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Major Mann Page, president of the Virginia Farmers' Alliance, has written Governor McKinney a strong letter urging Fitz Lee's appointment to the Senatorship.

Georgia declared for Cleveland and tariff reform, in the State Convention, which met in the city of Atlanta, on last Wednesday. The Clevelandites had a majority of fifty and secured a solid delegation for their choice for President.

General J. B. Gordon, President of the United Confederate Veterans, has appointed a committee of nineteen, one from each of the Southern States, to present a memorial and petition before the Legislature of the States, asking them to vote a life pension to the widow of Jefferson Davis.

Elias Carr, an ex-president of the State Alliance, has been nominated for Governor of North Carolina. He was the nominee of the Democratic State Convention, which met in Raleigh, on Wednesday. The Alliance men participating in and approving its proceedings, thereby dealing a death blow to the Third party element in that State.

The appointment of the senator from Virginia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Barbour, according to the latest advices, has narrowed down to the names of John Goode, John Randolph Tucker and Eppa Hunton, and it is stated, that Governor McKinney refusing to entertain the claims of anyone else will soon decide between them. It is a trio representing good senatorial timber and the Governor could not go very far wrong in selecting either, and certainly will not decide unwisely if he allows his preference to prevail and confers the honor upon Hon. John Goode. The choice of no one would meet more general approval throughout the State.

All Virginia mourns the loss of her distinguished son, Hon. John S. Barbour. No man was better known throughout the State and few, if any, of this generation had a faster hold upon the affection of her people or deserves to be held in longer or more grateful remembrance. Prominent in the business and political affairs of his State for the last fifty years, he won for himself during his busy life by his strict integrity and fearlessness of duty a record of which anyone should be proud and which without a single act to tarnish the glory of his honored name. His loss is a sad blow to Virginia and his wise counsels will often be missed when Democracy is in danger.

We publish to-day the address of the Memorial Committee of Harmanson-West Camp Confederate Veterans, and ask the special attention of the public to it. It appeals with dignity in behalf of the dead of the Eastern Shore soldiery of "The Lost Cause" and speaks with the force of their deeds and unswerving courage. It rightly assumes no beggar attitude, but, reminds the people that those who fell in battle or died in agony in hospitals, gave freely and unflinchingly their lives. "People of the Eastern Shore, they are your dead." You sympathized with the "Cause"—let your contributions say how truly and how much—and remember however much you may give you can never repay those men.

The attention of our farmers is invited to the letter of Capt. O. A. Frowne to be found in another column. "The Farmers' Institute" will be held at Cape Charles, is the gratifying intelligence it brings. It is to be hoped our farmers will fully appreciate it, and make by their full attendance a clear assurance that they go, and that they believe in a progressive system of farming. The farmer of to-day to be successful must not only have the manual training, and that training which comes by mere observation on the farm, but that higher training which comes by the application of science to the noblest of all pursuits. Let all go to the Institute. To Capt. Frowne too much praise cannot be given for his zeal and perseverance in securing this Institute for the Eastern Shore. His highest reward will be the satisfaction in gaining it and its full success.

The result of the Richmond Convention had not reached us at the time of going to press, but the proceedings, the day before the battle, seem to indicate that the friends of Cleveland will be the victors in the fight. But the contest is a close one and may result in a compromise, which will cause a division of the delegates at large. About an equal number of delegates, it is stated, were present at the two gatherings held by the Clevelandites and the anti-Clevelandites, the night before the Convention—the former nominating General Fitzhugh Lee, Hon. John Goode, ex-Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayres and State Senator Basil B. Gordon for delegates at large, and Judge W. F. Rhea, Hon. James L. Gordon, Maj. David S. Pierce and Congressman W. A. Jones for alternates—the latter nominating Senator Daniel, General Wm. H. Payne, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson and Mr. S. Wellington Cushing for delegates at large, and Major W. T. Sutherland, Dr. M. Q. Holt, Hon. James Kay and Capt. J. Hampton Hoge for alternates.

Senator Barbour Dead. WASHINGTON, May 14.—Without any apparent suffering and after a brief illness, Senator Barbour, Virginia's junior representative in the United States Senate, passed quietly away at his residence in this city at a little after 6 o'clock this morning. His death was very unexpected and a great shock to those who knew him, as he had been always regarded as a man of strong and vigorous constitution and had been uniformly well and energetic for a person of his age. His death was said by his physician to have been due to heart failure. Yesterday the Senator was in his accustomed seat in the Senate, and to all who observed him he appeared in his usual good health and was cheerful and in good spirits. SKETCH OF HIS LIFE. Hon. John S. Barbour was born in Culpeper county, December 29, 1830, and came of a family that for a century or more has been prominent in the history of Virginia. After an excellent preparation at the best schools of that day, he entered the University of Virginia, where he graduated and was qualified for the profession of law, the practice of which he began in his native county. In 1847 the people of Culpeper sent him to the Legislature and he served there four consecutive terms. In 1852 he was elected president of the railroad then known as the Orange and Alexandria, in which position he remained until it was merged into what is now designated the Virginia Midland. In all he served the railroad twenty-nine years. The Democrats nominated him for the Forty-seventh Congress and he was re-elected to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth, when he declined to be again a candidate. In 1883, Virginia then being dominated by the Mahone party, and the Democratic prospects exceedingly dismal, the State Convention met at Lynchburg and the votes of the delegates called Mr. Barbour to the chairmanship of the State Committee. He accepted, proceeded to reorganize the party and led it in a campaign of unexampled vigor. Success crowned him and his associates with victory, and the Democratic party, then returning to power, has been ever since able to maintain itself against Republicanism in every shape. From 1883 until the election of Hon. Basil B. Gordon in 1889, with the exception of 1886, when he was in Europe, Mr. Barbour led the Democrats of Virginia to unvarying success. On the night of December 8, 1887, Mr. Barbour was unanimously nominated for United States Senator by the Democratic caucus. He was elected on the 20th of the same month. He took his seat in the United States Senate March 4th, 1889.

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The Virginia penitentiary is adding to its popularity daily. There are now nearly 1,100 boarders there. It takes four barrels of herring for one supper.

On the recommendation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Gov. McKinney has appointed Mrs. L. S. Dyer to the position of Matron of the State penitentiary, authorized by the last legislature.

Capt. R. J. Hancock, of Ellerslie, Albemarle county, has refused an offer of \$15,000 for his brown colt Charade, by Charaxus, dam Ada Belle, by Eolus. The offer was made by M. F. Dyer, of Brooklyn.

The Virginia securities for exchange have arrived from London, and the bondholders' committee has engaged one of the officials of the State, who is now classifying and arranging the bonds in proper packages preparatory to their verification by the commissioners of the sinking fund, under the act of February 20th, for the settlement of the debt.

Speculation is rife in the State as to who will be Senator Barbour's successor. Among the names that have been suggested for the appointment are those of Gen. Fitz Lee, Hon. John Randolph Tucker, Congressman O'Ferrall, Hon. John Taylor Ellyson, Maj. Holmes Conrad, Hon. John Goode, Judge W. H. Mann, C. V. Meredith, R. C. Murray, Judge W. R. Staples, Hon. R. H. Cardwell and others.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, the oldest ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington, celebrated his eighty-third birthday at his home in Boston, Monday. He was known personally to every President of the United States except Washington and Jefferson. In 1832 he visited Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, at his home in Baltimore.

The case of the Commonwealth of Virginia against Rosenberger, Spindle & Co., the Warrenton bankers, charged with embezzlement of the funds of the bank, was decided in the Loudoun county court in favor of the defendants on the ground that the relationship of banker to depositors was that of debtor and creditor, and that unless it were proven that a deposit was a special one the bankers could not be held criminally guilty.

The river and harbor bill as reported to the U. S. Senate, Monday, makes the items for Virginia stand as follows: Norfolk harbor, \$150,000; Onancock harbor, \$6,511; Cape Charles City harbor, \$10,000; James river, \$200,000; Appomattox, \$10,000; Nanamoudy, \$10,000; Chickahominy, \$5,000; Mattaponi, \$4,000; Nomini creek, \$10,000; Pamunkey, \$3,000; Rappahannock, \$19,000; Urbane creek, \$3,000; York, \$35,000; Aquia creek, \$5,000; Occoquan creek, \$5,000.

Mr. Basil B. Gordon, in reply to a letter from Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson, offering to vacate the chairmanship of the Virginia Democratic Executive Committee in his favor, writes that it would be more than premature to discuss the requirements of an office for which he has not been placed in formal nomination. "I can only say," adds Mr. Gordon, "that my experience would teach me that a position whose responsibilities so greatly exceed its powers is not to be lightly assumed. Whoever your successor may be the democracy of Virginia cannot hope from him a greater contribution to its interests or the achievement of more splendid results than those won under your leadership."

GENERAL NEWS. The total income of all the railroads in Pennsylvania for the past year was over \$288,000,000.

An abstract of the will of the late William Astor, prepared by the counsel for the executors, shows that Mr. Astor left all but about \$6,000,000 of his estate to his only son, John Jacob Astor. The estate is valued at from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The commission appointed by Governor Reynolds, of Delaware, to investigate the peach yellows in Bermuda Hundred, in that State, have found the orchards badly affected. Five hundred trees have been attacked in one orchard and 300 in another.

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