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## Negroes in Convention.

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 30.—The late convention of colored men assembled here to-day. J. B. Syphar, of Alexandria, was elected temporary chairman and M. V. Beckley, of Richmond, addressed the convention, saying this convention had not assembled as republicans or democrats, but as citizens of Virginia, and claiming the right of free men, and he hoped their deliberations would demonstrate that they were worthy to be citizens.

The convention reassembled at 8 p. m. R. B. Beckley was elected permanent chairman, and N. V. Beckers secretary. The following was presented amid great cheering:

**TO THE COLORED PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA:** We, the colored people of Virginia, believing as we do that the time has come for us to call a halt in the unqualified support we have given the republican party, do here in convention assembled solemnly declare ourselves politically independent in all matters which pertain to us as citizens and voters of this commonwealth. We have for twenty-five years adhered to our former political associations with unparalleled fidelity because in those dark days of reconstruction the republican party proved that it was the only party to which the colored man of the south could consistently alay himself. To that end the colored voters nobly responded and raised to power and peace men who grew wealthy while administering the laws of the United States government in the Southern states. We feel ever grateful for what has been done, but the time has come for us to think, act, vote and speak for ourselves, and especially so since the republicans have practically abandoned us in former campaigns and in all matters where the negro ought to have had recognition in proportion to voting strength and intelligence. We know, too, that many of our race have been murdered in the Southern states, but the cause which led to these sad occurrences which have spilled our blood and created a bitter race antagonism, which now retards our progress and makes it difficult for us to live in the land of our birth, are largely traceable to the federal officeholders in our section.

These foregoing reasons led us to adopt such methods and so demean ourselves as to make friends of those whose interests are identical in every way with our own. We therefore appeal to the colored people of our native state to look well to the altered condition of affairs and in the future to make such political alliances as will most advance our interests, educationally, financially and politically. We feel sure that there is, throughout this broad limits of the commonwealth, a general disposition on the part of the white people to accord us all our rights before the law and to meet us heartily in every advance we make for the upholding of our people. It behooves us then to so use our ballots in that we may drive out all discarded elements in Virginia, whether they be headed by natives or aliens to the state. We also condemn the raising of the race issue by any class of men, who assay to lead the masses, because it can do nothing but prove detrimental to our cause and our interests. We therefore ask a hearty co-operation of our people in Virginia to the success of our movement. We have cause to be thankful for the liberality of the present administration to our people in the south. We also believe our relations to the state debt are such as to justify us in hoping that Virginia will be relieved from her present financial embarrassment by aid from the federal government which will enable her better to provide for

all the material interests of her citizens and bring about that universal good feeling which ought to exist between the two races.

The address was adopted and the convention adjourned sine die.

## The Wonderful Preacher.

The St. Joseph Gazette has this to say of the Rev. Sam Jones, the great revivalist, now holding a meeting in that city:

"Where does he get his power, this duplex-elliptic, double-back action, perpetual-motion expounder of the gospel, who is attracting people by the thousands and tens of thousands, and four times a day, to the canvas tabernacle on one of St. Joe's many hills?"

What is the secret of that magnetism which draws to the tent Christians and Jews, Catholics and Protestants, non-professors and unbelievers alike, and holds them there for hours and hours at a time, and until he voluntarily lets them go?

It is not inspiration from on high. He doesn't claim to be inspired. It is not because he is presenting a new religion or creed or doctrine. His teachings are as old as Christianity itself. It is not his deep learning, for there have lived a world full of preachers more profound than he.

But he is a powerful preacher and a great genius. That none will deny. He is a preacher worth going hundreds of miles to hear. No conception of the man can be formed by reading his sermons and sayings. To read of him and then see and hear him, are like looking through a glass darkly and then face to face.

Many will doubt the efficacy of his style of preaching. Many will say he can never make real converts, for he keeps the congregation giggling one-half the time at his oddities and his severe denunciation of popular follies. Well, he has demonstrated the practicability of his methods and he has added thousands upon thousands of new names to the church rosters throughout the South.

Then what manner of man is this? Is he like that Cœur de Leon, Richard the Lion-Hearted of England, camping with the Black Friars in caves and engaging in a tournament on the side of the Robin Hoods for the sake of enlisting the rugged yeomen of his great cause? Is he come to reclaim a kingdom that was lost, and to accomplish this end thinks glasses with the noble Thanes that hated his kingdom? Or is he among us merely as some

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Sword in hand,  
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mounted upon a swift charger and sweeping through the land, fighting on every side, riding down all opposition, trampling under foot every foe that dares strike his lance or cross blades with him, merely because he loves to fight, loves God and hates the devil, the enemy of his kindred?

This may be so, but some will contend that he is only a Don Quixote or a Sancho Panza, arrayed against the wind-mills on the plains.

Whatever people may think of him or say of him or write of him, all must agree that he is a great genius, a wonderful man and a preacher the like of which was never seen or heard of before on earth.

It turns out that Victor Hugo died worth, in round numbers, five million francs, or two hundred thousand pound sterling. This considerable fortune has been nearly all, it not quite all, made during the last few years. Last year alone his dues on the performance of his works amounted to no less than one million two hundred thousand francs. He bequeathed fifty thousand francs to the poor of Paris.

"A Spotted adder," is a name given by the Boston Record to defaulting cashiers.

## ST. LOUIS & EMPORIA

### Meeting Thursday Evening Last and Committees Appointed.

The St. Louis & Emporia railway meeting advertised to be held at the City Hall last Thursday evening was well attended by our leading citizens.

S. E. Price was called to preside, and Mayor Calvrid to act as secretary. On taking the chair Judge Price delivered a short speech, strongly favoring the building of an east and west railroad.

Judge McBeth complimented Clinton on her onward progress, and predicted a bright future. She is now leading in the van of progress, and is bound to continue to go forward. He was in favor of a committee to act with those of other towns on the proposed line of the St. Louis & Emporia, to assist along the project.

Judge A. C. Ayery was heartily in favor of the proposed east and west road. It would develop a vast section of rich agricultural, stock raising, coal and iron and lead producing country. It would be not only a blessing to the people, but a splendid investment to the owners of the road.

Judge Dorman was heartily in accord with the proposed building of the St. Louis & Emporia. It would give us a competing line to St. Louis, and thus save money to the people, add to our wealth and population, and make Clinton the business town of the Southwest. As Clinton's citizens have been on the alert in the past, they must look out for the future and be ready to do their duty at all times.

The speeches were well received. The following committee was appointed to co-operate with the committees on the line of the proposed St. Louis & Emporia, and to extend to it hearty encouragement and assistance:

H. W. Salmon, W. B. Calvrid, J. H. Britts, W. D. Tyler, A. C. Ayery, A. P. Frowein, T. J. Lingle.

### THE ST. L. & E. IN BATES.

The St. Louis & Emporia route has found much favor in the townships in Bates through which the proposed line passes. Judge Cole, of near Ballard post-office, was in town Tuesday, and laid on our table bills for a meeting of the citizens of Spruce township at Ballard. Henry county citizens on the line of the road, in Walker, White Oak and the western part of Deepwater, might do well to attend this meeting, or to hold similar ones, and appoint committees to be in readiness to co-operate with other committees in securing right-of-way, etc., when the proper time arrives. Judge Ballard sends us word that he wants the road built, and is ready to do all in his power to help it along.—Henry Co. Democrat.

### A Kansan's Estimate of Paank James.

Independence, Mo., Oct. 1.—Some proceedings developed yesterday which brings Frank James before the public in a new role. A farmer from the Black Bob Land, Johnson county, Kansas, after negotiating with James through a friend came here to-day, to perfect arrangements with James to get him to kill a neighboring Kansan. The price agreed upon was \$100, and was placed in the friend's hands. The exact location of the farm on which the victim lived was mapped out, and all arrangements seemed perfected, when James and his friends told the fellow that they were working a game on him, and that unless he would go home and remain quietly they would give him away. He went immediately. His name and the name of his intended victim are withheld from publication.

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H. M. Stanley is now in Brussels having a good time with the King of the Belgians.

A colored man in Richmond has invented a razor-proof suit, which is to be worn at balls and parties.

A New York doctor thinks he has made himself look young by eating 3,000 lemons annually for ten years.

Ex-Gov. John B. Long, of Boston, made himself so popular in his Essex Club speech relegating Jas. G. Blaine to political obscurity, that the Lynn Republican Club will give him a dinner October 7, and look for another speech.

Ben Butler has at last blurted out his real sentiments respecting the laborers of this country. He says they are not intelligent and that "nine out of ten of them would sell their votes for \$2 a piece." This is what they get for refusing him their votes a year ago when he was exploiting himself as their champion, their candidate for president. He says that they were afraid of him because he had a little property. But the fact is that they saw through him then as clearly as they do now, when he so frankly confesses his real feelings toward them, and that his sole object then was to get them under the control of "a man with considerable wealth and a family and property interests." They clearly understood that he had devoted his whole public life to the accumulation of great wealth in the service of the money kings, and the land grabblers. His whole record in congress had taught them that he was running, not in the interest of the toiling masses, but in the interest of Steve Elkin's candidate and in the interest of that class of political jobbers to which he and Steve have always belonged. The small vote given to Butler and the utter failure of his efforts to elect Blaine are conclusive proofs that the labor vote is neither so purchasable nor so lacking in intelligence as Butler has always believed it to be.—Post-Dispatch.

The Greatest horse breeding establishment of American one of the many wonderful enterprises the great west is noted for and which none favored with opportunity should pass seeing is the great breeding establishment of Daklawn owned by M W Dunham at Wayne Ill. 35 miles from Chicago. His importations of percheron horses from France to date have aggregated the immense sum of 3,000,000, and at the present time at Oakland 500 head of the choicest specimens of that race nearly all recorded with their pedigrees in the Percheron Studbook of France can be seen while on their Colorado ranges age 2000 males and 32 imported Percheron stallion in breeding.

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