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KING GEORGE.

A Racy and Graphic Description of the Spring Election in King George—Cold Storage For Colored Candidates

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Shiloh, Va., April 1st, 1899.

While farm work, to a great extent, is held in abeyance by continued rains, the condition of public roads and the coming county elections form the topics, which chiefly engage the leisure hours of our people.

We are tempted to join in and indulge a few remarks upon the road question, but finding that any fair approach to justice on that subject would involve language unfit for publication, we desist and pass on to the election.

Some one, who has kept tab on this quadrennial spring crop of candidates, reports fifty-six already in full bloom, with the prospect of as many more that will spring into blossom under the genial influence of warm April showers. It is thought, however, that many of these tender buds will let go and disappear before gathering time and thus escape the worse fate of some who will hold on too long, only to realize a harder fall under the blighting process of the May drop. Some who have gone in on a bluff and look for favorable terms of compromise or coalition, will be disappointed and go out on a strike, while others, after a short trial of the chances will fall away through lack of visible means of support.

As the two political parties have thus far left the way open to a free-for-all fight, the contests for the various offices now assume many shapes, varying all the way from the single track for county clerk and the bifurcated, or bi-angular, race for Commonwealth's Attorney, to the octangular fight for sheriff and some of the minor offices. The diagram for the race track for county treasurer has settled down to a quadrangular shape with three Democrats and one Republican at the bases. One of these candidates, in the exercise of most commendable energy and foresight, and with a strategic skill known only to the veteran office-seeker, many weeks ago executed a flank movement on his competitors, which, some think, gives him the inside track in the race. Away back in January, while the enemy slept, he threw up fortifications and staked off his claim, and when the snow drifts of the February blizzard melted away there stood his fifteen hundred brass pegs shining in the sunlight and serving notice to all to "keep off the grass." Quoting from the inscription on these landmarks the metes and bounds of the claim run about as follows: Beginning at a gum stump on "the historic hills of Passapatanzy," and running S. S. E. to a huckleberry bush in "the clover-decked fields of Blaggs," thence to "the fertile banks of the Rappahannock," thence back to "the pebble-fringed shore of the beautiful, blue Potomac," thence following the meanders of the two rivers, right and left to the beginning—the same containing fifteen hundred voters more or less—to have and to hold the same with the hereditaments thereto appertaining till the 25th day of May next, or words to that effect.

But this claim is disputed and will be contested by three other candidates, who have instituted quo warranto proceedings, and will have the case tried before the great jury of the people on the fourth Thursday of May next.

We hear of only a few cases of colored candidates. These are sporadic cases, such as annually appear on like occasions. They will be placed in cold storage and will probably freeze out before election.

The traveling public will be glad to hear that the miry hill, at the south end of main street, at our county seat, has been well poled. It is said that at one time it was difficult to get a telephone message over this hill, but this report lacks confirmation.

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"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. for sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

A Fan That Will Move 600,000 Feet of Air Every Minute.

What will be one of the largest ventilating fans in the world has been ordered for the purpose of ventilating the Hoosic tunnel. The fan will be 16 feet in diameter and eight feet wide, and will be driven by an electric motor. It will have a capacity of drawing 600,000 cubic feet of air per minute, and when it is in operation will clear the smoke, gas and impure atmosphere from the tunnel. The clearer atmosphere in the tunnel will enable the trains to attain higher speeds

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A Government Without a Policy

The Baltimore Sun says: A dispatch makes the positive statement that "the administration will not decide upon its permanent policy respecting the Philippines until the Schurmann commission reports." The same dispatch adds, with the same tone of authority: "President McKinley feels that his present knowledge of the islands is too indefinite as a basis for a fixed policy." The President is rather late in making this discovery as to the imperfect state of his knowledge. It is most unfortunate that he did not find it out before he insisted as a condition of peace with Spain that that country should cede to us the Philippines and before he agreed to pay $20,000,000 for the privilege of making war upon the inhabitants of the islands. The most noticeable feature of this announcement from Thomasville lies, however, in the statement that "the administration will not decide upon its permanent policy respecting the Philippines," and that "the President," feels that his knowledge of the islands is too indefinite to constitute a basis for a fixed policy."

This is only another illustration of the little dependence to be put in any statement or declaration of the President. It is not many weeks since, in his speech before the Boston Home Market Club, Mr. McKinley declared that with the ratification of the treaty with Spain the responsibility of the Executive would cease and the duty of determining our future policy toward the Philippines would devolve upon Congress. That speech was used extensively by the admirers of the President as an argument why there should be no further hesitation on the part of the Senate to ratify the treaty. Since that speech was delivered the treaty has been ratified, not only by the Senate, but by the Queen Regent of Spain. The contingency has arrived in which, according to Mr. McKinley's repeated declarations, it would become the duty of Congress, under the constitution, to make provision for the future disposition, government and control, not only of the Philippines, but of all of our newly acquired possessions. That duty Congress adjourned without attempting to perform, even in the case of Hawaii. Of course, if the President had been sincere he would have lost no time in convening the Fifty-sixth Congress to repair the omission, and to releave him from the responsibilities incident to the present abnormal state of affairs. Instead of that, the President was strenuously opposed to any idea of an extra session—preferring, apparently, to usurp the powers of Congress, and to govern the territories which lately belonged to Spain at his own sovereign will and pleasure, and through the medium of his own military satraps and political agents.

The President continues to be disturbed about what "permanent policy" his administration will adopt. Coming as this announcement does, from Thomasville, it means, we presume, what policy he and Mr. Mark Hanna will adopt. Congress is not in it; neither are the American people. The only trouble in that the President does not consider that his present knowledge of the islands is a sufficient basis for "a fixed policy." He accordingly prefers to wait for a report from his commissioners. The country by this time understands pretty well what the President's "commissions" amount to, and has yet to hear of one of them which fails to report in accordance with the instructions it has received from Washington. No one doubts that this was the case with the celebrated "whitewashed commission" which was to investigate the conduct of the war, and without fear or favor put the responsibility for any scandals or abuse where it belonged. It was not even denied in the case of the so-called "peace commission," which might be more properly called a war commission, since its chief exploit was, under instructions from the President, to buy from Spain for $20,000,000 the privilege of waging a war of subjugation or extermination against the inhabitants of the Philippines. It is a bad augury for the commission sent to the latter islands that, although ostensibly appointed to investigate and to report upon the actual conditions which they should find existing in the Philippines, within a very few days after their arrival at Manila they should be found issuing a proclamation also "under instructions," which they carried from Washington, which is merely a repretition of President McKinley's own proclmation of January 5, a little softened in some of its expressions, but identical in its spirit and substance.

If President McKinley really wanted information, either for his own guidance or that of Congress, he would not find it difficult to obtain. The number the Americans or Europeans, not excepting Spaniards, who have actual personal knowledge of the Philippines and their inhabitants is not large. The number who are qualified to speak from a residence of any length in the islands or whose knowledge extends to more than a very few localities is still smaller. In a recent number of Harper's Weekly there appeared a letter, stated by the editor of that journal to be from "a gentleman who went from New York to Manila about thirty years ago and spent nearly twenty years in business there." In a subsequent notice of the same letter the editor again speaks of the writer's knowledge of the Philippines as "exceptional," he having lived "four years in Manila, two years in Albay, four in Ceba and seven in Iloilo," and having traveled a good deal besides. This gentleman remarks truly that to judge a people, still more to govern them successfully, it seems to me necessary to know them psychologically, and this can scarcely be done from the deck of a man-of-war, as Dewey said, nor, I may add, from the tent of the conqueror." As the sum of his own observations and experience after so many years, the writer gives as his "opinion of the Philippines in the situation in which they find themselves today" that:

"They are not worth keeping, and will never repay us for the blood and treasure we expend upon them.

"They will tend to injure us morally.

"They may involve us, and probably will, in political troubles.

"If we intend to govern them it must be with the iron hand and keen mind, for the truth is not in them; neither do they understand any concession except as weakness.

"It is not a white man's country and never will be."

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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 inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The West in the War.

The Kansas City Journal says: "The West has a peculiar interest in the war now being waged in the Philippines. The army fighting under Gen. Otis is almost exclusively a Western one. Every volunteer regiment, with the exception of the Tenth Pennsylvania and the First Tennessee, was recruited west of the Mississippi river, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, and California each had a regiment or part of a regiment in the fighting which has been going on about Manila. Not only this, but the commanding General and all the Brigadiers are thorough-going Westerners. Maj. Gen. Otis has been in the West for more than thirty years, and the same may be said for Brigs. Greenshine, King, and Otis. The whole American country may well be proud of these hardy Westerners who are carrying the flag 10,000 miles from home."

Dr. Burrows of the Baptist Church Favors Imperialism.

The Georgia State Baptist Convention began its seventy-seventh annual convention in Savannah, Ga., last week with Ex-Governor W. J. Northen in the chair.

The address of welcome was responded to by Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Burrows favored the policy of imperialism during his address, in which he said:

"The opportunity for which we prayed has come," he said. "The shells of Sampson and the guns of Lee have made for us an open door."

The church, he said, can make use of the sword which is carving the way of civilization.

The World's Machinery Trade.

As far as the world's trade in machinery is concerned Great Britain still takes the lead, her exports of machinery having amounted in 1897 to no less than $84,000,000. The next place is held by Germany, with $26,800,000, whilst the United States ranks next, with $23,400,000. The exports of machinery from France amounted during the same year to $9,100,000; those from Belgium to $8,200,000; Switzerland's to $6,800,000, and Sweden's to $2,110,000.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store as their giviving away to their many customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable remedy, from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size 50c. and $1.00. Every bottle warranted.

Judge William C. Price, once the idol of the Southern Confederacy, cordially hated by the abolitionists, and United States Treasurer during the last years of President Buchanan's Administration, was eighty-four years old on Saturday last. He lives in Chicago, and boasts that he is still a rebel. He believes that he will live to see slavery restored.

New Zealand has a law in force compelling every intoxicated man to have his photograph taken. His picture is then distributed among the inkeepers and bartenders, and they must refuse to sell him liquor.

Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

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If this were all—Oh! if this were all
"That into each life some rain must fall,
There were fainter sobs in the poet's rhyme,
There were fewer wrecks on the shores of Time.

But tempests of woe pass over the soul
Since winds of anguish we cannot control,
And shock after shock we are called to bear,
Till the lips grow white with the heart's despair.

The shores of Time with wrecks are strewn,
Into the ear comes ever a moan—
Wrecks of hopes that sailed with glee,
Wrecks of love sinking silently.

Many are hid from the human eye,
Only God knows how deep they lie—
Only God heard, when arose the cry,
Help me to bear, Oh! help me to die.

Into each life some rain much fall,
If this were all, Oh! if this were all—
Yet there's a refuge from storm and blast,
Gloia Patri! we'll reach at last.

Be strong, be strong to my heart I cry,
The pearl in the broken shell doth lie
Days of sunshine are given to all—
Tho' into each life some rain must fall.

IS THIS YOUR STORY?

"Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast and what food I eat distresses me. I have a heavy feeling in my stomach. I am getting so weak that sometimes I tremble and my nerves are all unstrung. I am getting pale and thin. I am as tired in the morning as at night."

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BALTIMORE, FREDERICKSBURG AND RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER ROUTE.

On and after Friday, March 10th, steamers Richmond, Westmoreland and Essex will leave Pier 3, Light Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m., for Fredericksburg and all wharves on the river. Returning, will leave Fredericksburg at 2:30 p. m. (tide permitting,) Monday and Thursday, Leedstown at 4:30 a. m., Tuesday and Friday for Baltimore.

Leave Baltimore Wednesday, at 4:30 p. m., for Naylor's and all wharves below, except Bay Port. Returning will leave Naylor's at 8:30 a. m., on Thursday for Baltimore.

Leave Baltimore at 4:30 p. m., Thursday, for Tappahannock and all wharves below, except Bay Port, Millenbeck and Merry Point. Returning will leave Tappahannock at 9 a. m. Monday, for Baltimore.

NORFOLK ROUTE.

Will leave Tappahannock for Norfolk at 12 m. (noon) Friday stopping at all landings. Will leave Norfolk at 6 p. m. Saturday for Tappahannock, calling at all landings.

No freight received for outgoing steamers after 4 p. m., on sailing days.

Freight received for all stations on Potomac, Fredericksburg, & Piedmont R. R.

POTOMAC RIVER ROUTE.

Beginning Tuesday, December 27th, steamer Potomac will leave Pier 9, Light Street, Baltimore, at 5 p. m. Tuesday and Saturday for the Potomac River, calling at Miller's Brome's, Bacon's, Grason's, Lewisetta, Bundicks, Cowart's, Walnut Point, Coan, Kinsale, Mundy's Point, Lodge, Adams, Piney Point, Abell's, Leonardtown, Coburn's, Howard's and Stone's. On Tuesday only for Lancaster, Bushwood, Riverside, Liverpool Point, Glymont, Alexandria and Washington.

Returning, will leave 7th Street Wharf, Washington, at 4 p. m. Thursday, calling at all of the above mentioned wharves, leaving Leonardtown 6 a. m. Monday, and Friday. Kinsale, 12 m., Miller's 4 p. m., Grason's at 5 p. m., Bacon's at 6 p. m., arriving in Baltimore early Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

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