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ELEVATE THE NEGRO.

We should not lose sight of the fact that right here with us in Northern Tidewater Virginia the negro is an exemplar to his race. For some reason or other there have been no outbreaks of the fiend that has done so much to retard his progress and make his race despised. Where this is the case white citizens that look to the welfare of their country should not let it pass unnoticed. It is our province to encourage him to this exemplary life and to give him credit wherever it is due. During the agitation of the suffrage question, pending in the Constitutional Convention, we took occasion to say that if all the negroes of Virginia had showed themselves as good citizens as those of this section there would be no crying demand for negro disfranchisement. Unhappily the rest of the State was not so fortunate as we, and our negroes innocently suffered for the sins of their race in other parts. With the sole exception of Presidential elections the negroes of the Northern Neck have stood in elections with the better element of the whites; on moral and economic questions, and in battles between Democrats they supported the moral and best men and interests.

We are prompted to these remarks by a news item not long ago that Governor Aycock, of North Carolina, had addressed a negro Emancipation meeting, and was heartily endorsed by them for these words when rebuking Northern sensationalists:

"Quit writing about him, quit making him the white man's burden, let him 'take his own skin,' quit codding him, let him learn that no man, no race, ever got anything worth the having that he did not himself earn; that character is the outcome of sacrifice, and worth is the result of toil; that whatever his future may be, the present has in it for him nothing that is not the product of industry, thrift, obedience to law and uprightiness; that he cannot by resolution, council or league accomplish anything, but he can do much by work; that violence may gratify his passions, but it cannot accomplish his ambition; that he may eat rarely of the cooking of equality, but he will always find when he does, that there is death in the pot."

As we said, the negroes heartily endorsed his remarks, and these words wound up the resolutions afterwards drawn by the meeting—"We appreciate the friendly feeling that exists in this State between the races and desire this feeling to grow." That's just the point. The negro is here with us, and to stay. Some would be rid of him, so they say, but it is doubtful that if put to a vote throughout the South he would be voted out. Let us make the best of the situation, and the best citizen of the negro we can.

Recently we reproduced resolutions passed at an educational gathering of negroes at White Stone, this county. For the expressions the resolutions contained Lancastrian negroes have been much complimented. And now we want to reproduce others. These words appear in resolutions offered at the last session of the Southside Rappahannock Baptist Association (colored) by the committee of which T. C. Walker, lawyer, was chairman:

"Resolved, 6th. That interference in great measure to the moral, physical and material progress of our race; therefore we urge our people everywhere to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. We, further, disapprove of the making and of the use of wines in our homes."

The Committee on Resolutions of another colored body, the Woman's Baptist District Missionary Convention, in recent session reported, among others, the following which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, 8th. That we take more active measures to eradicate this great vice. WHEREAS, In view of the fact that there are so many crimes committed, and after they are committed we are expected to help defray the expenses of the law cases, and they being on the increase; therefore, be it

Resolved, 9th. That no more money be appropriated by this body for these cases. The spirit that seems to animate the representative negroes in this Tidewater section should be encouraged. Certainly its emulation by the race elsewhere throughout the South would go far to solve the vexed race problem, give peace to the South and rob politicians and Northern agitators of a means of livelihood.

DREDGING THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

Commencing with the 1st of April, the work of dredging the Rappahannock river will be kept up until the remaining half of the \$25,000 appropriation has been expended. It is thought that at least another \$25,000 will have to be expended before the river is in satisfactory condition—Richmond Journal of Commerce.

From our observation if Congress does not soon come to the rescue of the upper Rappahannock Fredericksburg will be cut off entirely from steamer transportation. \$25,000 is far too small for this worthy object. At least \$75,000 or \$100,000 should be appropriated in one lump, to be expended in one herculean dig. After that small appropriations biennially would keep the channel open. It is rather a poor commentary on our national administration of affairs that so old and important a waterway as the Rappahannock should go suffering while some Congressmen with a "pull" get hundreds of thousands to expend on rocky fresh water streams where nothing but the fishes sail up the tumbling waters.

WE ARE in receipt of the first copy of the Binchampton (N. Y.) Press, a handsome evening paper started in that bustling city by Mr. Willis Sharpe Kilmer, who possesses extensive knowledge of the business which he has for the first time entered as a publisher. He is known as an extensive advertiser of Swamp Root. The initial issue of the Press is a special one of forty-four pages with a colored supplement and with a truly metropolitan appearance.

RUSSIA means business when she tells Ma to come down off that great wall and to keep off the grass.

SWANSON'S CANDIDACY.

The following paragraph has recently appeared in several Virginia newspapers: "Now that Lieutenant-Governor Willard and Judge Mans are both certain to be in the field, the people are anxious to know the position of Congressman Swanson, who has several times said that he would be a candidate, but has made no formal announcement. We do not know how Mr. Swanson could have made the announcement of his candidacy more prominently, nor more emphatically, nor more formally, than he has done. He has made his announcement through his friends and over his own signature, and he has made it all the more emphatic for the reason that from time to time rumors were published that he would not run. On one occasion he requested the Times-Dispatch to correct the rumors, and upon Mr. Swanson's authority for Governor. These reports emanate from sources antagonistic to him and are maliciously circulated for the sole purpose of injuring his candidacy."

Once again Mr. Swanson requests us to announce his candidacy "so positively and clearly that no one can hereafter doubt it." We have done so, and we think we have done so in a way that will be of benefit to the State. We have done so in a way that will be of benefit to the State. We have done so in a way that will be of benefit to the State.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am, Yours very truly, CLAUDE A. SWANSON.

NEW REGISTRATION LAW.

The Legislature passed an act which requires each registrant to proceed, on the third Tuesday in May, and at his voting place, to register the names of all those otherwise qualified to vote, and who shall apply for registration on that day. The said act also requires that later on the registrar shall also sit one day, which shall be thirty days previous to the November election for the purpose of amending and correcting the list. It is also provided that the registrar shall, at any time previous to this last regular day of registration, register anyone qualified to vote at the next succeeding election who may apply to him to be registered. This law can be found in section 78.

Second. It is provided in section 80 that any voter who has changed his residence may apply in person or in writing to the registrar of his former election district at any time up to and including the regular days of registration for the transfer upon which he may be registered in the precinct of the district to which he has moved, provided he has acquired the requisite residence therein. Third. Those who are already on the registration list will not be required to register again at any time, and this includes all those registered in the year 1903 and the year 1903.

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SENATOR MARTIN'S GOOD WORK.

(From Norfolk Landmark.) This community, without reference to politics, cannot fail to appreciate the active and successful work which Senator Martin is doing in the interest of his native and adopted State. As shown in his recent address from the Senator to Captain J. W. McCarrick, which the Landmark published yesterday in its local columns, the provision for surveys to fix the location of a thirty-foot channel and of a thirty-five-foot channel has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee having the subject in charge, and Mr. Martin has no doubt whatever that the Senate will acquiesce. As to passage in the House of Representatives, the Senator expects a hard fight, but looks to his strong influence with the Senate members of the Conference Committee to give the survey proposition a fine chance.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Senate passed the bill authorizing the construction of a lighthouse and fog signal at Diamond Shoal, Cape Hatteras. Senator Martin thinks the nation should honor Commodore Maury, and has introduced a bill in the Senate making an appropriation to erect a monument to his memory. We trust it will pass.

Speaking of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to prevent shipment of liquor from inland local option districts, Rev. J. Cannon, in a recent issue of the Advocate has this to say: "The unanimous report of the committee favoring the passage of the bill as amended would indicate its passage, were it not so late in the session. The drunkard-makers counted upon a favorable report, and they accomplished their purpose in that respect. Congress is eager to adjourn, and it will require a determined, aggressive fight on the part of the Anti-Saloon League members to press the bill to a vote. It will not be so difficult to do this in the House as in the Senate, where one man can talk the bill to death."

"The editor, in his capacity as President of the State Anti-Saloon League, wrote to the Virginia Senators and Representatives in Congress, telling them of the wishes of the temperance people of the State, and asking them to support it, and so give to our people the right of local self-government in the control of the liquor traffic. He received replies from Senator Swanson, Southall, Glass and Hay, stating that they expected to support the bill, and from Congressman Lane stating that he had voted for a similar bill in the last session of Congress, but that he was unwilling to state his position on the measure until it was discussed on the floor of the House. No reply was received from Senator Daniel, or the other Congressmen."

HOT SPEECHES.

President Roosevelt was assailed bitterly in several Virginia newspapers. In North Carolina, who included in his castigation General Grosvenor, whom he charged with having once humiliated Theodore Roosevelt, the vice-presidential candidate, whom in a recent speech in the House he had glorified as the worthy successor of McKinley, forgetting that during McKinley's last campaign as a contributor to the New York Journal in signed articles he (Grosvenor) had referred to the president, then governor of New York, as "a brilliant, erratic and corrupt sort of a man." Mr. Kitchen charged that Mr. Roosevelt was a candidate for vice-president was directed to Mr. McKinley, and challenged Mr. Grosvenor to deny it, as well as the statement that Mr. Roosevelt as vice-president was humiliated by the friends of McKinley, including General Grosvenor himself. "And yet," he said, "you men here and gulp down everything Roosevelt says, and not one of you dares raise his hand in memory of William McKinley." McKinley had a right to think that Roosevelt would be distasteful to him. "Contemplate," he said, "the amazing spectacle of any Republican in the United States being humiliated in the House of Representatives by General Grosvenor, and to contemplate this same man marshaling his forces under the banner of the Republicanism with Grosvenor the chief bugle blower."

To say that Roosevelt filled McKinley's place, he declared, was a lie. He said, a candidate who is taking the place of the mounting owl's screech taking the place of the tomb's symphonies; the minor taking the place of the whale." Twenty-five years after Appomattox, Roosevelt in one of his publications has declared that until out of the dictionary was stricken the word treason, Jefferson Davis would be an arch traitor. That he said, was a strike at the whole south and the Confederate soldiers. He also referred to another publication of Mr. Roosevelt's in which he is quoted as saying that throughout southern character there ran a streak of coarse and brutal barbarism. He compared the names of all those otherwise qualified to vote, and who shall apply for registration on that day. The said act also requires that later on the registrar shall also sit one day, which shall be thirty days previous to the November election for the purpose of amending and correcting the list. It is also provided that the registrar shall, at any time previous to this last regular day of registration, register anyone qualified to vote at the next succeeding election who may apply to him to be registered. This law can be found in section 78.

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THE CROPS.

The freezing weather last week did not hurt large fruits in Eastern Virginia, and no trucks or small fruits immediately on salt water were injured. Further back small fruits and trucks were injured, and north and west of us nearly all fruit was destroyed. Frost is very scarce and high, and grass is very tender, and many a man is wondering how he is to keep his stock alive, or at any rate, fit for service. So many neglected other crops in order to raise tomatoes for the numerous canneries brought from Baltimore and Norfolk.

The tomato canning business will not be so extensive along the Potomac this year. Jones & Reed, canners at Currierman wharf, have decided not to operate their factory, and Charles King & Son, of Alexandria, is said, will not contract for tomatoes along the Potomac this season. That means that a number of farmers who are not accessible to factories will not grow the red fruit. During the past ten years the tomato canning industry has brought as much money to the Northern Neck as any other one thing.

Maryland Oyster Bill Vetoed.

There will be no leasing of the Chesapeake Bay oyster bottom for two years at least. The oystermen of the Eastern Shore and the other tidewater counties will now rejoice, as the Governor of Maryland has refused to sign the Haman Oyster bill, providing for the leasing of the beds by the State. The bill had been so amended as to practically make it useless, and has met the same fate as similar measures introduced in previous Legislatures.

COURT DECIDES FOR VIRGINIA.

Jan. S. Wise Beaten in His Fight Against Our New Constitution. The U. S. Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the Virginia suffrage cases, which the Virginia suffrage party, that by Jno. S. Wise to test the validity of our new constitution. View" this week. GOOD TIME.

Richmond County.

Miss Lillian Rock, of Farnham, returned home Sunday after a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Virgie Davis. Miss Mary Jones, of Kinsale, is visiting in this village. Mrs. J. R. Fidler left Monday for Fredericksburg where she will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Jones.

Mrs. Virgie Davis, who has been very ill, is improving. Mrs. Bettie Mesley and Mrs. Meekins and daughter, Miss Lillie, were visiting recently at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. James Luttrell. James Luttrell is very sick at this writing. Miss Ethel Luttrell is teaching at the school in the public school house here. SCHOOL GIRL.

FARNHAM.

Mrs. E. C. Booker, who has been quite sick for some time, is now convalescent. Mrs. Mamie Taylor, of Essex county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robert Williamson. Mrs. Lyle, of Redville, was in Farnham last week. Hughtell & Eldor returned last week from an extended tour of the upper part of the Northern Neck. A number of representative citizens of Farnham and Washington districts met at Farnham parsonage last week, and decided to hold a meeting at the Farnham hotel, on Wednesday evening, May 18th, for the purpose of organizing an Anti-Saloon League. Addresses will be made by prominent speakers and the best musical talent of this section will furnish music for the occasion.

BASE BALL.

Durretville base ball team defeated the water boys at Durretville Saturday in a well played game, by a score of 5 to 9. Callahan and Hamcock were the winning team's battery, and Waterfield, Hale and Self was the battery for the losing team.

POLITICAL.

Massachusetts Democrats declared for Ochs. Hon. Howard Hathaway, formerly of Lancaster county, now of Washington State, is spoken of as a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Spotsylvania county, in that State, at the coming election. He was a candidate two years ago, but was defeated.

Capt. Carlton McCarthy on Tuesday last nominated for mayor for Richmond city by 137 majority over Mayor Taylor, for ten years over the city papers were for McCarthy and the saloon element for Taylor—a great victory for the one and crushing defeat for the other. The saloon people thought they had captured Richmond's registration.

The announcement of Colonel James R. Cato, of Alexandria, that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor has complicated the situation considerably, and will injure the chances of Colonel Joseph F. Willard greatly. Colonel Willard, the present lieutenant-governor, is a candidate for the governorship. He is a Fairfax county man, and is therefore not in the same section as Colonel Cato. He is not a candidate for the governorship, and the question is out which will be thrown overboard. "I am a friend and warm supporter of Colonel Willard," said a prominent Democrat today. "I realize that he has no chance of being nominated."

It is with regret we learn of the candidacy of Capt. Jno. N. Opie, of Augusta county, for the Democratic nomination for Congress from this district. Captain Opie is a valuable Democrat, and the people of his county have done well to honor him with office, and we know him to be a true and loyal Democrat can not regret his candidacy to succeed the Hon. H. D. Flood in Congress. It is thoroughly known that Mr. Flood is one of the ablest congressmen the Tenth district has ever had, and notwithstanding Captain Opie's loyalty and valuable services to his party, we believe Mr. Flood has the undivided support of the Democrats of the district, and certainly of Botetourt county. The Democratic party is never slow to reward those who toil for its success, and were it possible to give Captain Opie the nomination this time, no doubt it would be cheerfully given, but Mr. Flood has by far a greater claim on the party than any other man in the district, and the rank and file of the Democrats will again honor him with the nomination. As we have said some time ago we see no reason why Mr. Flood should not be returned to Congress, and we certainly regret Captain Opie's announcement to succeed him.

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RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

The Japs are driving the Russians back across the Yalu river with great slaughter. Hundreds of Russians are being drowned in the retreats. Russia notifies China that her soldiers under command of General Ma will keep off the border, else she will drive them back into the heart of the Chinese empire. The Russians are keeping up their record of carelessness. While placing some mines at Port Arthur a mine accidentally exploded, blowing up the steam launch with its lieutenant and twenty men. Japanese beggars made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Gen. Kurapatkin. It is reported that Japanese submarine boats are off the coast of Sweden, and that Russians are alarmed for the safety of their Baltic fleet. The war ministry has granted the petition of Miss Ponep, daughter of Col. Maximowcondurov, who desired to be enrolled in a Cossack regiment. The ministry has ordered her to join the First Regiment of Riflemen. Mme. Ponep is thirty-three years of age, was reared under the patronage of the late Alexander III., is a fine horsewoman, a good shot, and handles the rifle, sword, or revolver equally well, often taking part in the cavalry manoeuvres of the Kyazenski regiment. She also is a qualified Red Cross nurse, but she says there are enough woman nurses, and wants to show that a woman can fight. Emperor Nicholas, following his own desire and that of his subjects will reject all offers of intervention or mediation in the Russo-Japanese war. Russia is resolved to fight to a finish and is firmly convinced of her ultimate victory. At the close of hostilities, it is stated, she will impose her own terms. The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inaction, appeared off Eastern Korea and sank a Japanese merchant steamer. This squadron is composed of three fine armored cruisers, a protected cruiser and a number of torpedo boats, all under the command of Rear-Admiral Stakelberg. The Japs are after them and may be able to shut them out and force a fight. It is reported that the Vladivostok squadron has sunk four Japanese transports with 8,000 troops aboard. The mines dropped in Port Arthur by the Japanese when the Petropavlovsk was blown up are drifting seaward, and are becoming a menace to commerce. It would be the irony of fate, for a Japanese warship to strike one of these mines and follow the Russian Peter and Paul to the bottom. The czar is not satisfied to have Alexieff resign in a temper. He orders him to hold on to his empty honors for awhile. A mine laid by the retreating Russians in a mountain pass exploded when the Japanese infantry was defiling through it, and many Japanese soldiers were killed and wounded. Unconfirmed rumors Wednesday afternoon state that the Japs had crossed the Yalu in force and the Russians were falling back and intrenching well for a big battle.

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L. B. Wagener, wharf builder, returned Wednesday from a business trip to Baltimore. He expects to be off again for Norfolk about Saturday or Sunday. It is learned that Explorer James will only one point in this county—Urban—and that on the night of May 6th. H. L. Smith will soon build his new store house on the corner now occupied by the drug store. Lineman Rhodes, of T. W. T. Co., was in Tappahannock several days last week putting in new phones and repairing old ones. Mrs. John Saunders, who has been quite sick, is better. J. C. Bristol, of Warner, and Miss Callie Marsh, of Richmond, who eloped to Weldon, N. C., and were married on the 7th, have returned to "Pleasant View," their future home. Little Garland Harper, who broke his arm last week, is improving. Misses Mary and Emma Mohan, of Owens, this county, are visiting Mrs. Nannie McCandlish. Yates D. Clark is in Baltimore this week purchasing spring stock for B. T. Hart. Mrs. E. M. Blake and children, of Gloucester, are visiting at "Pleasant View" this week. GOOD TIME.

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