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PRESIDENT TAFT UNMOVED

Whether or not we agree with President Taft in his reciprocity program it cannot be denied that he has the courage of his convictions as to this matter and that he is not allowing any political considerations to influence him in the stand he has taken. In fact the President has shown up to better advantage in this instance than at any other time during his administration and has demonstrated to the country that he has both courage and determination. He has ceased to be the politician which he was when he declared the Payne-Aldrich law the best tariff ever enacted in this country and has become the President in fact as well as in name. His firm reply to the delegation of Grangers who...

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Grangers can best promote the farmers, whom they claim to represent, by withdrawing their opposition to the reciprocity agreement and leading the weight of any influence they may possess towards securing the passage of the so-called Farmer's Free List bill by the Senate.

In this latter measure lies the relief of the farmer from the high prices he claims to have to pay for agricultural supplies and given this relief he need not fear competition from Canada or any other part of the world. Mr. Taft may not be helping himself particularly by his firm stand, but he is most assuredly raising himself in the estimation of the people generally.

THE ASSEMBLY HOME AND SCHOOL

We are pleased to learn that the prospects are rather bright for this enterprise and that it is now thought by those in a position to know, that there will not be any radical changes in the management or in the curriculum and conduct of this school. We trust this may be so and that nothing will be done at the coming General Assembly of the Presbyterian church to militate against the usefulness and efficiency of the Home and School here, which has been and is now such a beautiful and splendid work of this great church, in that it cares for the widows and orphans of its ministers and missionaries and gives them a harbor of refuge when the days are dark and uninviting to them. We hope that wise, conservative action will be had in the councils of the general assembly and that the recent action of the committee may do no hurt and harm to this enterprise, but will rather result in a blessing to it.

DOWN IN NORFOLK COUNTY, WHERE SOMETHING IS ALWAYS DOING AND WHERE HORSE RACING AND POLITICS VIE WITH EACH OTHER IN THE PUBLIC EYE, A NEW MOVEMENT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO BREAK UP THE UNHOLY COLLISSION BETWEEN REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTY LEADERS. WE WISH IT SUCCESS BUT WITHOUT MUCH HOPE.

FREDERICKSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

The News expresses the sincere hope that the Fredericksburg Normal School will more than fulfill the brightest expectations indulged in by those who have labored and toiled for its establishment and maintenance. It is an ideal location for such a school. Situated at the point of junction of Tidewater and Piedmont, it will gather to itself the best of the flower of those to whom its advantages appeal. Fredericksburg is a very healthy city. Moreover it is a city which is an inspiring city. The fact that the Normal will be conducted under the auspices of Prof. Russell adds much to the promise of success. Prof. Russell was for a long time school inspector for this district, and by the urbanity of his manners, his pleasing address as a speaker, his thoroughness and efficiency as an official, and his high character as a man made himself deservedly popular. Altogether the prospect for the Fredericksburg Normal is bright and if it does not prove a success the News will much be surprised.—Northern Neck News.

ATTRACTIVE TRIPS

M., D. & Va., and B. & O. Railroad Co. Summer Vacation Resorts. The Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries is the subject of the attractive illustrated booklet "Summer Vacation Resorts in the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries" which is being distributed in glowing words the opportunities of tourists for healthful recreation at bay and river resorts along the lines of these companies.

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THE JONES-CURTIS-CARDWELL CONTROVERSY

Statements from R. Carter Wellford and J. W. Curran, Jr., of Warsaw, and corroborative note from T. A. Jett, of Northumberland, in reference to the lobbying charge made by Representative W. A. Jones in his Richmond speech have been received by the Times-Dispatch from Mr. Jones. The Congressman says he thinks these statements completely cover and abundantly justify what was said by him in relation to the introduction in the Legislature of a bill seriously affecting one of Virginia's great industries.

JONES' BITTER ARRANGMENT

Charges Martin With Being Friend of "Special Interests."

In an address of two hours' length at Williamsburg Saturday night, Congressman W. A. Jones renewed his attack upon Senator Martin's tariff record. He also denounced his corporation activity and his attitude toward the passage of legislation in favor of the great railroad companies and against the interests of the people. Mr. Jones' address was along the same general line of the one delivered in Richmond, but he went more into detail in discussing Senator Martin's votes for a tariff on lumber, accusing him of having betrayed the Democratic party and its platform, as well as the people, in his votes for Alrich.

FEDERAL TROOPS DESERT

Then the captains and minor officers began to desert. The soldiers followed the example, and Navarro was forced to retire with his men in a body to keep them all from leaving him. From place to place the rebels moved, retreating slowly as the rebels drew them back to the rear. Tuesday night and Wednesday morning the federals occupied the church in the town of Warsaw, Va., and were in the act of organizing a new force of 100 men. The following are the affidavits of Messrs. R. Carter Wellford, of Richmond county, and T. A. Jett, of Northumberland county, in reference to charges against Messrs. Curtis and Cardwell brought by Congressman Jones in his Richmond speech.

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LETTER FROM MR. A. B. CHANDLER

Some Thoughts for the Democrats of Caroline.

Doubling Green, Va., May 12. To The Free Lance: Since the Democratic primary plan only provides plans whereby the voters say, at their voting precincts express their choice between men who have announced themselves as candidates for office, and makes no provision for an assembly of the people for consultation, and the expression of their views on matters of public concern, a serious question, I think, there are some matters, it seems to me, of vital interest to the people, which I undertake herein to call their attention to, with the hope that these things may interest them sufficiently to induce in some authoritative manner the views of those of their fellow-citizens who are or may become candidates for public office, both State and national.

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