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NEGLECTING OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

Since the appearance in these columns a few days since of an editorial urging the farmers to get back to farming and quit murdering their timber lands, we have been informed by a large fertilizer dealer in this city that there were many evidences that they were doing this very thing. This is as it should be, and we hope to see this section converted into a trucking country of rich value. Convenient as we are to all of the large markets in the East, it seems passing strange that our people should for so long have neglected their opportunities in this particular direction. - Fredericksburg Free Lance.

It has been practically demonstrated that the lower Rappahannock valley can get some varieties of trucks into market as much as four days ahead of the famous Norfolk sections, and from ten days to two weeks ahead of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, which all means a valuable natural asset. Since this is true, it naturally ascends the thoughtful one to see that our great privileges and blessings are not more fully utilized. One reason is that we are handicapped for markets. Baltimore can no longer handle our output to advantage. The Eastern Shore and Norfolk sections, in oysters and trucks as in other commodities, have quick and easy transportation facilities to Philadelphia, New York and New England, where are our best markets, and seldom or never "glutted." Could we have had such shipping facilities we would long ago have surprised the State at what the Northern Neck and south of the Rappahannock could do in the way of trucking.

Lacking this, our people have lacked the encouragement necessary to incite our easy life to industrious land working. In this phase of our existence lies largely the fault of our not showing up as we should. To the manner born, this people depend upon the water too much. With only an occasional bad season their living comes easily out of the water, and not until we cease to depend so largely upon the water product, and that nature has blessed us with will we forge to the front as we might. There is no soil north or south of the lower Rappahannock that is not superior in primal fertility and precocity to that of the Norfolk or Eastern Shore sections. Yet we have lands here going begging at five and ten dollars an acre, similar to unimproved lands in those sections that cannot be bought for a hundred dollars an acre. We often wonder why the truckers of the "Shore," who are eagerly grasping at poor lands to improve, do not cast around and find what we have here to offer so cheaply. Why, our strawberry and green pea season is nearly over when the Eastern Shore begins to ship. Crisfield a few days ago was sending out from ten to twenty car-loads of berries and ours were already done for. This forwardness would mean a mint of money if our people would stop gazing on the treasures under the water and turn their attention to the land. And, maybe, in due time the transportation companies would take pity on us and give us a line at Crisfield by which we may the easier reach the Northern markets.

THERE IS STILL SOME HOPE

We are truly glad to see the vacillation of the Richmond News Leader turning into sane and loyal Democratic channels. The following extracts from our Richmond evening contemporary are good, terse and wise, but we are somewhat jarred when we recall that the News Leader was the prime mover in showing up dissenters in and dissatisfaction with the Democratic party in the Ninth District; that it also is loud for the continuation of the party primary and all but invited the vicious campaign that is going on in the Eighth. Maybe there is repentance in the air; but it will take a great amount of penance to counteract the great damage already done. Says the News Leader in part: "The Democrats of the Ninth Virginia Congress district ought to be moving and preparing for a fiercely aggressive and victorious campaign. And the Democrats of the rest of the State should be lining up to help them. They can break down the Republican ring that rules affairs there and smash the backbone of the Republican party of the State. The policy of the Virginia Democrats this year should be to concentrate all their strength for the capture of the Ninth district. That district is the Republican headquarters and stronghold. From it Republican strength and influence have gradually spread and grown. If the Republicans there are put and kept on the defensive they will have enough to do with a desperate effort to hold their ground without undertaking aggression or movement elsewhere. Make the Ninth district the battle ground. Invade the enemy's

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

The hotly contested election in the Eighth Congressional District resulted in victory, Tuesday, for Mr. C. C. Carlin, by a majority of nearly 3,000. Mr. Carlin was elected to fill the unexpired term of Hon. J. F. Rixey, who died while serving his term in the House of Representatives. Some half a dozen gentlemen presented themselves as candidates for the position, among these Judge C. E. Nicol, who resigned his seat on the bench to enter the race. Mr. Carlin won by a fair majority and very soon after announced that he was a candidate for reelection. The race was contested by Mr. Gordon of Louisa county, and he began a canvass characterized by not a little vituperation, attacking the character of Mr. Carlin, and charging that he won his election by unfair and underhand means, the use of whiskey and even subsidizing the press of the district. Mr. Gordon was busy with his canvass for a long while before Congress adjourned, Mr. Carlin remaining in his place and stating publicly that he deemed it his duty to remain in his seat and attend to matters of state. His reelection is a comment on the bad taste shown in personal attacks on character, and the history of such attacks in the past reads defeat to the man who uses that sort of weapon. The fair-minded man as a rule turns with disgust from personalities, and they are rarely effective in political warfare.

Norfolk has had an exciting canvass for Mayor and James R. Riddick, anti-administration candidate, was victorious. It was the hottest election held in Norfolk for many years.

H. L. Wallace was chosen Mayor of Fredericksburg Tuesday, he having 252 majority over Henry Ward. The contest was not political.

Col. Maryus Jones was the successful candidate for Mayor of Newport News, but won by only 74 votes over his competitor, Fred Read, Republican.

SOME MARRIAGES.

Miss Clara Forrester and Mr. Shepherd Lewis, both of Rainswood, were married last week at the home of Rev. A. D. Reynolds.

Cards have been issued to the marriage of Miss Maybel Neal to Mr. Willie Dawson, to take place at Coan Baptist church Wednesday night, June 10th.

Mrs. Lizzie Contee, of Middlesex, was married to Mr. H. D. W. Hatch, a prominent lumber dealer of North Carolina, Wednesday of last week. They left that afternoon for a northern tour.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Eastman, of Middlesex, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret, Elizabeth, to Charles Elmer Gerner, of Pennsylvania, June 1st at the home of the bride near Stormont.

Mr. Andrew Straughan Hardy, who has been prominent in the affairs of Lancaster county for many years, and Mrs. Mina Rose Plumley, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., were married Saturday, June 6th, at the home of the bride. After a two weeks' tour Mr. and Mrs. Hardy will make their home at Burlington, N. Y. Mrs. Hardy is known in Lancaster, having spent several weeks at Weems a few years ago. Mr. Hardy is well known throughout the lower Northern Neck and Southside, and for the past four years or more has been oyster inspector of the lower district of Lancaster. They have the good wishes of many friends in this section.

One of the most notable events of the summer season in Southside Virginia was the marriage Wednesday evening of last week at Harmony Grove Baptist church, Middlesex county, Va., of Miss Lucy Hollon Hart, of Harmony Village, to Mr. Deane Handley, of Dunnsville, Essex county. The church presented a scene of rare beauty. The rarest flowers and evergreens that make June beautiful contributed to the loveliness of the decorations, which were fashioned and executed by many friends of the popular bride and groom. Promptly at 7:30 the procession of attendants formed, and to the inspiring strains of the "Lohengrin" wedding march, softly rendered by Miss Alice Stiff, proceeded the bride to the altar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John T. T. Hundley, brother of the groom, assisted by Rev. H. J. Goodwin, the bride's pastor. The bridesmaids were, Misses Mary Lyell, of Baltimore; Mabel Meanley, Baltimore; Gladys Hoskins, Dunnsville; Vay Garnett, Dunnsville; Marian Dutton, Harmony Village; Salome Stiff, Harmony Village; Annie Newcomb, Gloucester and Susie Duvall, Gloucester. They wore gowns of white chiffon cloth, with satin sashes and gloves to match, and carried bouquets of ferns and daisies. The groomsmen and ushers were Messrs. Catesby Ware, of Dunnsville; John Marshall Lewis, Gloucester; R. Holman Lewis, Beaufort; Philip M. Gresham, Lancaster; Marion G. Willis, Jr., Fredericksburg; Walter G. Tyler, Richmond; Thomas Lawson, Harmony Village; Larkin Anderson, Montague; B. F. Hart, Jr., Harmony Village; Clinton Stiff, Harmony Village; Earl Segar, Harmony Village, and Earl Segar. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hart, of Harmony Village, and is richly endowed with rare beauty of person and character. The groom is a son of the late John T. T. Hundley, of Essex county, Va., and a prominent attorney in this section of the State. After the wedding feast the happy pair departed for Niagara and other points of interest. Upon their return they will reside at "Hundley Hall," the ancestral home of the groom, at Dunnsville, Va.

SOME DEATHS.

E. L. Smith died Thursday at the home of his brother, T. R. Smith, near Church View, Middlesex county, Va., aged about 60.

Mr. George DeAtley died at his home in Fairfield, Northumberland county, last week of pneumonia, aged about eighty-one years. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

John A. Settle, of near Warsaw, aged 66 years, died at his home Tuesday morning. He was buried at the Menokin Baptist church Wednesday. Mr. Settle is survived by a large family of children and several brothers and sisters.

Dr. Hiram E. Coles died suddenly Wednesday of last week at his home in Lillian, Northumberland. He was an ex-confederate soldier, aged about sixty-eight. He is survived by two daughters, Misses Corinne and Constance, and one son, Hon. Malcolm A. Coles, a prominent Republican, all of Washington.

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