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The last Legislature authorized Washington county to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the improvement of her public roads.

We want to elect the United States senators by direct vote of the people, therefore we are in favor of the constitutional convention.

The only way to ever secure the repeal of the present election law is by a constitutional convention. The bosses have such a grip on the present machinery that it is impossible to do anything.

Beware of using the personal pronoun "I" too freely in your talk when you are talking in a room full of people, says the Ladies Home Journal. Egotists are often amusing and entertaining, but as often they are very much out of order.

Of course the railroads are opposed to the proposed constitutional convention. As it is they have pretty much everything their own way, but by the time the convention gets through with its work things may be different.

The republican state convention in session at Norfolk last week, elected as delegates at large to the national convention, Gen. James A. Walker, Col. James D. Brady, Park Agnew and S. Brown Allen. Hon. Park Agnew was re-elected state chairman. They opposed calling a constitutional convention.

When the "lame lion" of Lynchburg takes the floor at the Norfolk convention in advocacy of the constitutional convention, it will have great weight. John Daniel is the idol of Virginians, and every one knows that he would not advocate anything detrimental to the interest of Virginia.

The Virginia Press Association will meet at Old Point or Virginia Beach, July 10th, next. The following gentlemen will be invited to address the association: Hon. Henry Watterson, Colonel C. O. B. Coward, Senator John W. Daniel and the Hon. Carter Glass. Miss Bertha Gray Robinson, assistant editor of the Orange Observer, is the historian of the association and will read a paper at this meeting.

Good authorities declare that the cause of the deficit in postal revenues is due, not to second-class mail matter, but to the extravagant prices paid under all administrations to the railroads for carrying the mails. The railroads charge the government from 25 to 50 per cent more than they charge express companies, and they grant no better facilities in return. The rates of hire for post-office rail way cars are something enormous.

In a bulletin issued by the Agricultural Department on the feeding of farm animals, it is stated that experiments in feeding steamed cotton seed to cows are reported by the Mississippi Station. The station concludes from three years' work that the "milk and butter from cows fed on steamed seed cost less than that from cows fed on raw cotton seed, and but little more than one-half as much as that from cows fed on cotton seed meal. The butter from steamed cotton seed is superior in quality to that from either raw seed or cotton seed meal." The Texas Station finds it advantageous to boil cotton-seed for steers.

Congress is considering the advisability of authorizing a general medal for presentation to all of our sailors who took part in the great events of the Spanish war, in place of separate medals, commemorating different acts. The Santiago medal provided for by Congress would be a deserved memorial, but the Manila victory has an equal, and some may think a superior claim. If separate medals are to be struck, the Oregon and its great run

from the Pacific to the Caribbean around Cape Horn should not be forgotten, and Hobson's exploit of sinking the Merrimac is well worthy of the medallist's art.

The president has approved an act of Congress directing the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate for the purchase of the Mammoth Tree Grove and South Park Grove of Big Trees, species of Sequoia gigantea, located in Calaveras county, California, which are now held in private ownership. The trees of these groves constitute the largest collection and probably the finest specimens of the same in the world, and the owner contemplates felling them for the lumber at an early date unless sold to the government.

The House Committee on Post-Offices, which has been examining into the charge that polygamists were appointed to office in Utah by the President has reported against the taking of any present action by the House. The report says that the charges were filed at a time when the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General was receiving 17,000 letters a day, and that they were consequently overlooked. One of the postmasters under consideration is now a fugitive from justice, while the other is under indictment for polygamy, and the committee thinks that no action should be taken until the courts have acted on his case.

SNIPS.

One way to have a hard time is to be forever hunting a soft place.—Greenville (Tenn.) Times.

The Dewey boom is not so much as a respectable sky-rocket, there being not even a stick to come down.—Polaski News Review.

Admiral Dewey says the only man he ever wanted to vote for was Grover Cleveland, and possibly Mr. Cleveland is the only man that wants to vote for Dewey.—Bluefield Telegraph.

General Pridemore returned from Louisville Sunday morning. He is not a well man by a good deal, but is much better than when he left for treatment.—Jonesville Virginian.

If Great Britain went to war with Russia, for instance, and fell into as many traps as she has fallen in the South African war, can anyone tell us just how serious her predicament would be?—Greenville (Tenn.) Democrat.

A flock of Angora goats numbering 2,900, belonging to Tatti Bros., of New Mexico, recently sustained a loss of 1,900 head in an attempt to cross a canyon which was filled with a snow drift. Of the number killed, seventy-five were imported bucks, recently purchased, at \$100 per head.—Farm, Furnace and Factory.

Coal has been so scarce and so high that we've been using our scuttle as a water bucket. If ice don't go up too many points, its likely that we'll convert our stove into a refrigerator. An editor can't indulge in the luxuries of life these days; and coal has been one of them this winter, and don't you forget it.—Bristol Herald.

A gentleman with journalistic aspirations is negotiating with this office to publish a monthly newspaper, which is to be known as the "Hot Rag." As its name applies, it will be a hot number. The paper is to be non-political and non-sectarian, but will deal with all parties and people alike. Its policy will be to call a spade a spade, and the prospective editor says he will fill it up with good reading, and that he won't have to go outside of the belt line either to get his notes.—Middlesboro News.

Under the law the following pay will be allowed the census enumerators: Two cents for each name recorded, and fifty cents for each farm visited. The county districts, on an average, contain from 1,500 to 1,800 persons, and the city districts from 1,300 to 2,000. No enumerator is permitted to have a district con-

SCOTT'S EMULSION. A food medicine for the baby that is thin and not well nourished and for the mother whose milk does not nourish the baby. It is equally good for the boy or girl who is thin and pale and not well nourished by their food; also for the anemic or consumptive adult that is losing flesh and strength. In fact, for all conditions of wasting, it is the food medicine that will nourish and build up the body and give new life and energy when all other means fail. Should be taken in summer as well as winter. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

"Only the First Step is Difficult."

The first step in Spring should be to cleanse Nature's house from Winter's accumulations. Hood's Sarsaparilla does this work easily. It is America's Greatest Spring Medicine. It purifies the blood, as millions of people say.

It makes the weak strong, as nervous men and women gladly testify. It cures all blood diseases, as thousands of cured voluntarily write. It is just the medicine for you, as you will gladly say after you have given it a fair trial.

Bad Blood.—"Although past 70 years of age I am thoroughly well. It was three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla that made me so after spending over \$60 in medical attendance. My trouble was a raw sore on my ankle." Mrs. LUCIA MASON, Court Street, Lowell, Mass.

Running Sores.—"After worrying four months I gave my children Hood's Sarsaparilla and it cured them of running sores. Hood's Pills cured me of dyspepsia and constipation." Mrs. KATE E. THOMAS, 31 Governor St., Annapolis, Md.

Consumptive Cough.—"Five years ago I had a consumptive cough which reduced me to a skeleton. Was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did and recovered normal health. I have been well ever since." MRS. KATE E. THOMAS, Cor. Pearl and Chestnut Sts., Jeffersonville, Ind.



Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, non-gratifying and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

taining over 2,000 persons. An average days work will be 100 names, although some may double that.—Exchange.

W. H. Tharp, President of the Southwest Virginia Institute, filed a deed of assignment this morning in the clerk's office of Bristol, Virginia, naming Prof. Ernest Morse as Trustee. The assignment is without preference and gives up all property of every character to creditors. The Trustee is empowered to continue the school for the remainder of the current session, so as to carry out contracts with patrons and preserve as much of the assets as possible for the creditors. A list of the creditors is set out in the deed, and the indebtedness aggregates something like \$8,000.00. There are a number of creditors in Bristol.—Bristol News, April 11.

At the Norfolk convention Col. C. Slemph, the old gray eagle from the county of Wise, placed General Walker in nomination for delegate-at-large, thus burying the hatchet which has existed between them for so many years.—Bristol Courier.

Judge J. H. Stuart, of Tazewell, has delivered to Sheriff Smith a venire facias from Wise county calling for twenty-four citizens of Russell to present themselves at the Wise county court to render verdict in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Wax and Wampler. The latter, it will be recalled, killed Jenkins.—Lebanon Outlook.

The two most interesting trials known in Virginia for many years will be those of Rev. Mr. Riddick, in Brunswick, for killing Dr. Temple, and A. C. Galligan, in Isle of Wight, for the killing of C. Beverly Turner. In both cases the evidence of ladies is expected to prove important. The cases come up at the May term of the courts of the counties in which the tragedies occurred.—Orange Observer.

Greenville issued no papers last week, owing to the death of D. K. Lyons, a prominent merchant of Green county. It will not be understood by the general public why the decease of one man should so effect the whole press of a county until they are told that all the Greenville papers are edited and published by the members of one family. This is a state of affairs which is, perhaps, unparalleled in the history of journalism. The papers are not alike in politics or policy. Two are democratic and two are republican, and they are conducted by four brothers. All are sons of J. B. Lyons, who was among the early newspaper men of this section, and who established the Greenville Republican.—Rogersville Herald.

The Henrico Convention.

The following from the esteemed Richmond Times is worth reading and reflecting over:

The Democrats of Henrico county will assemble in mass-meeting to-day to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which meets in Norfolk in May. We believe that on the action of that convention depends very largely the fate of the Democratic party of Virginia. We know that a large number of Democrats throughout the length and breadth of Virginia are heartily sick of election methods and machine rule in Virginia, and in order to a reform they want to see the negro question removed from State politics. There is but one way to accomplish this and that is through a constitutional convention.

It is contended by many that the Norfolk convention will determine the question whether or not there shall be a constitutional convention. It is a foregone conclusion that if it be made a party measure, it will succeed, but many believe that if the convention to be held in Norfolk shall decide that it is inexpedient at this time to call a constitutional convention, the proposition to hold such a convention will be defeated. But in our candid opinion it will be a bad day both for the state of Virginia and the Democratic party of Virginia if the Democrats in convention shall turn their backs on the constitutional convention movement. Our whole election system needs to be reformed, but it will not be reformed so long as the negro is a factor in our state politics. Remove the negro and the rest is simple. We, therefore, urge upon the Democrats of Henrico to go out to the meeting, which shall be held today, and elect as delegates to the Norfolk convention such men as have the welfare of Virginia at heart, and

who will fairly represent the intelligence and patriotism of the county.

It is high time the people of Virginia were throwing off the yoke which has bound them, for lo, these many years. We note with pleasure that the Southwest is practically solid for a constitutional convention. We have been catering too long to the eastern portion of Virginia, and as the Southwest is now by far the wealthiest and most progressive section of the state it is time to assert her rights. We should repeal the present election law because it is undemocratic, and the Democrats out here don't want any more of it.

We will also probably provide for the election of U. S. senators by direct vote of the people, and incidentally make several other changes. John W. Daniel is heartily in favor of it and will advocate it in the convention.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup stop that tickling in the throat. This reliable remedy always at once irritations of the throat, sore throat, hoarseness and other bronchial affections.

Magnitude of the Carnegie Ore Mines.

It is estimated at a rough guess that the Carnegie interests represent about \$500,000,000. When it is realized that the company owns one-fourth of all the ore territory in the northwest and Lake Superior region, these figures are certainly not too high, if high enough. From authoritative sources comes the information that besides the territory which is being mined, there are still 28,000 acres of undeveloped land owned by the Carnegies. The output at the present time is enormous. The very latest appliances are now in use. With the mining possessions are linked the lake transportation facilities, supplied by a fleet of steamers which ply between the distant ports with the regularity of passenger boats. The ore mines of the Carnegie company have proven a valuable factor in outdistancing competition, it is claimed by those in position to know the facts, and for this very reason, it is added, the Carnegies refused to enter the "consolidation" which embraces almost every other concern in their line.

The Foundation of the Carnegie.

When Mr. Carnegie was thirty years of age he began his career as an iron and steel manufacturer. He built bridges, made steel rails, furnished the Government with its armor plate, in due succession. Natural things did not spring forward as if by magic or of their own accord. Hard work, shrewd guessing, driving bargains which always attempted to be fair—these combined produced the result attained. In the distant Northwest he saw the great deposits of ore awaiting capital to mine it. He dug deep into the mountain sides, brought forth the fundamental ingredient of shining steel, and through the masterful converting processes which he now obtained Andrew Carnegie laid the real foundation for his colossal fortune of \$250,000,000 or more. He went into the railroad business as well; connected distant mines with harbor facilities for shipment; he built steamers to carry the rude product to his mills in the heart of the Keystone State.—Review of Reviews.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures whooping-cough and measles' cough. This wonderful remedy will save the children from many a distressing coughing spell and soon effect a cure.

A ROMANCE OF SCOTT COUNTY.

Brought to Light in Pardon Issued by Gov. Tyler.

Wife Slew Her Own Brother, But Her Husband was Held Guilty of Murder and Fleed the Country.

Governor J. Hoge Tyler Thursday restored the rights of Connolly Fields, who for sixteen years bore the stigma of a crime which he had not committed, but for that period was, in the eye of the law, the slayer of one W. A. Scott, a fugitive, and convicted by a judgment of outlawry. After murder was committed Fields fled from Scott county, the scene of the crime, and it is said, has since become a prosperous farmer in one of the western states. The charge against him was never pressed, and evidence has since been submitted which proves conclusively that Mrs. Fields slew the victim, her own brother. She had stabbed him to the heart with a pair of scissors.

The murdered man was Mrs. Connolly Fields' brother. Bad blood existed between the Fields and the Scotts, and W. A. Scott was forbidden to trespass on the lands owned by Fields. One day, in October, 1883, Scott, accompanied by a brother, of Fields, who was working for Scott, attempted to pass through a portion of Connolly Fields' property. They were met at a fence by Connolly Fields and his wife and ordered

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RHEUMATISM

Is due to an acid poison which gains access to the blood through failure of the proper organs to carry off and keep the system clear of all morbid, effete matter. This poison through the general circulation is deposited in the joints, muscles and nerves, causing the most distressing and severe form of rheumatism.



Rheumatism may attack with such suddenness and severity as to make within a few days an active person helpless and bed-ridden, and just severe enough to make one feel uncomfortable, but developing, with slight wandering pains, and finally become chronic.

Like other blood diseases, Rheumatism is often inherited, and exposure to damp cold, wet, food, insufficient clothing, or anything calculated to impair the health, will frequently cause it in early life, but more often not until middle age or later. In whatever form, whether acute or chronic, Rheumatism is Strictly a Blood Disease.

A remedy which builds up the general health and at the same time rids the system of the acid and no liniment or other external treatment can reach the trouble. Neither do the preparations of mercury and the various mineral salts, which the doctors always prescribe, cure Rheumatism, ruin the digestion and break down the constitution.

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Dr. J. O. Malley, 121 W. 12th Street, Indianapolis, Ind., for eighteen months was terribly afflicted with Rheumatism. He was unable to feed or dress himself. Doctors said his case was hopeless. He had tried fifty-two prescriptions that friends had given him, without the slightest relief. A few bottles of S. S. S. cured him permanently, and he has never had a rheumatic pain since. This was five years ago.

We will send free our special book on Rheumatism, which should be in the hands of every sufferer from this torturing disease. Our physicians have made blood and skin diseases a life study, and will give you any information or advice wanted, so write them fully and freely about your case. We make no charge whatever for this service. Address, SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

to keep off the lands. A dispute followed. Connolly Fields, fearing trouble, walked away from the others, who were engaged in a war of words. Mrs. Fields refused to grant the permission to enter on the lands. She had Fields summoned to her aid, but finally Scott and his companion left, and going around the farm attempted to enter by another way.

Here they were again met by Fields and his wife. The dispute followed and then a fight. Fields was severely beaten by his brother-in-law, Scott, who used a fence rail as a weapon. Finally Scott was forced to desist, and Fields ran. Then Mrs. Fields took part, and a free fight among the three, Mrs. Fields, her brother, Scott, and brother-in-law, Fields, resulted. In the melee Scott was stabbed to the heart, and died a few minutes after the wound was inflicted.

Connolly Fields immediately surrendered himself to the authorities, but after a preliminary hearing was bailed out of prison. The brothers of Scott determined to avenge their brother's murder. They sought Fields' life. Fields left the country and was not followed.

For a year or so Mrs. Fields lived on the place. Then she became infatuated with another man. Finally Mrs. Fields went to the house of her lover and attempted to murder his wife. The bullet, however, did not penetrate a vital part. Mrs. Fields was tried, convicted, and sentenced to a term of five years in the Virginia penitentiary. She served part of her time, but was pardoned on account of poor health, by Governor O'Ferrall. Ten days after her liberation she died of consumption.

In the meantime, Connolly Fields had been declared an outlaw. He had found a domicile in the far west and fortune smiled on his efforts. His friends, however, had been at work, and produced evidence which finally secured for him the restoration of his rights. He has been declared innocent of slaying W. A. Scott, his brother-in-law.

The case is one unique in Virginia annals, similar action in a like case having never been taken.—Richmond Times.

"Never quit certainty for hope." Never take a medicine of doubtful value instead of Hood's Sarsaparilla which is sure to do you good.

FROM STONEGA. Stonega, Va., April 18.—Wm. Straw, who got burned in the tippie fire on the 6th inst., died on Thursday morning, 12th inst., at 2 o'clock. His remains were taken to Connelville, Pa., for interment, leaving here on Thursday evening. The funeral escort, who accompanied the widow on this sad journey, were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wiant and Chas. G. Duffy. Three floral tributes were ordered by telegraph from the Connelville florist to be ready when the funeral party arrived there. The K. of P., the L. O. O. F., and private friends here were the donors of the flowers. Mr. Straw came here with Supt. John A. Esser about four years ago. He was master mechanic and made this his home. He leaves a widow and two children (boys) to mourn their loss. He carried about \$2,000 life insurance.

On Monday morning, at 4 o'clock, when the occupants of block No. 220 and 221 were sound asleep a fire broke out in the upper of No. 221 and destroyed both dwellings. The families escaped unhurt and succeeded in saving most of their household goods. Chas. Parks and E. Matthy (colored), with their families and boarders, were the occupants.

The Hungarian custom of throwing water on each other was observed here by that nationality on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Monday being the men's day they deluged the women, and Tuesday being the women's day they immersed the men. Mrs. Shirgay came to the store and procured a water pail and caused considerable merriment by throwing a quantity of water on each of the clerks, both in the store and office. It took her one-half an hour to catch Lee Williams, but she got him hiding up stairs and when he ran down she was above him and he got the benefit of a full dose.

Geo. H. Esser stopped over Sunday night on his way from Bristol. Our Sabbath-school observed Easter in a service appropriate to the occasion on Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church, which was

SEVEN RUNNING SORES CURED

Johnston's Sarsaparilla

THE GREAT SPRING MEDICINE. JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA as a Blood Food and Nerve Tonic, the greatest SPRING MEDICINE ever discovered. It comes as a relief from heaven to the "worn out," the run down, the overworked and debilitated. The feeling, "those 'sinking spells,' the languor and despondency which attend the faded nerves, from thin, vitiated blood and an underfed body, vanishes with the spell. The weariness, lassitude and nervous prostration which attend the time and the heat of summer, are conquered and banished at once. The neurasthenia, and all ailments of the brain and nerve, insomnia, headache, and generally, it is almost a specific. It furnishes the very elements of strength. It feeds brain, nerve centers and nerves, calming and energizing. It makes rich, red, honest blood. Newness of life, new hope, new strength, new usefulness. It makes the weak strong, and the old young again.

It was the antiquated (but now happily exploded) method in the past to treat Salt Rheum, Scrofula, Cancer and other troublesome ailments with BLOOD TAINT with powerful alteratives, such as mercury, arsenic and other agents. It was expected by this treatment that the poison could be driven out. It was left to course through its channels holding in its circulation the deadly disease. But in this way, every part of the body became more or less diseased. It can be more terrible than a horribly destructive blood taint. It may equally readily the different structures of the body, but many times the bones are diseased and destroyed. It often seeks out the nerves and spinal cord, and again it may seek out the vital organ, as the kidneys, liver or stomach. There is a scientific method for the cure of blood taint. That is, PURIFICATION. The blood must be removed through the excretory channels, the bowels, the liver and skin. "First pure, then peaceable." The great restorative and vitalizer of the blood, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, not only purifies, but it haustively removes the taint, but also removes all mercury, arsenic and other poisons and fills the veins and arteries with the ruby, glowing current of vitality, the "life." Good health means pure blood. The old and reliable remedy, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, is universally regarded as the greatest Blood Purifier ever used. This fact is now established beyond question or cavil.

BLOOD POISON CURED BY JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. By Mrs. M. J. Kelly.

Williams, Davis, Brooks & Co., Detroit: Gentlemen—In April last I began using JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, and after an application of one of my arms, I had SEVEN RUNNING SORES cured, and was entirely cured. I know it is what cured me.

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