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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity. Fair Saturday and Sunday, slightly colder.

Freezing temperatures occurred as far south as central Alabama and Mississippi, and killing frosts generally through the middle and northern portions of the Gulf States on Tuesday night last.

The Chicago News says: "It is estimated that 20,000 enumerators will be required to take the census next year."

Gov. Windes of Maryland has asked Governor Tyler of this State for the release of captured oyster vessels, cargoes and crews taken in Maryland waters by Virginia authorities in violation of Maryland State sovereignty.

Representative F. H. Lattomus, of Delaware, testified at Dover that he was offered \$5,000 by Mark L. Davis to vote for Addicks for United States Senator.

And so it goes. Bribery, or attempts at it this winter, have been charged in at least a half dozen legislatures in different parts of the country.

Ingersoll is quoted as saying in a recent interview that W. J. Bryan had seen his day, and would not be heard of in the coming Presidential contest. To this Mr. Bryan is said to have retorted: "I do not care to discuss Mr. Ingersoll's prophecy or his statement that I have seen my day. He is not an authority on the future. He does not believe that there is a hereafter for any one."

Representative Swanson of Virginia, who has been detained here since the adjournment of Congress by the business of the people of his State, has left for his home in Chatham. Mr. Swanson's many Virginia friends say he may be a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and, if so, will have a strong support—Alexandria Gazette.

The Free Lance believes that Swanson is the most available and desirable candidate that the Democrats can nominate for the next Governorship and it hails even now the suggestion of his name for this office.

The defeat of ex-Mayor Latrobe in Baltimore this week emphasizes the fact that every politician is anxious to hold and get office as long as he can. Mr. Latrobe, who is an excellent gentleman, has been, at one time or another, Mayor of Baltimore for seven different terms. Yet, it seems, he wanted it "just one more time," with the result that he got knocked out badly, not carrying a ward in the city and getting less than one-tenth of the vote cast in the Democratic primary.

A correspondent of the Richmond Times says: Mr. Carter Glass, editor of the Lynchburg News, came to the Senate. His friends are begging him to run. Mr. Clement, of Campbell, now representing the district, will not be a candidate again. Mr. Glass can easily secure the nomination if he wants it, so people from his city say.

The Free Lance endorses the nomination. Glass is a strong, common-sense, courageous man, and should by all means consent to run, which means, of course, that he will be elected, and will serve, and Lynchburg will have a first class State Senator.

The biggest contract for whisky barrels ever let in this country was awarded recently to a Louisville cooperage firm by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company. The contract is for 1,200,000 barrels, extra grade, to cost \$2,400,000. It is understood that the contract is for three years, with the provision that 400,000 barrels are to be furnished annually. This heavy purchase of barrels was made in order to permit all the distilleries acquired by the company being placed in operation at their full capacities.

There is a text for a big Prohibition bill from Ireland, Rev. Dr. L. A.

There are three principal festivals of the Christian church, namely, Christmas that commemorates the birth of our Savior; Easter that celebrates his resurrection; and Whitsuntide that reminds us of the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The first two must ever be the sweetest and most joyous of all the annual feasts of the Christian faith. The gladness feelings which they awaken are so exuberant as to be more or less mingled with displays of innocent merriment. The difference in these displays partake of the difference in the seasons at which these festivals occur. Those that attend the Christmas rejoicings are mainly of an indoor, fireside description. It was the winter world while the heaven-born child All merrily wrapped in the rude manger lies. Nature in awe to him. Had loathed her gaudy trim. With her great master so to sympathize.

But at the Easter season all nature extends an invitation to come forth from cloistered confinement into the open temple whose roof is the blue dome of heaven, and whose anthems are the murmur of the brook, the soft song of the zephyr, and the deep organ tones of the secluded forest. It is not like Christmas, a fixed anniversary; but a movable feast, its recurrence being marked by the appearance of the new moon's silver bow next after the vernal equinox. It is the festival of that resurrection of which reviving nature, with her myriads signs of opening life, it is an expressive emblem, a sweet, suggestive symbol.

Like almost all the notable anniversaries of the church it had its origin in a heathen ceremony, just as Christmas was an appropriation of the Roman Saturnalia. Easter is the Saxon word for Easter, and among the Teutonic races April was the Easter-month. Easter month, Eastra was the goddess of love whose favorite season was the spring. The lines of the late English laureate will refer to the reader as in harmony with this idea:

In the spring a livelier change on the barched shore. In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. And behind this idea of the Saxon mythology involved in the goddess of spring, is the great mythology which to the dawn, the rising day, gave the name of Eos. So that Eos in the one, and Eastra in the other, were counterparts of the same mythological conception. There is no cause for disquieting ourselves, our sense of reverence, because of these appropriations by the Christian church of heathen mythologies. If we but look deep enough we shall see a divine wisdom in it. It is the consecration to a pure spiritual worship of rites that are an expression of universal human nature. The Apostles did not hesitate to avail themselves of such accessories. Indeed, in selecting a name for the Christian "Church," they appropriated the word ecclesia, the name of the free Assembly among the Greek States, a word that we recognize in our familiar "ecclesiastic."

The use of Easter eggs is, as it were, an unconscious recognition of the underlying idea of this festival, since the incipient life in the egg, just as the day is incipient in the dawn. The conception of life, vitality is at the bottom of this mythology among the heathen, and its Christian appropriation as a religious feast. And could there be a more expressive, a more beautiful festival? It is at this season that the soft vernal airs are awakening into life the natural world that has been asleep in the cold embrace of winter. It is a very resurrection from death of the vivifying forces and influences of nature, and so it significantly typifies the resurrection of the body from the narrow tenement in which it has taken its long repose. The sweetest of nature's evangelists, that announce the new life of the world at springtime are the flowers; and so it is by a universal instinct that we gather fragrant flowers as part of the symbolism by which we celebrate the Easter season. The anemone—the wind flower, as the name implies—first at this season shows its dainty, delicate bud and then its blossom; and because of this it is the flower that is said to bloom in heaven.

And thus may we see why it is that the Easter festival is the one that of all the ritual and celebrations of the church appeals most tenderly, most eloquently to the loyalty and love of the believing hearts. It is the expressive ritual by which the confiding soul is carried to the summit of the Mount of Ascension, and beholds the Lord, as he is parted from his disciples, and carried up into heaven.

Stanton, Charlottesville and Danville have received a reduction in the price of gas that brings that kind of light down to 75 c. per 1,000 feet. In addition to this, Danville has reduced the price of water to the public. Why cannot our light and water committees recommend a like reduction? As we understand it, both our gas and water are paying enough to justify a reduction in both departments. If it is not done, our word for it, the question of a reduction in both services will be a question in the city election in May, 1900.

The latest statistics estimate that of the 9,000,000 Jews in the world 1,000,000 live in America, whilst in Russia there are 5,000,000; in Eastern and Western Europe, 2,000,000; in North Africa, 900,000, and in Palestine only 80,000.

"The country between Manila and Manila presents a picture of desolation. Smoke is curling from hundreds of ash heaps, and the remains of trees and fences torn by shrapnel are to be seen everywhere. The general appearance of the country is as if it had been swept by a cyclone. The roads are strewn with furniture and clothing dropped in flight by the Filipinos. "The only persons remaining behind are a few aged persons, too infirm to escape. They camp beside the ruins of their former homes, and beg passers-by for any kind of assistance. The majority of them are living on the generosity of our soldiers, who give them portions of their rations. The dogs of the Filipinos cowered in the bushes, still terrified and barking, while hundreds of pigs are to be seen busily searching for food. Bodies of dead Filipinos are stranded in the shallows of the river or are resting in the jungle, where they crawled to die, or were left in the wake of the hurriedly retreating army. These bodies give forth a horrible stench, but there is no time at present to bury them.

The foregoing comes from Manila and is a fine picture of the Philippines. It is the story of the Shenandoah Valley under Sheridan; of Sherman's march to the sea through Georgia; of the humane policy of our Christian rulers in undertaking to convert the Filipinos with bullets rather than Bibles. It is the policy of Weyler in Cuba, which was so inveighed against just a year ago.

There has been fighting at Samoa. The German Consulate was hit by fragments of a projectile which crashed through the building. Men were killed on both sides, and peaceful inhabitants are advised to leave the Islands. Admiral Kautz issued a proclamation calling upon Mataafa and his men to return to their homes. Germans are said to have upheld the rebels, and then the bloodshed soon came. In the bombardment of the native villages, which lasted eight days, the English and United States Ships united on the same side. The correspondent of the Baltimore Sun commenting on this matter says:

"New elements of international danger, it seems, have unexpectedly arisen. These include the proclamation of the German Consul, Rose, which, it is believed, tended to incite the Mataafa warriors and killing of British sailors and marines and the shooting of an American steamer. These all involve unknown possibilities of serious complications. Whilst these have been known against the far as possible by recent exchanges, it is felt that the German press and national sentiment might be wrought to a high pitch by later events, and that this outbreak of popular feeling might overcome the strong efforts of officials to keep the subject within pacific bounds."

John S. Patton has severed his connection with the Daily Progress of Charlottesville. We understand he has been placed in charge of the advertising department of the University of Virginia—Exchange. And so it seems that an office has been created and a gentleman chosen, no doubt, at a good salary, merely to look after and advertise the University. We hope the Legislature, at its coming session, will reduce the State appropriation to the University and require that institution to economize in every direction that it can without impairing its usefulness, and if this is done The Free Lance is satisfied that thousands can be saved.

A dispatch from London says: "Signor Guglielmo, the inventor, who, after long delay, obtained permission from the French government to establish a station on the French coast for the purpose of experimenting with wireless telegraphy between England and France, announces that he has conducted successful experiments between the South Foreland, County of Kent, and Boulogne, at the mouth of the Lianne, a distance of thirty-two miles.

Ex Senator George Gray of Delaware has been appointed by the President circuit judge for the third judicial circuit, which includes that State. Gray was originally an anti-expansionist, but accepted from McKinley a place as Peace Commissioner, and now gets a life office from McKinley after voting to ratify the peace treaty which he helped to make. His term as Senator from Delaware expired March 3. In 1896 he was a gold Democrat.

What Gen. Fitz Lee Wants. Havana, March 30, 1899.—Gen. Fitz Lee takes so much to heart the breaking up of the Seventh Army Corps that he will not say good-bye to the departing regiments of the 14,000 men originally constituting the corps, not 5,000 remain.

Secretary Alger, it is said, asked Gen. Lee what he wished, and he replied he would like the governorship of Havana Province, exclusive of the city of Havana, and of Pinar del Rio, as the two will be placed in one department. The appointment is that General Lee will be made a brigadier and remain in Cuba in some command.

Spanish-American Situation. Gen. Otis cables from Manila that an attack on Malolos was begun by Gen. MacArthur's troops at 7 o'clock Friday morning. The battle was still in progress when the dispatch was sent. A later dispatch states that Malolos has been captured. MacArthur spent Thursday in preparing for the attack on Malolos. The American losses during the day were four killed and twenty-three wounded.

Senator Hoar, in a letter on the Philippine question, says that what President McKinley called "criminal aggression" as to Cuba is being carried out at Manila.

It is considered probable that Gen. Brooks will send back to the United States the \$3,000,000 recently forwarded to Havana to pay the Cuban Army.

Bribes Offered to Members of Pennsylvania Legislature. The Pennsylvania legislative committee investigating the charges of alleged bribery in connection with the consideration by the house of the McCarell jury bill and the balloting for United States senator have held another session. Kendall, of Somerset, testified that a resident of Bedford county, not a member of the legislature, had told him if he could see his way clear to vote for Quay for United States senator he would receive \$5,000. He declined to name the man.

Laubach, of Philadelphia, testified that a man named Frank Jones, of Philadelphia, asked him to vote for Quay, but he refused. Later Jones told him if he voted for Quay he (Laubach) could have the chief clerkship of the mist or the custom house.

Brown, of Union, swore that a man had offered him \$200 to remain away on the day of the first joint ballot for United States senator. When he refused, the offer was raised to \$300, and he was told that if he would go into the convention and vote for Quay the price would be "altogether different." All these offers were refused. Brown declined to give the name to the committee, saying he preferred not to do so, as he was a friend of his.

The committee insisted, and Brown was finally informed that the committee would meet again and unless he revealed the name of the person he would be placed in jail for contempt. Members urged Brown to tell, and he then informed the committee that the ex-representative M. H. Halp, of Shamokin, Kulp represented the seventeenth Pennsylvania district in the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses.

Caldwell, of Mercer, testified that E. A. Thompson, of Mercer, who was an applicant for a political position, told him that he (Thompson) could get a place if Caldwell would vote for Quay.

Captured Oystermen and Vessels. Richmond, Va., March 30.—Mr. B. T. Gunter, Commonwealth's attorney of Accomac county, was in the city today and conferred with Gov. Tyler and Attorney-General Montague about the captured oystermen and oyster vessels. After a brief talk with the executive, Mr. Gunter and the attorney-general examined the authorities, with a view of recommending to the Governor what course the State should pursue in regards to Governor Lowndes' demands. It will be a day or so before Mr. Montague reaches a decision. Gov. Tyler is opposed to surrendering the prisoners, if such a course can be avoided.

Fighting in the Navy. Kingston, Jamaica, March 30.—A riot among sailors of the U. S. fleet ashore on leave occurred here last night, during which the men fought a number of police and civilians. This resulted in the combatants receiving plenty of contusions. The cause of the riot was "a dispute as to the absence of the New York from the naval light off Santiago.

The Senatorial Primary Matter. Speaking of the convention called to meet at Richmond May 11th, the Richmond Times of Friday quotes Senator Martin as saying: "I have not advised any friend to stay away from the convention, nor have I asked any supporter of mine to attend the meeting," he said. "I stand ready to bow to the will of the Democrats of Virginia, whatever that will be."

Vanderbilt's Gift to His Son For a Wedding Present. New York, March 30.—The World says: W. K. Vanderbilt has duplicated his wedding present to his daughter Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, by giving his son, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., securities amounting in value to \$10,000,000.

Miss Virginia Fair, the bride-to-be is said to have \$5,000,000 in her own right.

Recruiting for the Regular Army. Recruiting for the regular army is progressing satisfactorily, both in numbers and men offering. Returns received by the adjutant general up to Tuesday last show the enlisted strength as being over 62,000, less than 3,000 of the maximum, which, at the present rate of enlistment, will be reached in ten days.

Snow in Ohio. Cleveland, Ohio, March 30.—It has snowed steadily throughout northern Ohio for nearly twenty-four hours. During the night the wind reached a velocity of fifty-five miles an hour. The high wind has caused the snow to drift badly, resulting in more or less delay to railway traffic.

Rebel Capital Captured. New York, March 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says the insurgent capital has been moved from Malolos to San Fernando.

A dispatch to the Journal from Manila, Wednesday, says: Boveas has been taken by our troops. The railroad bridge is uninjured. Gen. MacArthur is within eight miles of Malolos.

Democratic Candidates. Warsaw, March 30.—Democrats of this county met in convention here yesterday and nominated the following ticket: Commonwealth's attorney, J. R. W. Chinn, Jr.; for treasurer, J. R. Pullen; for sheriff, A. H. Tallaferris; commissioner of revenue, T. N. Oldham.

Holland-Bismarck. Cape Charles, Mar. 30.—Mr. F. L. Holland, freight and passenger agent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company at Cheriton, and Miss Mary E. Hinman, of Bloxom, were married at noon Tuesday at the M. E. Church, Bloxom, Rev. J. R. Gill officiating.

WESTMORELAND. The Democratic Convention to Nominate Candidates for County Offices The Republicans Will Hold Their Convention Today—Prospective Marriage. (Correspondence of The Free Lance.) Montross, Va., March 30, 1899. Every nook and corner of old Westmoreland was represented Monday at the county court. It was the regular term of Judge Beale's court. Little or no business was transacted in court, however, the time being chiefly taken up by the Democrats, who assembled in mass-meeting, for the purpose of making nominations for county offices, to be voted for in May next. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman J. G. Gouldman, after which he was made chairman of the meeting, by a unanimous vote. There being no opposition to Hon. R. J. Washington for Commonwealth's Attorney, and Warren Hutt for clerk of courts, they were unanimously chosen to fill these places. For the position of treasurer, there were several aspirants, and in placing the names before the convention, several short and amusing speeches were made. Hon. Wm. Mayo congratulated the old county of Westmoreland in having so many worthy citizens, ready and willing to assume the responsibility and offer themselves, as a sacrifice, if need be, in behalf of the financial interest of their county. It will be remembered Hon. Wm. Mayo held the position of treasurer's year. The vote was taken by ballot which consumed considerable time, the crowd being large. Dr. R. H. Stuart was declared the nominee by the chair, he receiving 134 votes. There was a sharp and spirited contest for the Commissioner of the Revenue, which vote was also taken by ballot, resulting in favor of H. W. Battail, he receiving 135 votes.

Good order and good feeling prevailed, and the crowd was one of the largest assembled, for such purposes, for a number of years. The ticket stands as follows: For Treasurer, Dr. R. H. Stuart; Commonwealth's Attorney, R. J. Washington; Clerk of the Courts, J. Warren Hutt; Commissioner of the Revenue, H. W. Battail.

The ticket is thought to be one of the strongest the Democrats could name. The Republicans will hold their convention at Chilton's, Saturday next, after which the political ball will begin to roll and rumble. Herrings, shad and perch fish, have found their way to Montross market. Ready sales are made at good prices. The erection of a fire proof clerk's office and court house combined, is being agitated, and discussed.

The next most important event among the young people of Montross, is the marriage of Thomas Jackson and Miss Ethel Sandy, which will take place at the M. E. Church, Tuesday evening next. Mr. Frank Thrift, of our rival town Kinnsale, was among many others from that section, on our court green Monday. Our genial and popular friend, Thrift is making his visits more frequent to the Westmoreland metropolis. P.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflammation of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O., 8-101 Broadway, N. Y. Hall's Catarrh Pills are the best.

Teacher's League. (Communicated.) Accomac County, Va., March 30th, 1899. To The Free Lance: Realizing the benefit of public education and desiring to do all in their power to promote the interests of the public free schools, the teachers of Accomac met on Friday the 25th of February and organized a teachers league, the avowed purpose of which is to promote the interests of public schools and education generally.

A second meeting was called at Parkley March 25th. The call was heartily responded to. Many teachers attended and all seemed desirous of making the league a success. The following officers were elected: President, G. G. Joynes; vice-president, James G. Nock; Lee district; James F. Ward, Island district; G. W. Gillespie, Atlantic district; V. S. Detrick, Metompkin district; H. A. Wise, Pungoteague district; secretary, W. A. P. Strang; treasurer, John D. Grant, Jr.

A constitution was adopted and several standing committees appointed. A resolution was then submitted that the teachers institute be held during the present year, at a time to be determined later; the place, Onancock.

The following committee was then appointed to make all arrangements for the institute: V. S. Detrick, J. G. Nock, G. G. Joynes, W. A. P. Strang, Misses Carrie Johnson, Ethel Lewis, Lena Johnson.

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Madison and Culpeper. Personals and Other Notes. (Correspondent of The Free Lance.) Mitchell's, Va., March 30th 1899. Mrs. Belville Garnett, of Pulaski, spent the past weeks with her parents at Riverside. Miss Neva Willis is a guest at Locust Dale, after spending a week at the Rawlings Institute in Charlottesville, with her friend, Miss Isabel Harris.

Mr. J. French Strother came on yesterday to pay a short visit to the home of Mrs. Jane Lovell. The public school taught by Mrs. S. B. Frey closed on last Friday, with recitations, &c., Miss Willie Grubb was awarded the prize for being the best scholar in all respects. Mr. Taylor Hoffman spent the past few days at the home of his uncle, Mr. F. W. Hoffman.

We are pleased to note the improvement of Miss Mary Tinsley after a rather lengthy spell. Miss Annie Willis has returned to her home, after spending three weeks in this community. Mr. John Lacy has so far recovered as to return to his studies at the University.

Mr. J. W. Garnett has been indisposed for the past ten days. His daughter, Miss Mary, is also unwell. Mr. Albert Willis will leave on Thursday for The Grottos, where he expects to open a store. His many friends wish him success. One of Mr. J. W. Garnett's hens laid two eggs on March 27th. There was a very large white egg, about the size of a goose's egg, on the inside of said egg was a medium sized, dark shell and perfect egg.—Can any one beat this? E. T. U.

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