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Weather forecast for Frederickburg and vicinity. Tuesday colder, partly cloudy.

GOING IT RANK.

The Pennsylvania Democracy adopted the unit rule and will go to Kansas City as one voice for Wm. J. Bryan for President.

It declares in favor of a law placing on the free list everything made by the trusts; demands the enforcement of the anti-trust law; opposes imperialism; favors home rule for the Philippines under American protection.

It favors the withdrawal of the American troops; demands free trade for Porto Rico; a vigorous foreign policy; favors Nicaragua Canal under American control.

It favors municipal ownership of municipal franchises, and straddles the fence on bimetallism as gracefully as did Mr. McKinley in 1896.

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MUST BE A RESIDENT TO BID.

A small squib in the papers a few weeks ago escaped general observation. It was about star-route contracts. As it was of much moment to the country people, THE FREE LANCE has taken the trouble to verify the report, and here is its confirmation:

Post-office Department, Washington, D. C., March 20, 1900. To The Free Lance:

Sir—Replying to your letter of the 15th inst., you are informed that an order was issued on February 18, 1900, that no bid submitted under an advertisement for carrying the mails on a star route would be considered unless the bidder resided on or contiguous to the route on which the service was to be performed.

Very respectfully, W. S. Shallenberger, Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

This is something that our people and papers have long striven for. A great injustice has been done in the past from the abominable method of letting star-routes. Men from the ends of the earth were permitted to bid on our little rural routes, and then some poor fellow was induced to carry it for the bidder at such figures that would not pay for the feeding of his horse.

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POLITICAL.

Knights of Labor have decided to conduct an active campaign against the trusts.

A Democratic District Convention will be held at Warrenton April 21st, to elect delegates to the State convention.

The State Prohibition Convention of Idaho has nominated a full State ticket headed by Rev. W. J. Hooper for Governor.

The Republican delegates from Lancaster county, to both the State and District conventions, are Geo. J. Jenkins, S. P. Greenham, H. D. McNamara and Hugh E. Owen as delegate at large.

Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff, of New York, is very anxious to run second on the Republican presidential ticket.

A primary election will be held Saturday, May 19th, at the various precincts of Fauquier county for the purpose of expressing Fauquier's wishes as to a Democratic candidate for Congress from the Eighth District.

At the last meeting of King and Queen Democrats at the county seat last week, the constitutional convention was declared, by resolutions, a party measure.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee have chosen Representatives McKay, of Arkansas, and Norton, of Ohio, vice-chairmen, and the following Executive Committee: Senator Cookrell, of Missouri; Chairman; Representatives Hall, of Pennsylvania; Rupert, of New York; Turner, of Kentucky; Daly, of New Jersey; Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, and Denny, of Maryland.

The Democratic Committee of Culpeper county, has ordered a primary election at all voting precincts in the county Saturday, April 14th, to elect seventeen delegates, with one vote each, to the congressional convention to be held in Alexandria in July, to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth District.

A circular, issued by the Fourth District Republican Committee, announces that no Republican candidate will be named for the short term in that district, but states that a candidate will be nominated for the full term to be held at the November election.

Senator Pettus has introduced a bill providing for abolition of the duty on printing paper.

According to the circulation report of the Treasury Department, the per capita circulation for the first time has crossed the \$26 line.

The Democrats will make a stubborn fight against the Puerto Rican bill. The Republicans will seek to shut off debate as soon as possible.

Mr. Deboe, of Kentucky, gave notice that he would move to refer the credentials of J. C. S. Blackburn to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying \$7,457,705, was reported to the Senate. This is an increase of \$70,456 over the House bill.

During the debate on the Indian Appropriation bill the question of Government support of sectarian schools was raised and called forth an interesting discussion.

Among those who delivered eulogies on the late Congressman Bland, of Missouri, in the House of Representatives Saturday, was Congressman W. A. Jones, of Virginia.

Senator Daniel introduced a bill to pay Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, of Louisiana \$2,500 for supplies taken by the Federal army; also petitions from Concord and Wright's chapels of W. O. T. U. of Caroline county, Va., against the sale of liquor in Hawaii.

GENERAL NEWS. A million dollar fire occurred in Pittsburg, Pa., Sunday night. Insurance probably \$800,000.

A clash between the opposing militia in Kentucky was narrowly averted at Frankfort, Saturday night.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Five colored children were burned to death in Surry county.

Mr. James W. Fairfax, of Fairfax county, died last week, aged 75 years.

R. A. Perkins died at his home, at Oakland, in Louisa county, aged 60 years.

Mr. O. L. Detwiler and Miss Annie F. Fairfax, both of Fairfax, were married recently.

Capt. H. N. Fry, of Madison, has moved with his family to Mt. Athos, Orange county.

The jail at West Appomattox was destroyed by fire. It was valued at \$4,000 and not insured.

Ground has been broken for the new Methodist church at Reedsville, Northumberland county.

J. B. Baughn, of Louisa, died suddenly of heart trouble last week while at work in one of the mines.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Moyer have sold their property in Louisa county and moved to New York State.

B. T. Mallory, a native of Hanover county, died in Memphis, Tenn., last week, aged fifty-seven years.

George Moffett Cochran, the oldest and one of the ablest lawyers of Staunton, died last week of apoplexy.

Norfolk county farmers report the trucking season unusually backward, at least two weeks behind the average.

N. W. Owens & Co., merchants of Warrenton, have made an assignment, placing all creditors on an equal footing.

Miss Lena Balderson, daughter of G. W. Balderson, of Richmond county, died last week after only a few days sickness.

T. R. Covington has had the parsonage at Stevensburg newly papered and decorated on the interior at his own expense.

Dr. M. S. Sale, formerly of Virginia, died Friday at his home, in Lexington, Ky., aged 65 years. His remains were taken to Richmond.

The small-pox epidemic in Rockbridge county, is at an end. The quarantine has been raised, and the seventy-one patients are well.

Miss Ella V. Carpenter, formerly of Criglersville, daughter of the late Wm. H. Carpenter, died last week at the residence of J. S. Cowherd.

A mass-meeting of the Democrats of Essex will be held at Tappahannock April 16th (court day) to select delegates to the State convention.

Wallace Graves, charged with killing Hollis Estes March 25th at the Armistice mines, in Louisa county, has been sent on to the grand jury.

BROKEN-DOWN WOMEN.

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ANOTHER LOT OF Beautiful Challies and FOULARD SILKS

Received this morning - AT - C. W. Jones' CASH STORE.

Candidates' Cards. FOR MAYOR. With grateful appreciation for past favors, and many thanks to those citizens who have voluntarily pledged me their support, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the Mayoralty, and will be thankful for the votes of my fellow-citizens at the coming election.

FOR CITY TREASURER. I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of City Treasurer, and hope it may be the pleasure of my friends to support me for the same, and I hereby tender my sincere thanks for past and for future favors, for election May 24th, 1900.

FOR CLERK OF COURT. I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as Clerk of the Corporation Court of the City of Frederickburg, which office I have filled for five years. And I most respectfully ask the support of my fellow-citizens at the approaching election.

FOR CITY SERGEANT. "Attention, Voters, One and All!" Being fully persuaded that I shall be elected to fill the vacancy of City Sergeant at the next election, I hereby desire to return my sincere thanks in advance to my numerous friends and the voters generally for this mark of confidence, and hereby pledge a faithful performance of the duties of said office; and, in consequence of said election, I have decided to offer my entire stock of hardware, farming implements, and outfit, etc., at greatly reduced prices for cash. This is an opportunity for cash-buyers to save money and get bargains in all goods in my line.

Fellow-Citizens: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of City Sergeant and respectfully solicit your support, promising, if elected, a faithful service to the best of my ability. Election May 24th, 1900.

Fellow Citizens: I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Sergeant of the City of Frederickburg at the election to be held on Thursday, May 24th, 1900. Having been Deputy Sergeant for some years, and being familiar with the duties of the office, I flatter myself that I can discharge the duties of the position to the satisfaction of the court and public. If elected, I promise a faithful and efficient service.

To the Citizens of Frederickburg: That efficient officer and clever gentleman, O. W. Edington, Esq., who has served you so long as City Sergeant, having declined to stand for election again, and believing I can perform the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the citizens of this city, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the position at the election to be held May 24, 1900, and ask your support.

To My Fellow-citizens: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of City Sergeant, and respectfully solicit your votes and assistance, and promise if elected to discharge the duties faithfully. Election Thursday, May 24, 1900.

To My Fellow Citizens of Frederickburg: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of City Sergeant and respectfully solicit your votes and assistance, and promise if elected to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Very truly, E. A. SOLAN, Election May 24, 1900.

Having qualified as executor of estate of Nicholas Farmer, I hereby give notice to all parties owing this estate to make settlement with me, and all parties having claims against said estate to present them to me properly authenticated for settlement.

SEED LANDRETH'S. The Best on the market. A trial convinces. Price 25c each.

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