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MONTAGUE FOR CONGRESS.

Col. Harwood Has Withdrawn.

The surprise of the past week in political circles was the withdrawal of Col. John S. Harwood from the Congressional race, and the announcement of the candidacy of former Governor A. J. Montague.

Col. Harwood's withdrawal from the race was necessitated by illness and by the advice of his physician. Naturally his withdrawal has occasioned deep regret among his many friends throughout the district who had confidently expected his nomination.

But the determination of Mr. Montague to become a candidate has softened the disappointment of the friends of Col. Harwood to see the metropolitan district represented by a younger and more active man. There is to be no personal fight on Capt. Lamb, who is personally a most excellent gentleman.

Strong pressure had to be brought on Montague to induce him to enter the race against Capt. Lamb, both of whom belong to the anti-machine wing of the party. It is understood that the "organization" will keep hands off between the candidates, not loving either greatly. Be it said to Capt. Lamb's credit, he has kept his hands off of local affairs, interfering himself only in those things relevant to his office.

Jack Montague is generally admitted to be one of the foremost orators of the state and is one of the brilliant men of the country. If he is elected he will add new laurels to the fame of Virginia.

Become a Member Quickly.

Col. William Thompson, of Hampton, the solicitor employed by the Peninsula Good Roads Association, arrived here Monday and began his work. That is, he began talking the beauties of good roads and singing the praises of the Peninsula Good Roads Association in particular. Judging from the splendid work already done by this organization and the Peninsula counties, one would have thought the people would fall over themselves joining and paying up the dollar or two fee.

But he found the work a real task. One man said, "show me a single good road, and I'll contribute." Brainy man, that. Yes, let the other fellow spend the money and build the roads and men of this ilk will subscribe—a dollar, perhaps. That's the kind of men you will occasionally find here, as well as elsewhere. But Col. Thompson has met with some encouragement. Such men as Messrs. Phillips, Person, Warburton, Spencer, and a few others who are interesting themselves in doing good for the town and state in which they live, lent the agent every assistance, and a number of new members have joined as a consequence. This money is to be used in our own county, or on the roads leading into it, and is the best money you ever spent.

If you have not joined, when Col. Thompson calls on you, buy a membership and have your name enrolled among the immortals. "The good that men do live after them."

Report of Public Library

(Contributed)

The Free Public Library now contains over 800 volumes, 206 of these being children's books. Another 200 are books of travel, history, essays, poetry and biography, really an unusually good collection of books, but so little used by those who come to the library that it seems as though we should spend our energies mainly in increasing our stock of good fiction, since the 400 volumes of novels which we have on our shelves, are in constant demand by all ages and conditions of people. We have spent but little money lately on new books, for our shelves have been constantly enriched by very welcome and generous gifts.

We have also fifty volumes in the Traveling Library, lent by the State Library, which we change every six months.

We have lately been charging five cents a week for a few of the newest novels we have on our list, and have found this quite a source of revenue, having purchased a door-mat, an extra door key, kindling, etc. and paid for cleaning out of this fund besides depositing \$2.10 in the bank. The sign has also been lately repainted. The Library is being kept open at present from 3:30 to 5:30 every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, and Mr. Joseph Reeve keeps it for an hour every Saturday forenoon, besides rendering us a great deal of assistance in every way, and placing us under great obligations to him for his interest in the welfare of our undertaking.

For two months we paid for having the library also kept open for us on Friday nights, at the rate of 25c. an evening, but there seemed little or no demand for books then, and we discontinued this at the end of last year.

At present we have about eight magazines which come regularly to our reading room, and may be borrowed with the books, "Atlantic," "St. Nicholas," "Harper's Bazaar," "McClure's," "Everybody's," "American Boy," "Munsey" and "Outlook," besides occasional numbers of other magazines.

These are all gifts from various generous friends. We also greatly value any hints from our readers as to new books they would like us to purchase, and although it may not always be practicable to act in accordance with such hints, we always appreciate having our attention drawn to notices and accounts of new books deemed suitable for our collection.

The demand for books this winter has been very much larger than it was a year ago. No matter how bad the weather we have never failed to give out at least 20, and one banner Saturday the sum reached 72.

We expect as the days grow warmer to open an hour later in the afternoon as people naturally prefer to come in the cool of the evening.

Holdcroft.

Holdcroft, Va., April 8.—A nipping frost this morning reminded the residents of this place that summer is not here yet.

As usual many visitors spent Easter here Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cauthorne, Mr. E. W. Miller Roy Beveridge of Richmond and Capt. W. B. McCarma of West Point being among the company.

Miss Tolia Babcock and Master Spencer Binns who are attending school in Richmond and Norfolk spent Easter with this parents.

Many farmers attempted to do some work last week but in many cases the ground was quite heavy. Many have not planted anything and the lovers of vegetables will be compelled to eat the canned article for some week to come.

He Saw Angels, the Devil Never

Roxbury, Va., April 9.—"Tell us through The Gazette, Truthful Jeems, of your experience while under water," writes a friend from Providence Forge.

Well dear friend, I thank one and all for the beautiful letters and the phone messages sent me relative to my narrow escape. It all happened in this way: In company with my friend, Mr. Rogers Ruckles, we attempted to get to Roxbury through the high water. We had gone on nicely with water running at the rate of forty miles an hour and horse swimming until we neared the shore when the horse, wagon and men went down into a hole twenty feet deep. Young Ruckles was caught under the chin by a friendly barb-wire fence which kept his mouth above the water while his feet churned the tide like the propeller of a steam tug. Not so with this poor scribe. With the horse and cart, we went to the bottom. After a struggle, I came up only to go down again. I had viewed for the last time this beautiful, sunny world.

Well dear friends, drowning is a pleasant sensation. Not as a correspondent wrote to one of the Richmond papers that I saw the devil three times. This was a mistake, nor did I see all the evil deeds of my life come before me. So pleasant was the sensation, I could view "Canaan's happy land where my possessions lie." Would have gladly gone over, but by some unseen power I was forced to the surface, and around me stood that dear boy, Mr. George Binns, and that dear lady, Mrs. Bock, and many others all working to save this poor scribe. More dead than alive, by kind friends on a stretcher, I was carried to the home of Mrs. Bock where dry clothes and warm drinks were provided. Soon I was myself again to tell to the world what good people live at Roxbury and all over this section.

To the young lady at Providence Forge, I would say that if you contemplate suicide, take the water route. It is certainly painless. As to myself, I have no more use for water except as a chaser.

Truthful Jeems.

You Risk No Money.

Our Reputation and Money are Back of This Offer

We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever, if you accept our offer. Could anything be more fair for you? Is there any reason why you should hesitate to put our claims to a practical test?

A most scientific, common-sense treatment is Rexall Orderlies, which are eaten like candy. They are very pronounced, gentle and pleasant in action, and particularly agreeable in every way. They do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, flatulence, griping, or other inconvenience. Rexall Orderlies are particularly good for children, aged and delicate persons.

We urge you to try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Three sizes, 10c., 25c. and 50c. Remember, you can get Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store. The Williamsburg Drug Co.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

Notes Here and There.

R. B. Slater was in town Monday attending court. Mr. Slater owns seventeen houses, and lives in the city of Newport News which he is advertising to sell on easy terms. He is now investing some money in Williamsburg property, which shows his good sense.

H. Bent Bryan, formerly editor of the Williamsburg Sun, then the Jamestown Sun, both defunct, is now printing a similar sheet in South Norfolk. While he does not say, so, we are sure he is spending some of his valuable time searching for the haunts of the stork with which he made himself famous during his short stay here. We hope to see the Eagle the name of his new paper, soaring as high as its noble patronymic ere long.

D. G. Wilson the cotton man, was unable to demonstrate ginning here this week as he had hoped, because he could not get his plant erected in time.

W. B. Braithwaite reports a busy fur season here this winter, with prices ranging very high. It is not known generally, but he pays as high as \$2 for a coon skin and from 50 to 55 cents for muskrat pelts. Of course, poorer grades bring lower prices. Mr. Braithwaite has shipped furs all over the country, and is building up quite a good business here. He urges those having pelts to sell not to sacrifice them until they find out what they are really worth. The season closes May 10.

In a very fast and exciting game Friday evening the Williamsburg High School boys defeated the Town Rowdies, by the score of 5 to 4. Except for a few errors the game was as good as you make them.

The annual election of vestrymen in Bruton Parish church Easter Monday resulted in the re-election of the present members and the addition of Messrs. Frank Armistead and Spencer Lane to fill vacancies.

The local board of directors of the Eastern State Hospital met here Monday night and after transacting routine business, proceeded to award the contracts for quarterly supplies. The contract for fresh meats was awarded to Lane & Christian, of this city, they being the lowest bidders. The many friends of Mr. H. M. Sweeney will be pleased to hear that he was unanimously elected clerk of the hospital to succeed the lamented John L. Mercer.

John Archer Coke, a native of Williamsburg, but now a prominent Richmond attorney, was in Williamsburg Tuesday, having come to superintend the erection of a monument to his mother in Bruton churchyard. Mrs. Coke was Miss Eliza Hankins, and an aunt of Dr. Hankins of this city. A strange coincidence of Mr. Coke's visit was the accidental meeting of three alumni of William and Mary in the clerk's office, they being Mr. Coke, Dr. T. J. Stubbs and Mr. R. T. Armistead, who were members of the class of 1860-'1, over a half-century ago.

The William and Mary baseball team left here Tuesday evening on their northern trip. Yesterday they played the Catholic University at Washington, this afternoon they will meet Maryland Agricultural College at College Park, Md., and tomorrow they will cross bats with Mt. St. Mary's at Emmitsburg, Md. They will close with a game in Washington Saturday afternoon with Gallaudet.

One of the big games scheduled here this season will be played next Wednesday, Apr. 17 between William and Mary and South Carolina. On next Monday the Union Theological Seminary team will play the Orange and Black.

Miss Nannie Davis was called to Lynchburg Monday on account of the critical illness of her sister.

Young Men are Needed

April 2, 1912.

Editor The Gazette:

It has reached me that one of the young men of Williamsburg has been urged to become a candidate for election to the next city council. I am writing to call the attention of the voters to this matter, and to express the hope that the gentleman in question will enter the primary as a candidate.

In recent years the city has undertaken improvements which have required the exercise of considerable mechanical knowledge and skill. In the near future proposals will doubtless be made to extend the city's material advantages in various directions. If we had as a member of the council a young man versed in engineering affairs it would be an advantage to the council and to the city.

One of the needs of Williamsburg is that her young men of ability and promise should become permanently identified with her public activities and interests. It has become the general rule for our young men to leave their native city in search of an outlet for their energies. It is difficult for any locality to achieve a permanent growth where this condition obtains. The young men of Williamsburg should be enlisted in the conduct of the city's affairs, that they may come to look upon this as in fact their city.

A man elected to membership in the City Council should be possessed of intelligence, public spirit and integrity; he should be familiar with our conditions and needs; he should be willing to lend himself wholeheartedly to the interests of the people. If Williamsburg is to become a better place in which to live, we must have such men in control of our affairs.

These considerations have led me to write this to urge Mr. John Tyler to become a candidate in the next spring primary, and to express the hope that the Democrats of Williamsburg will endorse his candidacy if he offer his name.

Charles City.

Charles City, Va., April 9.—The ladies of the Aid Society of Mappico church gave an egg hunt at the courthouse on Easter Monday. It was attended by a goodly number of the neighborhood people, and thoroughly enjoyed by old and young. A nice sum was realized for the society.

Mrs. Thomas Cunningham and daughters are visiting Mrs. L. C. Christian at the old Christian home, Woodbourne. Mrs. Cunningham is well and favorably remembered as Miss Grace Christian, the oldest daughter of the late Judge J. H. Christian.

Rev. Thomas Bull, of Emporia, is visiting friends in Charles City.

Judge and Mrs. George L. Christian, of Richmond, spent the holidays with Capt. Thomas L. Christian near Providence Forge.

Mrs. Herbert Scott and daughter, of Richmond, are with the former's brother, Berry Hazell, at their old home, Squirrel Park.

Mrs. W. C. Willcox was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchell at The Cottage last week.

Mrs. Martin J. Christian, of Norfolk, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. M. Walker, near Willcox Wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hubbard and Miss Sarah Nemmo spent Tuesday in Richmond.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

CIRCUIT COURT THIS WEEK. Hound Dog Case Decided.

Circuit Court, Judge D. G. Tyler presiding, convened here Monday with a small attendance, there being no important cases on the light docket. During recess of court several pieces of property were sold at auction, among them being "Marl-banks," in Powhatan district, containing 125 acres, which was bid in by John A. Barnes at \$5,000. T. H. Geddy, trustee, sold the E. F. Byrd tract at \$240.

The "hound dawg" case was called Monday and occupied most of the day. This was a suit for damages brought by E. M. Lee against J. H. Hume for the killing of a hound puppy on the grounds of the Eastern State Hospital. It will be recalled that Dr. Brown, the superintendent, gave public notice that dogs must be kept off the hospital premises for the reason that they had become a nuisance and had interfered with his attendants and patients. Mr. Hume shot the puppy and Mr. Lee sued him for \$25, the amount at which he valued the dog. The interest of the plaintiff was ably looked after by N. L. Henley, himself a

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Will Add to Building.

Hustling little Toano is not yet entirely satisfied with the size of its school building and during the summer the boards of trustees for Stonehouse and Powhatan will add two rooms and an auditorium to the present commodious structure. The authorities will expend about \$2000 for this purpose, but will not stop there, if conditions justify it. Eventually they will spend from \$5000 to \$7000 more on the plant.

The addition of two rooms will give the Toano High School eight teachers next session. It now has six. The school has three pianos and a fine library.

We call the attention of the petross of the Williamsburg school to the progress made at Toano. After all, it is the people that make a town, not age, conservatism(?) and hot air.

Registrars and Judges Chosen

The James City electoral board, composed of A. G. Harwood, Capt. J. W. Minor and Richard B. Geddy, of Toano, met here Monday and appointed registrars, judges and clerks of election in James City county to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation. The changes made were W. C. Martin to be registrar in Stonehouse district; Clarence Lee in Jamestown No. 1; C. F. Ayers in Jamestown No. 2; R. V. Timberlake in Powhatan No. 1 and J. C. Warburton in Powhatan No. 2. Lightfoot Richardson was appointed judge of election in Powhatan No. 1 in place of A. W. Martin, deceased and R. E. Gatewood in place of J. E. Farthing, removed to another district. Powhatan No. 2, E. C. Nightengale was named as judge and T. D. Harris as clerk of election. R. E. Gatewood was named as one of the commissioners of election.