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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity. Fair and cooler Thursday.

The Free Lance has noted the satisfaction of the Richmond Dispatch and Times with the outcome of the May convention, and in its last issue published some of the views of the other side. These reflections occur in The Free Lance, viz: That the object of the May convention is not approved by the Democratic party of Virginia. As proof of this, whilst the convention was attended and participated in by Attorney General Montague and Congressmen Jones, Lamb and Rixey, it was not attended or approved apparently by Senators Daniel and Martin or by Congressmen Young, Eppes, Swanson, Otey, Hay, Quarles or Rhea. So that of Virginia's Representatives in Congress nine were conspicuous for their absence. Nor was Gov. Tyler or State Chairman Ellyson there, and Lieut. Gov. Echols did not attend, nor gave any sign of approval of the meeting. And it is known that Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless was opposed to the conference, and probably all or nearly all of the basement officers were likewise.

It was a curiously contrived meeting. Some counties and cities sent delegates, whilst the rest consisted of anybody who chose to attend. Congressman Jones was quoted as saying that 36 counties elected delegates, but little over one-third of those in the State, yet of those so electing, no one was present, as The Free Lance is informed, from Westmoreland, and King George neither elected any delegates nor was any one present from King George, as The Free Lance is informed. And if a bugle blast for Democrats had been issued by Chairman Ellyson, Ashton, Bevan and other Democrats from that county would have "joined the procession." Congressman Rixey's name headed the call, yet Culpeper sent no delegates, and State Senator Jeffries took no stock in the movement, and openly proclaims for Martin. Not only did King George elect no delegates, but neither did Caroline, Stafford or Spotsylvania, all within the circulation of The Free Lance, though some gentlemen from each county attended.

In the doubt which existed as to whether it was "a theory or a condition" which the May conference was called to consider, a few gentlemen on Monday night, May 9th, met in the Mayor's Office here, probably not more than a dozen or fifteen, and agreed to go down. Quite a number of them, as The Free Lance learns, made it convenient between the acts to call on Senator Martin, and if they did not smoke the pipe of peace, they at least enjoyed the Senator's courtesy and joined him in the smoke of good cigars.

It will be observed that State Senator Harding Walker pronounces for Congressman Jones as a candidate to succeed Martin, and yet, unless we are misinformed, a bare majority of one in the five counties of his senatorial district was represented at Richmond last week, if it be true that Westmoreland and King George were unrepresented, and Prince William held no meeting to send delegates to Richmond. And even the Virginia Democratic Association at Washington, which, under Biscoe and Harper as presidents, has been so helpful to the Virginia Democracy in their fights, was unrepresented, though Mr. Harper, its active and efficient president, was there as a London delegate.

Now the conference has requested the State Committee to call a State convention, and with only one avowed candidate in the face of the facts that Gen. Fitz Lee and Walton Moore, who had each expressed an intention to run, had declined; and in the face of the fact that the conference, with practical unanimity, refused to name a candidate. If when the State Committee meets there is announced a candidate for the U. S. Senate in opposition to the matter, for the State Committee, in view of the action at Roanoke, will hardly go further. If at that time Martin is the only candidate, then it

will hardly be seriously contended that the Democrats of the State should be assembled in State convention to fix a plan to nominate a United States Senator with only one announced Democratic candidate in view of the constitution of the United States that the Legislature in Virginia shall elect the United States Senator and the time honored usage of that party that the selection of a Democratic United States Senator has been the work of the party caucus. But even without the assembling of a State convention and without waiting for one, in the evident desire of a large majority of those who assembled at Richmond last week as voiced by Eppa Hanton, Jr., of the Eighth district and Harding Walker of the first district there is no reason why there may not be a candidate in opposition to Martin if any gentleman wishes to run. And if such a candidate shall be backed up by the Richmond Dispatch and Times as earnestly as they under-took to work up the convention business, there may be an active and aggressive fight this fall for the U. S. Senatorial plum.

Acting under orders from the National Democratic Committee, it is said, a hundred Chicago platform Democrats met last Saturday night in New York city and took steps to thoroughly organize the city, and later the State of New York, to defy Tammany Hall. A committee of twenty was appointed to arrange the five boroughs systematically to work them. J. R. Brown presided, and after the meeting said that a contesting delegation of Bryan and Chicago platform men will be sent from this State to the next national convention.

In view of the foregoing the following from the New York Times, gold Democrat in '96, seems very apt: "The Southern Democrats care more for Bryan than for free silver. They can give up the Chicago platform, but Bryan must be their candidate next year. This is the sentiment from the South by which they have good opportunities to learn the strength of the people there."

The rank and file of the Southern Democrats, possibly, do not know what this means. The leaders ought to know. It means that these gentlemen of the South are willing to throw party and principle to the dogs in order to demonstrate their loyalty to the defeated candidate of 1896. With Bryan as the candidate the party is foredoomed to defeat, and their leaders will tell them so if they tell the truth. Nothing short of the most resolute profligacy on the part of the present administration would induce the people of this country to elect Bryan President over any candidate the Republicans might name. In announcing their determination to stick to him the Southern Democrats put the man above the party, and declare that the gratification of Bryan's vanity to elect Bryan President over any candidate the Republicans might name, and their desire to express their admiration for him are considerations paramount to the triumph of the Democracy.

As for the platform, the Democrats of the South are right in regarding it as no more than a hindrance. There is no test of orthodoxy or of regularity in fidelity to a platform upon which the party has once gone to defeat; save only that every Democrat would naturally adhere to those utterances of the platform that set forth the fundamental and honored principles of Democracy. There was nothing of that kind in the Chicago platform, so that there is no reason why the Democrats of the South should not throw it overboard if they choose to do so. That they are willing to drop it is an interesting piece of news, for it has been universally understood that the cheap silver dollar was the god of their deity. It now appears that it is before Bryan that they bow the knee and burn incense.

After one more decisive victory the Republicans in Congress will be ready to take up the work of reappointing the Congressional representation of the Southern States on the basis of the vote as reduced by the various devices which exclude the blacks from the privilege of the ballot. As the representation of these States in the Electoral College will be correspondingly diminished, it will make very little difference what candidate the Democrats put up in future Presidential elections. He might be made the perpetual candidate, so that the Southern Democrats could have the pleasure of voting for him every four years.

The reunion at Charleston last week was a remarkable affair. I. Gen. Gordon hugged Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. II. The Sons of Veterans hissed the name of Robert E. Lee. III. "Joe" Wheeler, the hero of two wars, was forgotten. IV. Poans of rejoicing over McKinley were uttered if not sung. It seems to The Free Lance that its adjournment was none too soon.

The Richmond Times (gold Democrat in '96), referring to the proposition to assemble a Democratic State Convention matter says: "We believe that it will be a great blunder and will result in great harm to the Democratic party in Virginia, if this proposition be either ignored or denied."

Mr. West, of the Washington Post, was not elected official biographer of the May Convention. -Richmond Times. Mr. West seems to have regarded the convention or conference as having died "a bornin'" and apparently regarding it as an abortion, thought it had no life to record.

The Filipino junta at Paris, France, alleges that the approaching return of Admiral Dewey to the United States is not due to the condition of the Admiral's health, but to differences of opinion between him and Gen. Otis Dewey, they say, strongly favors making terms with the Filipinos, and has frequently urged President McKinley to pursue a policy in accordance with his (Dewey's) original agreement with Aguinaldo for Filipino independence. The departure of Admiral Dewey, the junta says, lessens the probabilities of an early peace, and as confirmation of this, a late dispatch from London says: "The Filipino junta in that city states that Aguinaldo has retired to almost inaccessible mountains."

It is added that Aguinaldo's retirement to the Carballos mountains is part of his strategic plan, as the mountains are almost inaccessible and inhabited by savages, who use poisoned arrows, and it is "absolutely impossible for the Americans to follow him there."

The announcement of the candidacy of Mr. Jones will be but the logical consequence of the conference, and if he fails to announce his candidacy it can only be taken to mean that his prospects of success are small - Danville Register.

The foregoing seems to be a direct challenge from a paper inimical to the May conference, to Congressman Jones to lose no time in saying that he will contest with Senator Martin for the next U. S. Senatorship.

The Pekin authorities, it is reported, are turning to Great Britain for support against Russia's demand for a concession for a railroad to Pekin. Chinese rebels have renewed their opposition to British occupation of the Kowloon territory, near Hong Kong, and British troops have been sent to the scene.

Poor old China; she seems to be the prey of the nations.

A Virginia Lady Summoned To Milwaukee, Wis., To Appear As A Witness.

Richmond, Va., May 13. -The U. S. government authorities are after a matrimonial agency. U. S. Marshal Treat has received a subpoena for Mrs. W. C. Yale, of Plainview, King William county, to appear as a witness there. Mrs. Yale proved to be a well known widow about fifty years of age, who answered one of Rowan's advertisements and sent him the name and address above given. A few days later Rowan's matrimonial journal contained a highly colored and sensationaly-written advertisement, prepared without that lady's knowledge, representing Mrs. Yale as being worth \$35,000 and desiring to correspond with a gentleman with matrimonial intentions, and giving her Virginia address.

This advertisement has brought a great number of answers. When Marshal Treat visited Mrs. Yale she had a batch of forty-five letters from almost all sections of the country. The King William lady is much distressed at being summoned to Milwaukee to appear as a witness. This lady, so far from being worth \$35,000, is represented to be without means.

Gov. Lowndes and the Negroes. The Richmond Dispatch says: "Gov. Lowndes, of Maryland, addressed a colored Methodist conference the other day, and though he is a Republican, did not mince words. After stating that colored men who were born before the war were seldom in the penitentiary, the Governor said that while many of the negro race have been eager to have their children obtain 'book learning,' there was something far more important to their happiness and success - the solid foundation of moral training, without which the superstructure of 'education' is not only worthless, but dangerous. The negro, the speaker then added, has had many bad advisers during the last thirty years, and has been led into the mistake of regarding the public school and the polls as the two forces most essential to his mental and political progress. In short, Gov. Lowndes has reached the conclusion many other thoughtful persons have been coming to, that education and enfranchisement have had a deplorable effect upon the negroes' morals."

Several Northern capitalists contemplate establishing woolen mills on the Appomattox river. In the pro-Cathedral, in New York city, last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs, who was suspended for heresy by the Northern Presbyterian Assembly, became a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was ordained by Bishop Potter.

The United States Supreme Court decided that the French steamer Olinde Rodriguez, captured off San Juan, Porto Rico, during the war with Spain by an American cruiser, should be returned to its owners. Senators Stewart and Cullom do not think President McKinley will call an extra session of Congress. Mr. Stewart says the administration can gain no political advantage by convening Congress in special session.

Last Wednesday evening a daily line of steamers of the York River line was resumed between Baltimore and Richmond by way of West point. The Southern Baptist convention which adjourned at Louisville, Ky., on Monday night decided to meet next year at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The trustee of the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., have elected Rev. Dr. John P. Greene, of William Jewell College, Missouri, as Dr. Whitsett's successor, both as professor of church history and president of the Seminary. Dr. Greene was Dr. Whitsett's candidate for the position.

Capt. R. O. Croxton, First U. S. Infantry, a son of Judge Croxton, of Essex, (late Lieut-Colonel, Sixth Virginia), has been ordered to remain at Fort Columbia, N. Y., until June 6, when he will join his regiment. John Berry, colored, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged for killing Miss Amanda Clark, near Bowie, Prince George's county, Md., on March 18, in Baltimore city on Tuesday. Berry, it will be remembered, attacked two sisters - one was killed, the other survived and appeared as a witness against him.

The Cuban Situation. All is not lovely in Cuba. The United States, it seems wants to pay the Cubans three millions to give up their arms. The Cubans want the three millions, but not on the condition of surrendering their arms, and so there is the hitch.

The Washington, D. C., Star of Monday says: "A forcible disarmament of the Cuban troops will be the ultimate procedure, provided the events of the next two or three weeks show that such action is necessary."

COMMENT, BUT NOT APPREHENSION. The position assumed by Gen. Gomez regarding the distribution of the \$3,000,000 to the Cuban army has excited some comment in administration circles, but has not reached a stage which has caused apprehension. There are those, however, who would not be surprised to see trouble in Cuba at almost any minute.

To a Star representative a member of the cabinet said that the quibbling and the halting of the Cubans would soon warrant the War Department bringing the money back to the United States and in ceasing effort to distribute it among the soldiers of Gomez's army. Another member of the cabinet said that Gomez could give this country considerable trouble if so disposed, but he had no doubt of the ability of the United States to quickly suppress whatever trouble might arise.

"As a rule, cabinet members decline to give their opinions of the feelings of Gomez to this country, but they believe that he is simply playing politics. They point to the position of Gen. Brooke, who has not yet given an intimation that Gen. Gomez is playing double. Outside of the inner circles of the administration there is more suspicion of the Cuban leader. Some time ago, in an interview in The Star, Gen. Breckinridge, who had just returned from a trip through the island, openly charged that Gomez was the worst enemy this country had.

WOULD POSTPONE INDEPENDENCE. A cabinet officer said today that if Gen. Gomez sees fit to disturb the peaceful relations of the island it will redound only to his own discredit and will further postpone the day of independence for the island. He said that the United States would never be willing to relinquish its hold upon the island if there is prospect of constant trouble and the indication of an unstable government. This country, he said, owes too much to itself and to the nations of the world to turn the island over to men who have no purpose in view but to make trouble. Should the United States get out under these circumstances it would be a matter of only a few years when it would again have to interfere."

Bishop Gaines Advises to Negroes. Atlanta, Ga., May 16. -Bishop W. J. Gaines, who ranks with Booker T. Washington as a deep thinker among the Southern negroes, delivered a powerful sermon Sunday night at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, his topic being the problems that just now urge their presence on his race. The church was jammed with negroes and many white people.

"As a race, we must learn to endure hardness," the preacher said. "We must learn not to be ashamed of honest service. If we must work in the meanest places let us not be ashamed to work there. As I see it, it is just as honorable to lay brick for a living as it is to practice law. It is just as honorable to wash and iron for a living as it is to get upon a platform and make speeches for Woman Suffrage."

Then the preacher startled his audience with - "Perhaps if a man were charged with assault and I had an x-ray from Heaven turned on him so that I knew he was guilty, I would be willing to turn him over to the mob."

"I want to say today that he who apologizes for that crime or has any sympathy for the inhuman monster who commits it, be he black or white, is an enemy to God and a traitor to his race. "But the danger of mob law is that sometimes innocent men are condemned and executed. And in my condemnation of lynch law it is not that I wish the guilty to escape, but that I do not wish the innocent to suffer. In this I am supported by all good men in this section."

"There is no danger of a race war; all such talk is idle and foolish. With 95 per cent of our race good citizens, what occasion is there for war? The good men of both races will and can get together, and peace and harmony will prevail."

What Was Done at the Charleston Confederate Reunion Last Week. Among other resolutions reported and adopted was one urging the association to assist in marking the battlefields of the civil war with monuments to Confederate dead; another appointing a committee of three to consider the question of uniformity of pension legislation by the Southern States, and a resolution recognizing the Confederate Veterans' Association of the District of Columbia and according it all due rights and privileges. An adverse report was made upon the proposition to change the name of the organization to the Confederate Survivors' Association, the object being to use the initial, C. S. A. An unfavorable report was also made upon a resolution looking to a change in the nomenclature of the association, in order to prevent the creation of too many generals and other high titles carried by various officers. A resolution of thanks for the presence of the cruiser Raleigh was adopted; another looking to the selection of a suitable gray cloth for uniforms, thanking those citizens of Columbus, Ohio, who have cared for the graves of Confederate dead there, and extending cordial thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Henderson, of the British Staff College, for his contributions to the history of the Confederacy in his "Life of Stonewall Jackson."

The Sons of Veterans held memorial exercises for Miss Winnie Davis. Several eloquent eulogies were pronounced. The next reunion will be held at Louisville, Ky. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of erecting a monument to the women of the Confederacy and report to the next convention.

What Aguinaldo Says. London, May 16. -The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo, cabled from Hong Kong: "The Filipino government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war, at all costs, until independence is secured."

"The Filipinos energetically refuse the American peace overtures, based on restricted autonomy coupled with promises of subsequent self-government. "The Filipinos demand a strict fulfillment of the articles of the American Constitution and treaties contracted by the American representatives when imploring a Filipino alliance in combating the Spaniards."

SUPPORTED BY FILIPINO GENERALS. "All the Filipino generals support Aguinaldo. Gen. Lana's reported overtures for peace are untrue. Our army is near Manila, simultaneously attacking the whole American line. "The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All the hospitals are crowded with sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati regiment have been imprisoned by Gen. Otis for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops are quartered in Manila and other towns are quiet. The volunteers are abused and are always at the front, with scanty rations. "The discontent between the Americans and Europeans is general."

The Trouble Idaho and Montana. The New York Journal says: "Gen. Merriam, in his attempt to crush the labor unions of Idaho, has allied with the State authorities of Montana, as well as with the public officials of the country. The State officials of Idaho have apparently co-operated with the General in his high-handed invasions of personal rights, but since he has been sending his soldiers across the State line to make summary arrests of miners there the Governor of Montana has objected. Gov. Smith declares that these arrests must stop at once, and that the laws of the State must be observed, even by soldiers. It is well that somebody has been found to teach this audacious commander a lesson in the rights of American citizenship. His notification to the mine-owners of the Coeur d'Alene region that their mines would be shut down by military force if they venture to employ any members of a labor union seems to have been accepted, not only with meekness, but with enthusiasm by the authorities of Idaho, but in Montana it has met with indignant repudiation."

Run Down by Bloodhounds. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 15. -Jesse Hatley, a negro, eighteen years of age, has been arrested at Dayton as the assailant of Miss Bessie Sparks, whose room at the home of Mr. Dean he entered Sunday morning. The negro was apprehended after an exciting bloodhound chase. The dogs of Detective Phipps were placed on the trail soon after the crime and traced the negro several miles into the country, followed by a mob of excited and infuriated men. The bloodhounds were first introduced to a pair of old shoes the negro had left in the young lady's room. "King Henry," a famous dog, took up the trail from the Dean residence, following it until he reached a barnyard out of town. When the dog saw the negro at work in the yard he gave a sharp bark and grabbed the man, who begged the crowd to protect him from the animal. Many wanted to let the dog tear him to pieces, but Officer Phipps would not allow this. The man said the shoes were his, but that they had been stolen from his room. Later he made a full confession, in which he related the story of the struggle in Miss Sparks' room. He said his motive was robbery, but later acknowledged that his intention was to assault the young woman.

Santiago Cubans Excited. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at Santiago, Cuba, over the demand by the U. S. Government that the Cuban soldiers relinquish their arms before receiving their shares in the distribution of the \$3,000,000. Independence and other papers publish exciting articles protesting against the acceptance of any such proposal. This paper suggests that a stamp tax be instituted, by means of which loyal Cubans would be enabled to "save the soldiers from the dishonor and humiliation of giving up the arms which were their liberty."

On all sides among the Cubans of Santiago violent expressions are heard regarding what is termed "the nigardly conduct of the Americans."

He Fooled the Surgeons. All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the great cure on Earth. 25 cents a box. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

Candidates' Card. SPOTSYLVANIA. To the Voters of Courtland District, Spotsylvania County. Yielding to the solicitation of many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor and ask your support at the approaching election. If you honor me with the office I promise a faithful, efficient and satisfactory discharge of the duties of the same. Very respectfully, my 4td George W. Palmer.

To the Voters of Livingston District, Spotsylvania County. At the solicitation of many friends, I have decided to run for constable in this district and hereby most respectfully ask your support. J. W. Garner.

To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. Fellow-Citizens: With feelings of gratitude to you for the very generous expression of your continued confidence and kindness in the past, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the position of Clerk of the Courts of this county, and most respectfully ask your support. Should it be your pleasure to recommit this trust to my hands, I shall be very thankful to you; and promise to use my best efforts to faithfully and competently discharge the duties of the office. Very respectfully, J. P. H. Crismond.

April 18th, 1899. Election May 25th, 1899, ap20-td. For Commissioner of Revenue. To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Revenue for St. George's district, in your county, at the election to be held on the 25th day of May, 1899. I am grateful for the generous support of my friends in the past, and if elected shall endeavor by a faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the office to merit the approval of all. Respectfully, ap6-td T. P. Payne.

To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. I announce myself a candidate for Commissioner of Revenue in St. George district, in your county, at the election to be held on the 25th day of May, 1899. I am grateful for the generous support of my friends in the past, and if elected shall endeavor by a faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the office to merit the approval of all. Respectfully, ap11-td M. L. Young.

For Treasurer. To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer. I am very grateful to my friends for the generous support of the past, and earnestly solicit their support at the approaching election - May 25th, 1899. W. G. Dillard.

For Commonwealth's Attorney. To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. Having been appointed by the County Court as Commonwealth's Attorney to fill out the unexpired term of A. B. Rawlings, deceased, and being urged by many reasons from all parts of the county to become a candidate for election on the 25th of May, for the full term beginning July 1st, 1899, I desire to say if it be your pleasure to elect me to this position of trust, I shall perform the duties of the office with promptness, fidelity and impartiality. Very respectfully, ap11-td Lee J. Graves.

To the Voters of Spotsylvania County. I announce myself a candidate for re-election for Sheriff of Spotsylvania county. Thanking you kindly for your past support, I respectfully ask your support in the approaching election, May 25th, 1899, promising, if elected, to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability in the future, as I have endeavored to do in the past. ap11-td T. A. Harris.

CAROLINE. To the Voters of Caroline Co. I hereby announce myself an independent candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for district No. 1, at the election which will take place on Thursday, May 25, 1899, and I respectfully ask for your support, and I also respectfully ask my friends to take no part in the Democratic primaries of the 24 day of May. If elected, I promise a faithful, honest, and impartial discharge of all the duties of the office. E. B. Collins. ap12-td.

To the Voters of Caroline Co. Thanking you for your highly appreciated support in the past, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue in district No. 2. Should you again favor me with the office, I promise the same faithful and efficient discharge of the duties as in the past. Very respectfully yours, T. H. Blanton.

RIBBONS. We have the right Ribbons for Summer girls. We have the right Ribbons for June graduates. We have the right Ribbons for Summer Dresses. We have the right Ribbons for Belts and Ties. We have the right Ribbons for Bridal Costumes. We have anything stylish and desirable in Ribbons.

ORGANDIES AND LAWNS. We are showing this week 25 handsome styles, very fine, worth 10 cents, at 6 1/2 cents. 25 handsome styles, Gradine effect, worth 15 cents, at 8. 30 to 40 handsome styles, worth 15 cents, at 10. Many very handsome GENUINE ORGAN-DIES, 20 cent grade, at 12 1/2.

P. K. Don't think of buying a PIQUE until you see our stock.

Don't Buy Any Dry goods without seeing our stock and getting our prices. IF YOU DO you will be sorry.

C. W. JONES. Young Lee Not Hissed. Richmond, Va., May 16. -Sons of Veterans returning from Charleston deny emphatically the stories sent out to the effect that when the name of Mr. Robert E. Lee, Jr. was proposed for Grand Commander of the Sons of Veterans his name was hissed by the Virginians. There is not, they declare, the slightest foundation for the statement. Their explanation of the failure to support Bob Lee for the chief office is that he was not a member of the organization until he got to Charleston. Montreir Camp, of that city, elected him to membership and then proposed his name. The man who nominated him called on the sponsors to second the nomination, but of the three ladies who rose none were sponsors. The Virginians, together with the ice factory and the electric plant of that city, have all been purchased by the banking houses of John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, and Middendorf, Oliver & Co., of Baltimore.

Glorious News. Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist, Guaranteed.

Butter Being Driven Out. State Commissioner of Agriculture Koerner, in an interview with a Richmond Dispatch reporter, says: "Virginia is really now the dumping-ground of the whole country for oleomargarine and butterine. We have a law which has no penalty. It ought to be put under the care and supervision of the Department of Agriculture. Good butter has been practically run out of the Virginia markets. Three-fourths of the butter sold in this city now is adulterated with oleomargarine. This constant adulteration of butter has almost driven the honest cow out of the State, and very soon will drive the market here for the genuine product."

Discovered by a Weman. Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. G. Hammett & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at M. M. Lewis Drug Store. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

Baptists in the United States. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, statistical secretary of the Southern Baptist Association, reports that there are in the South 1,596,709 white Baptists and 1,561,030 colored Baptists - total, 3,147,739. In other States there are 1,006,682, making a total in the United States of 4,154,421. The Southern Baptists have 18,873 churches and there were 77,343 baptisms last year. These churches raised last year for all purposes \$2,877,070 31.

There was an outbreak at Olenegoes, Cuba, on Monday in which one man was killed and seven wounded. The trouble was started in a demand by dock laborers.