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THE WORK OF THE STATE COMMITTEE.

The State Democratic Committee, at its meeting in Richmond last week, did its work well enough as far as it went. Their plan for the approaching state primary is as good as possible under the limitations of the state primary law, and until that bill is replaced by a real primary law, elections of this kind will be more or less at the mercy of partisan judges and clerks.

Some of the most progressive and sensible Democrats in the state are to be found in the membership of the state committee, but it is hard to understand why they do not grasp the political situation in a more substantial manner and seek to give the party something more tangible for which to strive. So far as we have been able to learn, not a word was said about a state convention this summer, yet the committee must be aware of the fact that we are drifting, that the party without a compass to steer by is in a perilous position and in danger of the rocks.

Nor did the committee take the stand it should relative to the ultimate adoption of a sane primary law. Surely it must be apparent to every thinking man that the primary is the very best way to select party nominees. If it is a good thing to have a half-way primary law for the Democratic party, it is surely a good thing to have a real primary law for all parties.

We should have a compulsory primary law for the nomination of all candidates from governor down to members of the general assembly. The naming of county and municipal candidates might be left to the respective communities. The question is, why does not the party machinery set the pace for this reform and go before the legislature with a well-defined law, thus securing for the state a reform that will place us along with other progressive commonwealths of the Union?

NOTHING NEW IN THE INCOME TAX PRINCIPLE.

Many of our contemporaries profess to see something alarming in the adoption of the income tax amendment to the federal Constitution, and speak of it as revolutionary, dangerous, inquisitorial, and un-Democratic. Yet it has been a cardinal principle with the Democratic party and endorsed by all parties from time immemorial.

Congress has been handicapped by this section of the Federal Constitution: "No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census enumeration herein before directed to be taken." Here was the rock upon which the other income tax measures fell. The framers of the Constitution were wise in their day, wiser, indeed, than appears to be many of the critics of the new amendment, in that they provided for a direct tax upon the people to meet the demands of the administration of government in any emergency.

Of all the states of the Union, Virginia has the least reason to cry out against the adoption of an income tax law. If the direct tax had been laid upon heads instead upon wealth, Virginia and all the other southern states would have been forced to bear an unjust burden of taxation. It has come to be a cardinal principle in all lands that the tax burden shall be equitably distributed, and that the tax-payer shall pay upon that which he has; that the more wealth one possesses, the more taxes he shall pay, on the assumption that wealth is able to bear the tax. Thus

we see that the principle of laying a direct tax upon the people in "proportion to the census enumeration" would be unjust and intolerable, because it would fall as heavily upon the poor man as upon the rich. The plan of the framers of the Constitution, if enforced would have been far more inquisitorial than any law based upon the amendment could possibly be. They never dreamed of the unequal distribution of wealth that marks this country as the most colossal misgoverned in the history of mankind.

Even New York, the state that will feel the effects of the income tax more than any in the Union, adopted this law, as did others of the wealthier states of the Republic. They were very generous to the poorer states, and the mystery to us is why those states upon which the new law will fall lightest are dissatisfied.

THE GREATEST AMERICAN

Saturday is the anniversary of the birthday of Gen. George Washington, the prince of Americans, the ideal of all loyal citizens of this Republic. No name stands out bolder than his among a galaxy of great men, more numerous than in any other nation of the world so young in years. The name of Washington will ever be dear to Americans because he gave meaning to Americanism and established it.

Not so Democratic as Jefferson, yet he was the foremost American of his time. Perhaps his service to his country was as enduring as that of the immortal Sage of Monticello, yet it had the dash and the vim that charms and impresses. The warrior is more apt to be the ideal of youth than the statesman, and it is the love of the heroic that enthralled youth and makes it worshippers of the heroes of their country.

Whatever fate befalls others of our popular heroes, whatever shall become of those who at the moment thrill us and charm us, the memory of the Father of his Country, is enshrined. It is synonymous with the Republic. Generations will not stop to analyze his morals, nor to discuss his military abilities, they will only measure him by results. And the result is the establishment of an enduring free country, where men may work out their destiny under the most favorable conditions ever vouchsafed to a nation.

In the fullness of time there shall come to us other great and glorious names, but first in the hearts of his countrymen shall his stand, the one glorious figure around which we all may rally for the glory of the flag and the greatness of our land;

Up north there is a little band of fanatical women immolating (?) themselves to the cause of woman suffrage. We read in the dispatches sent out that the "great toe" of one of the maidens was seen protruding from her dainty shoe—that is, from a shoe that was presumably at one time dainty. At least it had the regulation French heels. One picture in his mind another Valley Forge where other patriots immolated themselves upon the altar of freedom—for both men and woman. What a pity these poor women have no families to look after, no husbands, or fathers, or brothers to pet and spoil and make happy by their tender ministrations.

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FROM TUESDAY'S FLAT HAT

The Spotswood Club will meet at the Theta Delta Chi House tomorrow (Wednesday) night. Prof. F. D. Goodwin, of the Academy, accompanied the Academy basketball team to Newport News Friday.

We are glad to see D. M. Griggs back on the campus after a week's stay at home an account of his mother's illness.

An exhibition entitled "A Trip to Egypt and the Holy Land" was given by Prof. Geo. K. Maluf on last Thursday evening at the new Williamsburg theatre. The entertainment was for the benefit of the city schools.

Prof. H. H. Young, of the High School, delivered a very interesting address before the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday night.

Prof. G. O. Ferguson was a visitor in Newport News last week.

Rev. W. H. Pettus, an old William and Mary student, spent last Wednesday here, the guest of friends. Mr. Pettus was on his way to Massachusetts, where he will take charge of a parish.

Mr. Paul Eican, who was obliged to go home on account of illness, has returned to college.

The friends of Mr. Geo. W. Booth are pleased to see him again on the campus after a brief sickness.

ACADEMY QUINT DEFEATED

The Academy basketball team was overwhelmingly defeated by the Newport News High School team by a score of 77-23. Although the final score was lofty, yet Gilliam and Pritchett proved themselves satellites in the game.

COMING BASKETBALL GAME

The management of the basketball desires to call attention to the game scheduled for next Saturday night. There are four reasons why the manager expects a large attendance at the game. First, it is with Hampden-Sidney. Secondly, it is a championship game that will practically give William and Mary the cup. Thirdly, it is the last game that will be played on the gymnasium floor. Fourthly, we want you to come and cheer the team on to its seventh straight victory.

NORTHERN LIGHTS HOLD MEETINGS

The Northern Lights were delightfully entertained by Messrs. Shiers and Addington last Friday night. Mr. E. B. Thomas acted as toastmaster and a number of men responded to impromptu toasts, the most enjoyable of which were "The Crustaceans' Journey," by Mr. Witchley and "Change" by Mr. Blitzer.

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