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What more vulnerable record could the Democratic party wish for its opponents? We appeal in all earnestness to the great Democratic party not to renew the agitation of "16 to 1," but placing "Anti" before the above record, sprinkle it upon the lintels of their door posts, and the destroying angel (the American voter) will do the rest.

BE TRUE TO PARTY.

We wonder that the Democratic leaders of our adjoining counties have made no public effort to arouse the party upon the question of a Constitutional Convention, which is to be voted upon next Thursday! The people of the Northern Neck want a Convention, and those leaders who are secretly seeking to defeat the proposition will have to answer to the people and to the party, for has not the party in Convention declared for it, and made it the imperative duty of all Democrats within the ranks to work and vote for it? It demands their fealty just as much as does any other clause of the Norfolk platform, and it is expected of them to labor as hard to carry this election as the one next fall.

These same leaders will get upon the stump and urge their own candidacy, or the candidacy of some friend, and style as ring-streaked, striped and black-spotted all those who do not support them.

MONEY FOR CIRCULATION.

The U. S. Treasury Department is busy turning out new ten and twenty-dollar bills for The Lancaster National Bank. Within a few weeks twenty-five thousand dollars in crisp notes, bearing the imprint of "The Lancaster National Bank of Irvington, Va." will be in circulation throughout this section; and as occasion demands this amount will be increased from time to time until one hundred thousand dollars shall have been issued. What does it mean to the people of this section? It means that the doctrine which we have been preaching so long—a larger circulation of currency—will be put into practical operation by enterprising citizens of our own section, and that the money which is flowing into the coffers of our National Bank will not lie idle, but will be put into active circulation and made good by the guarantee of the United States Government.

WE ARE glad to see that our pension boards are organizing and getting to work. The appropriation from the State is limited, and very soon there will be no more funds to disburse. The pension boards of the cities organized and got to work almost as soon as the law was passed and have been providing for the claimants before them in prompt manner. The county boards that have been appointed, as a rule, have been very dilatory, and some circuit judges have delayed appointments of boards most inexcusably. While the country people are meditating over the matter the city ones are having their claims provided for. For this they are not to be censured, and when the funds are exhausted the country claimants will have their own people to blame.

AS BESOTTED and unjust as the French Government is reputed to be her ministry can yet teach President McKinley a lesson in humanity. What a rebuke to our President's continuance of the "canteen" privilege in the army is the action of France's war minister, the Marquis de Gallifet? He has dared to promulgate an order to the effect that hereafter no absinthe, vermouth, brandy or other spirits shall be sold in any French barrack or camp. He evidently does not propose that the lunatic asylums shall be filled with his braves.

THE "rainy season" doesn't at all dampen the ardor of Aguinalo and his Filipinos.

"I don't know a d—d thing about Neely and I'm not going to bother my head about him," said Senator Hanna when asked about Neely and the postal frauds in Cuba. Because they were able political "heelers" Messrs. Hanna and McKinley appointed Rathbone and Neely to positions in Cuba second only to that of Governor-General. Their reputation as "heelers" are fully sustained in the recent disclosures, wherein it is shown that they have defrauded this government out of nearly half a million dollars.

LANCASTER'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS is continuing to push the county to the front. Very wisely, we think, they have acted upon the suggestion of the CITIZEN in the past (among them being those of fence law, road law and others of importance) and now they will take up the matter of sign-boards. When they pass on this and the dog-tax favorably, and take up our suggestion about a scalp-law, and the *Watchman's* idea of ferries and roads, we can easily claim to be in the van of progress.

Now that spring is on, the weather pleasant out of doors and the moon shines the brightest of any season, the myriads of worthless curs make night hideous with their howls. One must either keep his windows open and be serenaded by the discordant notes, or else close the windows and swelter. Who wouldn't have a dog-law, if it will rid us of some of the worthless canines?

The eagle is a symbol of royal power, but not of royalty, and the American eagle stands for the most powerful nation of them all—a nation in which all men are kings, and no man is or can be supreme. —*Romney Times.*

The *Times* must have resurrected some of its ancient rhetoric. It is out of place just now. When the royal bird screams the isles of the sea bow down and worship him who sits upon a throne which was refused by Washington.

SAM JONES says: "Give me a fellow with a big soul—enough to take in all of life. That's what we need right here in Baltimore. There ain't one in one thousand that will blow on a fire he didn't start. Frequently they will spit on it, trying to put it out." And Baltimore hasn't a monopoly on this line, either.

SECRETARY LONG, in refusing to use the expensive Gathmann Gun, of whose patent Senator Hanna is part owner, has but one alternative left, and that is to forward to Mr. Hanna his resignation as Secretary of the Navy. "Love me, love my gun"—or any other old thing which Hanna owns is the boss's motto.

THE question of a Constitutional Convention means more to each individual citizen than does the election or defeat of every personal friend he ever had, or could have, on the county ticket.

As between the overripe oyster and the green strawberry, it might be well to take soup.—*Chicago News.*

So it might. Then what's the matter with clam chowder or eel broth?

DEFEAT on Thursday next of the Constitutional Convention means a shaking of party prestige. This is at stake, and no Democrat can afford to ignore the matter.

Constitutional Convention.

Every true Democrat should go to the polls and vote for a Constitutional Convention. It is now a party issue, and there should be no "bolters." —*Tidewater Democrat.*

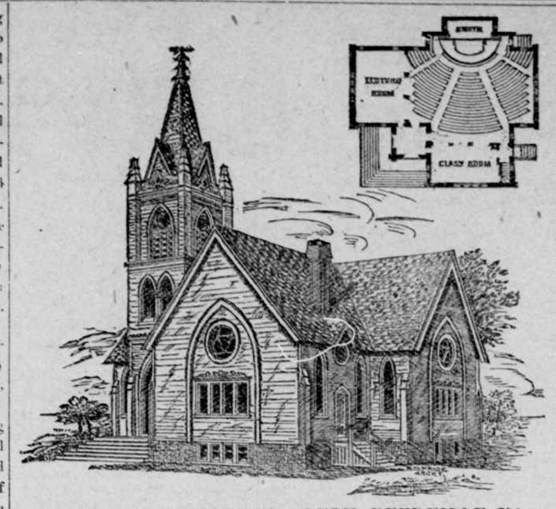
There is not a sane man in Virginia who would contend that our present Underwood constitution was not desired to be used for political tricks or that in its construction the "best thought, the highest purpose and the ripest wisdom" of Virginia was represented in the majority of the black and tan aggregation which made the organic law for the free people of Virginia. Perish the thought! What say the old soldiers who followed Lee and Jackson, who gave their fortunes and the best years of their lives to escape what was finally forced upon them by the Underwood Convention? What say the sons of those soldiers who followed Lee and Jackson and yielded up their lives on the field of battle for the cause they loved? The Underwood constitution represents the defeat of 1865 and is the expression of Virginia's worst enemy to a conquered people; and now that the opportunity presents itself and the Democratic party of Virginia urges the people to vote for a convention, it were an eternal shame and disgrace upon Virginia to defeat the convention at the polls and thereby endorse the work of Underwood and his gang.—*Fredericksburg Star.*

Jeffries Still Champion.

Jim Jeffries is still the heavyweight champion pugilist of the world. He defeated Jim Corbett on last Friday night before the Coney Island Seaside Club in the twenty-third round of their fight with a decisive knock-out.

The winning punch was a short left jolt to the jaw. Corbett dropped like a weight, and was clear out. Jeffries showed ability to take a punching, go any distance, and punch hard. He was clearly outboxed, and at times made to look like a novice. The crowd, which numbered fully eight thousand, was with Corbett, and his defeat fell upon a silent crowd.

This year's famine in India covers 350,000 square miles and renders miserable 60,000,000 people.



BETHANY M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, REEDVILLE, VA.

This structure when completed will be the handsomest and most costly edifice not only in Northumberland county but in this whole section of Eastern Virginia.

Work was begun on it some weeks ago and the brick work will be completed in July. It will be closed in by fall, and hopes are entertained that it will be ready for dedication by Christmas. The cost, when completed, will be between eight and ten thousand dollars.

The fronts of the edifice are of the finest pressed brick, all selected and inspected by that indefatigable worker, Mr. Albert Morris, a member of the building committee, and the work is being done by Messrs. Steelman and Zane, press-brick layers, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Mr. Dodson, one of the best workmen in Northumberland county.

The members of the building committee are: Rev. J. W. S. Robins, chairman; Geo. N. Reed, secretary; J. D. Carey, treasurer; L. Cockrell, Dr. J. W. Tankard, J. J. Crowder, Dr. T. S. D. Covington, J. M. Omohundro, A. V. Williams, T. A. Jett, T. J. Williams, J. E. Marsh, B. B. Haynie, John A. Haynie, L. D. Haynie, I. W. Bailey, Albert Morris, J. W. McAloney and E. W. Edwards, and these gentlemen are untiring in their labors in behalf of the edifice. Rev. J. W. S. Robins, the beloved pastor, has been earnest in the work, and while adding to the spiritual and numerical strength of the church has been industriously laboring to increase the funds for building the edifice.

Reedville now boasts of one of the finest congregations in the Virginia Conference and within a few months she will bear the proud distinction of having within her territory one of the finest country church buildings in the South.

The people of the Northern Neck have contributed liberally towards this undertaking and we believe they will continue to do so, with the prospect that when completed there will be not a dollar owing on this house erected to the worship of God.

NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Hunter McGuire continues to improve.

John D. Rockfeller's estimated income is $75,000,000 a year.

One Accomack trucker will ship about 200,000 quarts of strawberries this season.

Richmond this week is crowded with visitors to the Carnival. All parts of the state are well represented.

Last year there were shipped from Northampton county by rail 306,613 barrels of Irish potatoes, and 182,641 barrels of sweets, besides other trucks.

William Lee (colored) was taken from the jail at Hinton, W. Va., on last Faiday night and lynched, for the usual offence, by a mob of one hundred.

Large crowds heard Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage preach in Edinburgh, Scotland, last Sunday. While in Europe he will continue to publish his sermons in this country.

Almost 1,000 delegates are in attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention, which is this week in session at Hot Springs, Ark. Fourteen States are represented in the gathering.

One of the largest rockfish ever seen in the vicinity of Norfolk was caught several days ago off Ocean View. The fish weighed over 100 pounds and was captured with hook and line after a hard struggle.

While the price of paper keeps advancing, the price of newspapers remains fixed and unaltered. And yet some orators continue to spout about the awful tyranny of the press. —*South Framingham (Mass.) News.*

E. G. Rathbone, director general of ports for Cuba, has been removed for negligence in permitting Neely and his gang to loot the public treasury. It is said now that the shortage will amount to nearly a half million dollars.

There were 500,000,000 fowls in the United States last year and the number of eggs laid was estimated at about 1,450,000,000 dozen, or a total of 17,400,000,000. The value of these fowls and their product is set down at $420,000,000.

Peter Rich, colored, near Warsaw, ploughed up a powder horn containing some old coin. In all there were twenty odd dollars in silver and gold, of both American and Spanish coins dating as far back as 1774. The horn was almost thoroughly decayed and the money scattered.

The Baltimore *News*, one of the most progressive papers in the country, has a correspondent traveling in the south visiting all the manufacturing centres, and in descriptive articles in the *News* bringing to the notice of the world the phenomenal progress the South is making in industrial matters.

A dead man was caught in a fish trap recently at Mila, Northumberland county. On his person were found papers, one of which was a receipt signed "J. H. Goslee & Bro.," The body was evidently that of a sailor and the papers indicated that he had served on the schooners "W. M. Summers" and "Sarah Tyler."

This fall for the fifth time in history, the occupant of the White House will be opposed for re-election by the candidate whom he defeated four years before. It is significant that on each of the four former occasions, the man in the White House has been defeated. After November 8th there will be five cases of this instead of four.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Virginia at Hot Springs, Va., the following officers were elected for the coming year: W. T. Baldwin as Grand Master, W. D. Hill as Grand Warden, Rev. E. Ernest Northen as Deputy Grand Master and Rev. J. J. Scherer as Grand Chaplain. The re-election of T. Wiley Davis and John W. Ferguson for Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, was a matter of course. Mr. Charles D. Fox, of Roanoke, was elected as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ACROSS THE SEAS.

CUBA.

According to Senator Platt the President has a power in Cuba as absolute as that of the Sultan or the Shah of Persia.

PHILIPPINES.

Another Philippine island has joined the insurgents.

The belief is growing that Aguinaldo was killed by the Igorottis.

General Pantelon Garcia, the highest officer in the Filipino insurgent army excepting Agulnaldo, has been captured.

A native uprising is imminent in Manila. All native servants, under orders from the insurgents, have left their employers.

"Benevolent assimilation" in the Philippines increased the sale of liquors there from $13,000 in 1898 to $1,442,880 in 1899.

The Richmond "man hunt" has been declared off, but the Philippine man hunt is still on. About four hundred Filipinos were killed and over two hundred captured last week—being a little the largest week's hunt of the season.—*Pulaski News-Review.*

A force of 500 insurgents attacked twenty-five scouts of the Forty-eighth Regiment near San Jacquinto, province of Pargasinan, on Monday, but were routed by the scouts, ten of their number being killed. The Americans lost two killed.

There are in the Philippines more than 3,500,000 Mohammedans, whose devotion to their Calipha is fanatic. The Sultan would have but to lift his finger and these Malays and Moros would join forces with the Talagos. The war in Luzon would be extended in every direction throughout the islands and American forces would necessarily have to be greatly increased.

The Filipinos have suffered a heavy loss at Tabako, near Legaspi, province of Albay, Luzon. Two hundred riflemen and 800 bolomen were preparing to attack the town, when Capt. Lester H. Simons, with a company of the Forty-seventh Volunteer Regiment, advanced to meet them. In the resulting engagement many natives were killed. Three Americans were wounded.

Wheaton's Command Slaughtered Filipinos in Cavite Province.

The War Department has made public a report from Brig. Gen. Lloyd Wheaton, U. S. V., concerning the operations of an expedition led by him early in January into the country stretching south from Manila to Lake Taal. His forces concentrated at Imus and about one mile south of that point on January 7 the first engagement of the expedition occurred in which Lieut. Ward Cheney was mortally wounded while leading a detachment against the intrenched natives—500 strong. The American loss was two privates killed and one wounded, while the Filipinos lost 50 in killed and wounded.

The islanders of Masbete received Colonel Hardin's expedition differently from those of Marinduque, where he left one company of the Twenty-ninth Regiment. On approaching the principal town, Palanoc, the insurgent trenches appeared to be occupied and the gunboat Helena bombarded them vigorously, after which three companies were landed and took the trenches with little resistance. One Filipino was killed. Two or three hundred insurgents hold the neighboring towns, and the natives appear unfriendly.

Early Peas.

R. G. Neale, of Essex county, expects to pick English peas this week for Baltimore market.

Mr. Neale is one of the largest pea planters on the Rappahannock. Others along the river may also ship this week. The season is not at all early for the crop, but considering the backward spring it was hardly expected that peas would be in the market before the 20th of this month. The pea bug is making its appearance along the Rappahannock and is greatly damaging the crops.

ENGLAND AND THE BOERS.

More About the Pig-Sticking Which the English are Engaged in.

A recent dispatch states that Gen. Buller has occupied Dundee.

All foreigners, and other men who will not shoulder a Mauser, have been ordered to leave the Transvaal.

General Buller continues quiet. The Boers assert that they are delaying an attack upon him in the hope that all the horses of the British will die of sickness.

Boers to the number of 2,000 have retreated toward Kroonstad, but it is reported that they intend to make a stand at Virginia, 25 miles to the northeast.

Lord Roberts and the advance divisions of his army have crossed the Zand river, in the Orange Free State, where the Boers had been expected to make decided opposition.

The War office announces that the total casualties sustained by the British army in South Africa up to April 28th, aggregated 16,868. Of this number 1,116 were officers.

The Boers are everywhere retiring before the British, except on the Natal frontier and at Mafeking, to the inner circle of their defences. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstad hills are reached.

A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says it is reported that a large force of Boers has been captured by the British at Mafeking. Pretoria, it is added, reports on the other hand that Mafeking has fallen.

A source of trouble to the British is reported to be developing in the eastern part of the Free State. It is said that President Steyn has collected 10,000 men in the Ficksburg-Senekal district, where he will make a stand against the forces of Generals Rundle and Brabrant.

President Kruger has received a telegram from a Transvaal woman asking if the time has not arrived for the formation of a corps of women, adding that she is prepared, with a body of volunteers of her own sex, to take up arms in defense of the country's independence.

The Boers Saturday occupied the Kaffir location at Mafeking. They were in turn attacked during the night of Saturday, and on Sunday found themselves surrounded. The Boers lost seven killed and seventeen wounded. The British loss is reported to have been heavy.

Gen. Hunton tried to capture the Boers at Zand River, but they quickly poured in a deadly fire on the British, and, to save himself from being outflanked, the British general was obliged to retreat. The Boers shelled the retiring troops, but showed no desire to press the attack further. Meanwhile the Boer trains steamed away northward, blowing up the railroad culverts as they went.

POLITICAL.

Judge W. H. Mann and Senator Jno. L. Jeffries, both electors-at-large, are the only two avowed candidates for Attorney-General of Virginia.

Mr. Hanna's tender regard for the Constitution recalls Hon. Tim Campbell's famous inquiry, "What's the Constitution between friends?"—*Richmond News.*

Governor Roosevelt has called on President McKinley and Secretaries Hay, Root and Long. He positively declines to talk regarding the Vice-Presidency.

A Pittsburg story reaffirms the statements that $250,000 was the price to be paid to the Republican Campaign Committee for the defeat of Senator Quay.

Senator Daniel, Tuesday in the Senate called up and secured the passage of the bill appropriating $150,000 for a public building to be located at Portsmouth, Va.

"How do you size up President McKinley?" was asked of Governor Roosevelt. He said: "McKinley has about as much backbone as a toy chocolate man that you see on the confectioner's stand. He is a dreadful disappointment."

"I have said that other questions were more important than the money question. I have said many times and now repeat that at present three questions—money, trusts and imperialism—are dividing public attention. Men differ as to their relative importance, but I have never attempted to fix their relative importance. The Republicans are wrong on all three questions, and I expect to continue to oppose the gold standard, the trusts and imperialism."—*W. J. Bryan.*

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

The House Friday broke all records by passing 180 private Pension bills.

The new Pension law will add about $2,000,000 annually to the expenses of the government.

The Complaint of the Association of American Newspapers against the great increase in the price of printing paper is before the Ways and Means Committee.

Congressman Rixey received a letter from one of his farmer constituents telling him that while he used to pay $1.50 for a hundred feet of barbed iron wire, he now has to pay $5.00.

The Navy Department has made an adverse report upon the Gathmann gun, for the manufacture of which $250,000 was allotted in an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill.

There are fifty-two ex-Confederates in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, and they are to have a banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel, Wasnington, duringthe latter part of this month.

Only one man that served in the Confederate Senate during the war is now to be found in the United States Senate. That is Vest, of Missouri. When he retires, which is expected to take place before long, the last of the Confederate Senators will have passed from public life.

The House last week by a very narrow margin of two votes unseated Mr. Crawford, of North Carolina, a Democrat, and seated in his place Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, who was a member of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses. Mr. Pearson is the third Republican to be seated by the present house.

VENTRILOQUIST IN THE HOUSE.

A ventriloquist, and an expert at that, managed to interject some rather startling remarks into the dialogue in the House, says the Washington letter of the Philadelphia *North American*. The identity of the joker was not discovered, but he was probably located somewhere in the gallery. His presence was made known, or rather he was first heard, when Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, arose with due dignity to make some observation, when he was greeted with:

"The gentleman from Ohio will get off the earth."

The official stenographers nearly twisted their necks off looking for the speaker who seemed to have uttered the startling sentence. Mr. Grosvenor looked aghast, and glanced at Speaker Henderson, but he discovered that the latter was in conversation with the clerk. The Speaker had not heard the words that he seemed to have uttered. He was oblivious of the joke, and of the ludicrous position of Mr. Grosvenor, who for once in his life found speech impossible.

He seemed to arrive at the conclusion that his imagination had played him a trick, but the laughter of those who had heard the voice convinced him that there was something wrong. Speaker Henderson at this point rapped and drawled out:

"The House will be in order" "The House will be in order," came an apparent echo.

It was the Speaker's turn now to be amazed. The stenographers turned to look at him and were greeted with:

"Rubber, rubber."

The voice came from nowhere in particular. It seemed to come from all parts of the chamber, up through the register or through the window. It bounded about, and might have been uttered by any one. It was too much, and the members broke in a roar. Then came the voice again:

"Good-bye, boys; the war is over."

It was thought possible to discover the offender by a little quiet detective work, and messengers were distributed throughout the gallery, but the voice was not heard again. It was a ludicrous incident, and was enjoyed by speaker Henderson, for as soon as he could escape he gave vent to a hearty "Ha! Ha!" The only person mad is Mr. Grosvenor, who does not take kindly to the suggestion that he "get off the earth."

It was a decidedly daring prank on the part of the joker, and none but an expert could have carried it on so successfully. Had he continued he would have doubtless been discovered. He just said enough and no more.

Census Enumerators.

Lancaster—H. D. McNamara and H. A. W. Kellam, Whitestone district; H. H. Kamps, Mantua district; Addison Ball, White Chapel district.

Richmond—J. R. Campbell, Stonewall district; G. C. Wright, Marshall district; E. L. Mozingo, Washington district; H. M. Hutt, Farnham district.

Middlesex—E. W. Bristow, Bernard Bristow, Geo. T. Hewett, J. G. Covington, F. S. McCandlish.

Westmoreland—Bush Wilkins, H. Chandler, J. T. Trew, J. W. Beddoo.

It is said that no person holding an elective county or State office can qualify as census enumerator. This does not extend, however, to appointive offices.