stone.

Bob Brackett was given thirty days in jail for raising a disturbance and using obscene language on the streets. Geo. Smith and Sarah Bush were fined \$10 and \$5 respectively for fighting. S. B. Hammond and Sam Smith were fined \$2 for sleeping in a vacant house. W. H. Lambert was arraigned on the charge of beating his wife and had to give a bond of \$50 for his good behavior for thirty days.

Roanokers in a Slight Wreck. W. P. Dupuy received a letter yesterday from his brother, Judge J. A. Dupuy, from No. an, W. Va., stating that the engine to the train, on which he and Roy B. Smith were going to Chicago, had run into a landslide and rolled over an embankment. None of the coaches left the track and with the exception of some slight injuries received by the engineer and fireman, no one on board the train was hurt.

To Attend Her Brother's Funeral. A telegram was received yesterday by Mrs. T. D. Crawford announcing the death of her brother, James B. Marshall, which occurred suddenly in Richmond yesterday. Mr. Marshall was a prominent merchant in Richmond, and for a long time was engaged in business in Petersburg. Mrs. Crawford left last night for Richmond to attend the funeral.

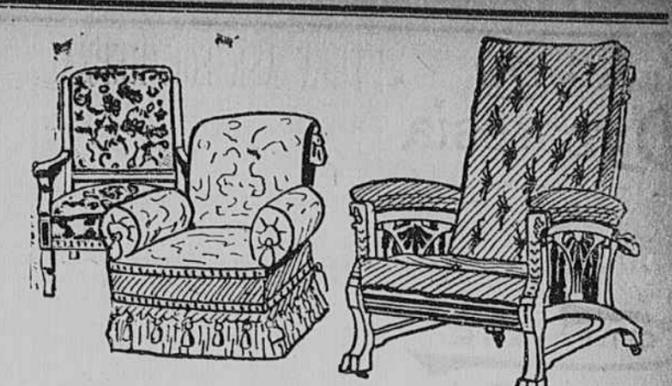
Norfolk and Western Notes. D. W. Flicker, general superintendent of the eastern division, will return from Philadelphia to day. Chief Draughtsman T. R. Henderson will leave to-morrow to visit the World's Fair, accompanied by his wife. C. S. Churchill, engineer of maintenance of way, is at Hartford, Conn.

The Suspected Incendiary Held. John Carter, colored, arrested on suspicion of burning Stewart's Mattress Factory, will be held until next Wednesday in order to give the authorities time to investigate the matter.

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