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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1900.

Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.
Light changeable and north-east winds.

CASTING STONES.
In his category of reasons for supporting McKinley Mr. John Skelton Williams gives this as one:

"I represent 10,000 employed men of the best class of American citizens with \$100,000,000 of invested capital, and I feel my responsibility to both. The same conditions that give my stockholders and bondholders their dividends and interest give the working-man their wages. In voting for President McKinley I shall feel that I am doing my part as an American citizen to defend the interests of men and money."

And herein lies the true reason why nearly every man of wealth and great business prominence is doing likewise in this election. It is not so much the welfare of the Republic, nor the good of the people at large as it is a matter of personal financial protection or gain. It may not be the case with Mr. Williams, but there are numerous cases come to light within a few days past where for these same reasons the employers will seek to coerce the employed. Mr. Williams himself is one of the employed in a little higher sense, and it is barely possible that he is promulgating sentiments which have been instilled into him by those whom he represents.

We have a high regard for the energetic young Virginia railroad president, and we do not and will not draw a more invidious comparison; so we drop his connection in this line right here. But the foregoing ends to other thoughts. We of the South have become hardened to the taunts and execrations of Northerners about the negroes not having a free ballot, or the inducement with a shot-gun, or by way of practical persuasion, to vote the Democratic ticket or remain away from the polls, while at the same time our accusers are oblivious of the fact that one of their own race (the white laborer), who is higher in the social scale than the colored laborer, is being coerced with just as formidable a weapon—threat of starvation. And this is done, not by the sanction of law, it is true, but under the wink of the law, and with far more effect than any intimidation or shot-gun policy which is charged to the South. Today in Virginia we do not hesitate to say with sincerity and credence in its belief that fully ninety per cent. of colored servants, some of whom are sentimental but costly legacies of the old slave days, vote in direct opposition to the sentiments of their employers, and not one word or act is spoken or done to coerce them into voting otherwise. It is a rare thing to find a colored servant, who has been the ward of the household it may be ever since ante-bellum days, or who has grown up almost as one of the family who does not invariably cast his vote in opposition to the party to which his former master belongs. And cases have come under our observation where such an one has even voted against his old master who may have been the Democratic candidate for some office.

This ingratitude is rarely if ever punished by dismissal from service. And yet the blatherers of the North and papers of the Dana stripe keep standing headlines of political outrages in the South! THE FREE LANCE does not desire to defend the perpetrators of any political crime in this State or other Southern States, but the disgust with which we see the Pharisaical enormities heaped upon themselves by our brothers of the North for their clean hands in political matters and the anathemas with which they breathe a Southern's name periodically every two years, if not oftener, in our humble opinion, the greatest lever which keeps the Democratic ball in its socket and prevents a division based upon judgment and convictions. Not until they see that this is the case will the Republican party receive the portion of Southern estate which should be its heritage.

Efforts on the part of Virginia stump speakers to "strut up the animals" have so far resulted in little more than profane perspiration.—Richmond Times.

This is pretty rough on the flaming galaxy of speakers to which the esteemed Times and other Virginia papers have almost daily for weeks been devoting one or two columns; but a little rougher, however, on the "dear people" who, all the same, do not seem over anxious to be stirred up. But in all seriousness, the long list of Democratic speakers in Virginia for this campaign has been a subject of much comment. The attitude of the opposition hardly called for it, for, with the exception of two or three districts, the Republicans are offering practically no opposition. Of course the services of prominent speakers and leading politicians are always

demanded, possibly as a test of party fealty, but the scores of small fry cannot offer this as an excuse; the public would not give much thought to whether they were "whooping it up" or not. The only deduction, then, is that these little fellows want to get into prominence, and are assiduously, though quietly, putting in two weeks for themselves where they deliver one for the party.

There is said to be a provision in the Constitution of Oregon which prevents negroes and mulattoes from entering the State for the purpose of owning property there. The law is, we think, unjust and it is doubtful that such discrimination would stand the test in the Supreme Court of the United States. We can see no reason why the colored man should be forbidden by law to acquire property in any of the States; and if the law will "hold water," then it follows that the negro is not a free citizen in the eyes of the law—his rights being abridged in distinction with those of the white man.

"POTATO" PISUREK had better lay in a good supply of the tubers. Winter will set in on November 7th, and it promises to be a hard one on disgruntled politicians.

The progressive, up-to-date citizen with a head on his shoulders values time too highly to be continually diagnosing the antiquated ideas of the chronic croaker.

SHAKESPEARE evidently had no conception of ballot laws. Otherwise, he would never have propounded the question, "What's in a name?"

The candidates who failed to report their cognomen in time may discover that procrastination is the thief of honor as well as of time.

The writers of fiction might discover some profitable plots by turning their imaginary x-rays on the tail-end of the campaign.

MR. HANNA and Chairman Jones are equally anxious to win the campaign coaching pennant.

SOME of the campaign orators have run up against several incurable interjection points.

FROM the number of bank peculations it appears that the directors don't always direct.

IT NOW appears that the Rockefeller financial trust will prevent Mr. Alvord from voting.

AND, yet, none of the campaign bets have reached the "ratio" of "16 to 1."

DEMOCRATS are disposed to accept large wagers at 5 to 1 on McKinley.

IT is now claimed that Illinois is the pivotal State and that he who gets her 34 votes will be the next President.

EX-President Cleveland is reported to have predicted a landslide for Bryan. The ex-President denies the report.

IT is stated that the convention question may cause Congressman Kline's defeat in the Ninth District.

HON. W. J. BRYAN is now speaking in Ohio. He broke the record Monday by making 29 speeches in one day in New York.

HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN made 30 speeches in New York State Monday. Gov. Roosevelt was speaking in the same State.

WHEN Gov. Roosevelt finishes his trip Saturday next he will have made 250 speeches as scheduled, and will have traveled over 30,000 miles.

EXECUTIVE Chairman James K. McCreery, of the Democratic State committee, of New York, claims 50,000 majority in that State for Bryan.

ACCOUNTS.
Jones and Montague Address an Audience in the Court-house—Stubs and Coles Speak on the Court Green.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance)
Accomack, Va., Oct. 29, 1900.
This was a gala day in politics for the county of Accomack. Many of the sovereigns had assembled in the hope of hearing a joint discussion, but in this they were disappointed.

The Democratic speakers present were Hon. Wm. A. Jones and Attorney-General Montague, while the Republicans were represented by Hon. Jas. M. Stubs, candidate for Congress, and Hon. Malcolm A. Coles, of Northampton county.

The Republicans asked for a division of time and made the following proposition: Stubs to open in 30 minutes; Jones to follow in 1 hour; Coles to follow in 1 hour, and Montague to close the discussion in 1 hour.

The Democrats declined to divide time on any terms, and spoke to their crowd in the court-house. Montague, Stubs and Coles addressed a much larger crowd which assembled on the court green. Mr. Coles opened with a speech of one hour and a half in which he freely and clearly expounded his views on the present campaign. He was frequently applauded and evidently made a strong impression upon the voters as a clever debater.

Mr. Stubs spoke for about 45 minutes and severely arraigned Mr. Jones for his lack of service to the people of the district, and said that it was impossible for Mr. Jones to accomplish any good results since he was not in sympathy with the Administration and not even in accord with his own party in Congress.

Mr. Jones discussed trusts and imperialism principally, but made little or no reference to slavery. Mr. Montague made a good impression having an effusive trust in which Hanna, Quay and Platt were the chief antagonists. He said nothing about the status of this matter in Virginia, however.

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KING GEORGE.
New Residence—Personal Notes, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance)
King George O. H., Va., Oct. 30.
Mrs. Dickinson and daughter, Miss Dickinson, of "Moss Neck," Caroline county, who have been visiting Mrs. Ada Smith, at "Adelbert," have returned.

Mr. Harlan Page has just completed the building of a handsome dwelling, with all modern improvements, for Mr. Ira F. Gray on his farm, "Lonest Hill." Miss Dora Hoop, of "Lauderdale," who has been visiting friends in Fredericksburg, has returned.

Miss Kate Nettell Doggett, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Miss Eva P. Taylor, at "Powhatan," who has been visiting friends in Washington and Alexandria, has returned to "Cedar Grove."

The Board of Supervisors will meet at King George Court-house on Friday, November 3rd.

The explosion at "Indian Head" on the night of the 24th inst. rattled the doors and windows in our village, not to mention the inmates, to a considerable degree.

Mr. Wm. Oxton who has been visiting friends in King George, has gone to Westmoreland, where she will visit relatives.

Mr. Horace Fitzhugh, who holds a prominent position on the Erie R. R. in New York, and who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Fitzhugh, at "Beaufort," has returned.

Miss Clara Fitzhugh, daughter of Col. Henry S. Fitzhugh, of "Clarence," is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eugene Stuart, of New York City.

Rev. B. T. Turner, rector of the P. E. Church in the county, is visiting friends in Richmond, Va.

Miss Kate O. Rose, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Brown at "Beesobol," in Westmoreland county, has returned.

GENERAL NEWS.
Numbers of Boer women have been imprisoned by the British at Bloemfontein.

ORANGE.
Political Speaking and Flag Raising—B. F. Hawkins Taken to the Orange Court-house—Sickness, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance)
Unionville, Va., Oct. 30, 1900.
Yesterday marked the most interesting day the Republicans have had in this campaign, so far as Unionville and surrounding country is concerned. It was in fact a gala day, so far as the raising of a flag, as a flag raising was indulged in with a large banner attached, and today it floats magnificently on the breeze of this beautiful October weather.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.
A new postoffice has been established at Cooby, Orange county John E. Tindler is postmaster.

Mr. Lewis Taylor, one of London's most venerable citizens, died at his home near Pareovilla, aged 88 years.

The Warrenton Hunt Club will begin regular drags on Friday Nov. 2nd and follow that up on every Tuesday and Friday.

Revenue officers made a raid in Madison county recently and captured the still and outfit of H. Lillard and took it to Madison O. H.

Gov. Tyler designated Judge O. O. Gwatney, of King William, to hold the November term of the County Court of King and Queen, vice Hon. J. G. Dew, resigned.

Faustner, London and Rappahannock shippers of fat cattle to Beaufort, Va., about being compelled to sell their stock to buyers rainously below published quotations.

The Home for Needy Confederate Women was formally opened at Richmond Tuesday. Gov. Tyler made the principal address. The institution will be dedicated Sunday.

Col. R. J. Washington, who has been at Garfield Hospital, in Washington, in Westmoreland county, has returned to his home. His health has not much improved.

Gen. Thomas L. Rosser has resigned as commander of John E. Brown's Virginia Confederate Veterans of Charlottesville, being disatisfied with the action of the Grand Camp at Staunton recently.

Major Charles Hine, of Fairfax county, has resigned his position as expert under the Interstate Commission to accept the position of master of transportation on the Chicago and Alton Railroad.

The death of Cuba of Capt. Fred Page, of yellow fever, has been reported. Capt. Page married Miss Sarah Byrd, a daughter of Capt. A. M. Chichester, of Lenoirburg, who is now with relatives in Fauquier county.

Paris Williams and Oscar Bowler, colored, under arrest in Alexandria on the charge of being parties to the shooting and robbing of Wm. Brown, colored, at Colgate, Va., Sunday last, will be sent to Culpeper for trial.

A Tear for a Pain
Only expectant mothers, or those who have borne children, know the full meaning of these words.
Every woman should tell every other woman about "MOTHER'S FRIEND" for it wonderfully relieves the distresses of all women in childbirth. There is nothing like it.
J. H. & M. CO., of Hudson, N. C., says: "This medicine is the best I have ever used for the relief of all the pains of pregnancy, and it is the only one that I can recommend to all women." It is a wonderful relief for all the pains of pregnancy, and it is the only one that I can recommend to all women.
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THE RAPPAHANNOCK VALLEY.
Its Trade Bought After—Norfolk Will Probably Co-operate in Securing Direct Line From Here.

The Journal of Commerce has several times called the attention of the merchants of Norfolk to the value of the trade of the Rappahannock Valley, and has urged them to make every effort to get in touch with the merchants and farmers of this rich section, being fully aware that we would be met more than half way by the Rappahannock people, who desire to trade with us. The president of the Board of Trade, a few days ago a letter from the Board of Trade of Fredericksburg asking Norfolk to co-operate with them in establishing a line of steamers from their city to this port. They propose to run a steamship from Fredericksburg to Tappahannock, and desire that Norfolk shall arrange for a steamer to make connection with it from this city. The communication was referred to a committee of merchants, who have not yet made their report. The plan appears to be perfectly practicable, and if we ever expect to capture the trade of this section now in the time. At present ninety per cent. of the products of the Valley go to Baltimore where the merchants buy their goods. We should by all means make an effort to establish this line.

We call attention to the fact that eight months ago we urged the merchants of Norfolk to establish a line of steamers to the West Indies. We pointed out that the most far-seeing business men and shippers were of the opinion that there would be big money in such an enterprise. Gentlemen with the necessary money and enterprise put on one steamer and found that it paid. They are now running three steamers between Norfolk and Kingston and other tropical ports, and have all the business they can handle.

The Rappahannock Valley promises much more to this city, and is only waiting for an honest, fair chance to show what it can do. The Weems Line now runs a steamer to Tappahannock which leaves Norfolk every Saturday. An easy solution of the matter, it appears to us, would be for this line to change its schedule so as to connect with the proposed steamer from Fredericksburg and all that the Boards of Trade of the two cities desire would be accomplished. Or else they should run the steamer West to Fredericksburg on a schedule convenient to passengers and freight.

This matter is worthy of the attention of the Norfolk Board of Trade—Norfolk Journal of Commerce.

Charles Radd, engineer of Southern passenger train No. 13, was struck and instantly killed by a mail crane while leaving out near Manassas. Engineer Radd had been in the employ of the company as engineer for twenty years.

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Temper, Leisure and Energy by the housekeeper who neglected to use
GOLD DUST
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VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
—IN—
STAFFORD COUNTY

In pursuance of a decree entered October 1st, 1900, in the Circuit Court of Stafford county in the case of BULLARD vs. LITTLE, Trustee, et al., I will offer for sale at public auction on

DEC. 1st, 1900, AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.
of that day in front of the place of business of Mr. James Rouse, on Princess Anne street, Fredericksburg, Va., the valuable farm situated on the Rappahannock River, in Stafford County, formerly owned by the Seddons, known as "SNOWDON," containing 500 acres, more or less, and adjoining the lands of R. E. Graves, Thomas E. Franklin and others.

The above is a fertile farm in a high state of cultivation.

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Cash or to first \$20,000, costs of suit and expenses of sale. A credit of 12 months will be given as to balance, which will be secured by deed of trust or retention of title.
G. B. WALLACE,
Special Com'r.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Stafford County, Va.,
Robt. Bullard, Plaintiff,
vs.
W. A. Little, Tr. et al., Defendant.

I, O. A. Bryan, Clerk of the said Court, certify that the bond required by the Special Commissioner by the decree rendered in said cause on the 1st day of Oct. 1900, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as Clerk of the said Court, this 3rd day of October, 1900.
O. A. BRYAN, Clerk.
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MARRIAGES.
Licensed to marry in Washington—William Gordon and Arizona H. Leeb, both of Fairfax county.

At the Methodist parsonage in Fredericksburg, Sunday night, Philip J. Hudson and Miss Lucy E. Lee were united in marriage.

Miss Elms Jennings and Mr. Jack Burke, both of Spotsylvania county, left yesterday morning for Washington to be married.

Miss Ida V. Stephens of Spotsylvania county, went to Washington Tuesday, where she was married that afternoon to Mr. W. W. McDonchie, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. McDonchie left at once for Philadelphia, where they will reside.

Miss Laura Rollins Payne, and Dr. Charles S. Mangum, of the University of North Carolina, were married Friday night in Washington. The maid of honor was Miss Julia Barry of Warrenton, Mr. Eppa Hutton, of Warrenton, was one of the ushers.

At Williamsburg, Va., Rev. W. T. Roberts officiated in marriage, J. P. Wynn, a full-blooded Pamunkey Indian, and a white woman named Miss Ida May Long. The bride is said to be the daughter of a respectable farmer living in Caroline county.

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