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FOR CONGRESS, FIRST DISTRICT: W. A. JONES,

OF RICHMOND COUNTY.

Friday, July 15, 1904.

MISS DEMOCRACY'S DOINGS.

Well done, National Democrat! "Safe and sane" was the watchword, and safe and sane it was.

A recent visit of some length to the floor of the New York Stock Exchange convinced us that if the Democrats at St. Louis would do what they have since done New York State was ours in the next election.

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should make things hum in old Essex.

The Staunton Dispatch and the Daily News of that city have consolidated and placed the editorial management in the hands of our old friend, K. D. Haislip. They were both good papers before—largely made so by Haislip—and we are more than glad to see them united as one under his pen.

The space writer in Virginia newspapers will not let the dove of harmony settle over the Virginia Democracy. If it begins to hover it is shooed away while in the act of alighting. Just now while the lion and the lamb are felicitating each other and the State at-large on the good results achieved at St. Louis the fenshish reporter is stirring up a warm reception for their return.

For the first time during the war newspaper correspondents and military attaches have been permitted to accompany the Japanese troops on an advance, instead of remaining behind with the headquarters of General Kuroki. Almost all the correspondents are attached to the staffs of the division generals, and although they are not on the fighting line they may witness the operations from a closer range than heretofore.

Oh, the agony of it! That great Tammany brave, Bourke Cockran, had to fly the convention to prevent being pressed into foretelling defeat for Parker on the platform adopted. The great chief was recalled by telegram stating that all the rough places had been made smooth by Judge Parker's message. But let Bourke tell it as he gave it to an Associated Press reporter:

"I, who had left St. Louis before the final adjournment as the only way left to avoid being placed in a position where I must have told the convention that Judge Parker could not, in my opinion, escape crushing defeat, on the receipt of Mr. Murphy's message at once ordered a special train and hastened back, because I then felt free to tell the members, if they still desired to hear from me, that on the new platform, which he himself had made, he would be overwhelmingly elected. When my train arrived at 4 in the morning, the convention had completed its work."

The convention has missed the only force needed to weld together Judge Parker and victory. Why was that train belated? The Richmond News Leader, alluding to the county roads mass-meeting in Fairfax last year and its beneficial results, has this to say: "In our view what Virginia needs is a general and scientific system of road improvement under a central management, and we do not see why convicts cannot be employed pretty generally in the labor of road-making."

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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

EVENTS OF A WEEK IN THE FAR EAST CONCISELY TOLD.

Japs Attack on Land and Sea.—Russian Mines at Port Arthur Blew Up 30,000 Japanese.

The rains are doing what the Russians could not do, holding the fast marching and fast fighting Japs back.

It is almost useless to expect to gain victories over such a country as Japan, where the entire people are loyal and united and ready to furnish the government everything in their power to furnish that is useful.

A dispatch from Odessa says that the government is establishing with all haste a medical and military cordon in trans-Caucasia for the importation of cholera from Persia. Reports say that there are 300 deaths daily in Teheran, and that the cholera epidemic is rapidly spreading throughout Northern Persia.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. A. E. Alderman, president of Tulane University at New Orleans, has accepted the first presidency of the University of Virginia.

The Baptist and Episcopal churches of Fredericksburg have employed the American Mechanics, and counsel to represent them in the claim for reimbursement for damages sustained by them during the Civil War. The churches were used by Federal troops as hospitals and for other purposes.

Judge Grinnan, of the Chancery Court of Richmond, last week entered a decree in the case of the State Council, Junior Order United American Council, against the National Council, in which the State Council is recognized as the body entitled to the use of the name in this State.

The corporation treaty between the United States and Russia has been decided that American and Russian corporations may sue in the courts of both Russia and the United States. Previous to the promulgation of the treaty American concerns could be sued in that country.

A cloudburst near Manila caused a flood which has destroyed San Juan del Monte. Two hundred lives were lost. The low-lying districts were inundated. The homes of many Americans are isolated. Transportation through the streets is carried on in boats only. Damage to property is estimated at \$3,000,000.

During a severe thunder storm last week lightning struck and shattered the large flagstaff over the northern end of the Capitol building at Richmond, splintering the staff and tearing the cloth around it, and passing harmlessly down a lightning rod near the base of the staff. No one was injured in any way.

A Baltimore Grand Jury has upheld the separate car law of the Legislature. The grand jury, by a vote of 12 to 1, rejected the plea of James Davis and Richard Haskins, both colored, who were arrested on July 2nd last aboard the steamer Rock Creek, and taken to the Eastern Police Station, charged with refusing to occupy the portion of the vessel set aside for members of their race.

The Weems steamer Northumberland narrowly escaped running down Monday morning. The two vessels approached each other, but the tug steered to one side and the steamer pushed by her. The tug had no lights and no name on her bow. The steamer was stopped and the mate of the tug jumped on the guard of the Northumberland and climbed aboard. The tug shipped a large quantity of water from the bow wave of the steamer.

There are now over 500 rural free-delivery routes in Virginia and from 150 to 200 more will be established after July 1st, making nearly 750 in all. Of the 500 rural free-delivery routes, Flood and Hay secured nearly all for their districts, the Fifth, Tenth and Seventh. These rural carriers usually receive \$600 the first year and \$720 afterward. Their establishment means a distribution of \$350,000,000, and with the new routes proposed to be established, the annual pay roll in this State will aggregate \$450,000,000.—Free Lance.

Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, has forwarded to the governor his check for \$25,000 for the benefit of the Virginia State Building. The check was a surprise and came unlooked for. It has been forwarded to the chairman of the Virginia commission. The gift will go a long way towards completing the building, which is so essential to the dignity and reputation of the State. More money will be needed to complete the building in every particular, and the governor and the commissioners indulge the hope that other Virginians will emulate the example set by Mr. Ryan.

The Ohio Legislature is concerned about the timber of the State and is now considering a bill, which will probably be passed, giving a premium of two dollars an acre for a period of ten years to any land owner of the State who will plant and take care of forest trees in compliance with the Board of Forestry. It is said that of the four great lumber districts of the United States, the Southern pine region stands first. In the Southern district are to be found forty-three per cent. of the saw-mills and one half of the lumbermen. Thus we see that the timber of the South is being rapidly and the young growth is not being looked after, which will insure a scarcity of timber in a few more years.

Why the Japs are Sailors. The Japanese fisheries are the mainstay of the Japanese sailors who man the battleships of their country. They are a hardy and hardy breed, and have enough trained and hardy sailors to furnish crews for the navies of the world. Japan leads the world in commercial fishing, an industry which has been of the utmost importance to the nation for centuries, and must continue to be in the future, says the Boston Globe. This will be easily understood when the fact is known that the chief part of the animal food eaten in Japan comes from the water, and besides, the skill and intelligence of the Japanese have utilized even the seaweeds for food purposes, and have turned into profit the most valuable resources of the watery kingdom. Fish is the most important element of diet of her armies and sea fighters.

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Another Big Strike. A general strike of the employees of all the big packing plants throughout the country has been ordered by Michael J. Donohue, president of the Workmen's Meat Cutters and Butchers' Association, and on Monday over 50,000 employees of the various concerns in the Beef Trust walked out.

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Strong Ticket Nominated at St. Louis.

DEMOCRATS GET TOGETHER.

The Democratic Convention Did Not Adjourn Until After Midnight Saturday.

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, was nominated for President on the first ballot. Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, was named for vice-president. Both are "gold" men, but supported Bryan in both his canvasses.

Hill and Bryan will both heartily support the ticket, and both seem satisfied with the platform.

The National Convention, dominated by the South, with John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, temporary chairman; Joe Bailey, of Texas, named for permanent chairman, and John Daniel, of Virginia, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, it would seem that Democrats in the National Council are making reply to the plank of the Republican platform, which demands reduction of Southern representation in Congress.

Hurst and Cleveland both send congratulations. Harmony will be the most prominent feature of this campaign.

As the members left they generally expressed themselves as satisfied with the work they had accomplished, some of the expressions heard being as follows: Senator Daniel: The platform was unanimously adopted and it is reasonably satisfactory. Senator Tillman: We have succeeded in getting a platform without any poison in it.

"Will you support a ticket on this platform?" was asked of Mr. Bryan. "I will certainly support the platform," was his reply, and this was said in a way to convince his interrogator that he fully expected to support both platform and ticket.

After all William J. Bryan bore himself like a man and a Democrat in the convention. Outnumbered two to one, he made his fight and won it upon every material point save the naming of the candidate. And, when finally the convention found itself in a quandary by reason of the telegram of Judge Parker, he got out of a sick bed to face the convention and say to it that if needed he would, after due protest, support its nominee upon a platform containing a gold plank.

POLITICAL.

The popular belief is that the gubernatorial fight lies between Mr. Swann and Judge William Hodges. The former is the favorite of the former and is very numerous, and he will be exceedingly strong in the primary. Judge Mann, as the anti-saloon representative, is also very formidable.

This statement is given to the Press on the authority of George F. Washburn, national treasurer of the People's party: "Next to Cleveland the Populists desired the nomination of Parker. His nomination emphasizes the parting of the ways of the allied forces, and will help immensely to restore the Populist party to its former strength and effectiveness."

Germany has sent a cruiser to Haiti to demand redress for an attack on the German minister, and Teddy has sent one of his war boats to hear what Haiti says and see what the German cruiser proposes to do. Teddy is always carrying a chip on his shoulder and daring some power to knock it off. This chip-carrying business is what makes the business interests of the country and will cause Teddy's defeat in November.—Harford Democrat.

It is rather pitiful to watch the wriggling and squirming of the anti-Martin papers. Except that they roar and cry out in their agony, they would be the prototype of the angle worm when impaled upon a fish hook. When they remember that they treated Mr. Martin and his friends at the Norfolk Convention, they cannot understand the brotherly liberality and generosity that gentlemen have shown under reversed conditions. These papers and their editors know that the friends of Senator Martin were overwhelmingly in the majority at the Richmond Convention, and that they did not pay his enemies back in kind because of the persuasive influence of our junior Senator, who is a Virginian of too broad a gauge to put party spite and petty revenge ahead of party tradition and precedent. Hurl your venom, dear boys, but remember that these poison filled vials, like the boomerang, will return, break and scatter their contents over their projectors. Men who rave and storm, abuse and deery their successful opponents always reminds us of the spoiled and unruly child who when denied some hurtful or impossible desire goes into a prooxym of sin and screams and pounds the floor with its own willful and silly head.—Polunna Progress.

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