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Senator Vilas succeeded in getting an amendment to the Sunday Civil Appropriation bill, authorizing the President to appoint a commission to confer with a like body representing Great Britain and Canada as to the feasibility of a series of canals between the great lakes and the Atlantic ocean with a depth sufficient to accommodate ocean going vessels.

February 18th will be the centennial anniversary of the birth of Hon. Geo. Peabody, the great benefactor to public education and who endowed Washington and Lee University with \$300,000. The day will be observed at Washington and Lee University by suspension of all duties and in the afternoon the day will be celebrated by public addresses by two or more eminent men yet to be selected. The board of Trustees, and faculty will be represented by a speaker on that occasion.

It is generally believed that the present bond issue will have the effect of greatly lessening the probability of an extra session of Congress. The President and Secretary Carlisle believe that getting the gold for these bonds from abroad will be highly beneficial to the Treasury and that no further bond issues will be necessary, unless there shall be some unexpected turn of affairs.

The Senate adopted the amendment to the consular and diplomatic bill appropriating \$500,000 to start the work of laying a cable to Hawaii and authorizing the President to contract for the entire work. With the exception of Senator Butler, Cull, Gorman, Hill and Morgan all of the Democratic present voted against the amendment.

Senator Lill stated the financial situation in a nutshell when he said of the President's last special message: "It unloads the responsibility on Congress." President Cleveland after weeks of negotiation could do no better than to get an offer of gold to be paid for in thirty years 4 per cent coin bonds, at a price which makes the bonds carry interest at the rate of 3 and 3-4 per cent, although the same men expressed a willingness to furnish gold for an unlimited amount of 3 per cent gold bonds. The President had this offer more than a week ago, but he held it in abeyance until the House defeated the bill providing for 3 per cent gold bonds. Then he accepted the offer to the amount of 3,500,000 ounces of standard gold coin which will require the issuing of within a fraction of \$2,400,000 in bonds, with a proviso that the gold should be paid for at the same price with 3 per cent gold bonds, if Congress would within ten days authorize their issue. The President then in a special message laid the facts before Congress, laying particular stress upon the \$16,000,000 which represents the difference in the interest that would have to be paid on 3 per cent gold bonds and that which will have to be paid on the 3 and 3-4 per cent coin bonds, and leaving it for Congress to decide which it shall be.

The National Park at Appomattox.

Our Representative, Mr. Tucker, has asked that an appropriation be made for a national park at Appomattox, where the closing scenes of the late war took place. This move seems to meet with the hearty approval of the North as well as the South, as will be shown by the following:

At the regular meeting of Encampment No. 69, Union Veteran Legion, last night a resolution was introduced by Comrade William Howard Mills, and unanimously adopted, as follows:

"That to perpetuate the three great principles of our order, 'fraternity, charity and patriotism,' and promote the interests of humanity, Encampment No. 69, Union Veteran Legion, extends the right hand of fellowship to R. E. Lee camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, Va., and

to all Confederate veterans everywhere and asks its assistance to secure an appropriation from Congress for the establishment of a national park at Appomattox, which shall be accepted by the veterans of the war of the rebellion in the light of another rainbow of promises, for ourselves and our descendants, of the perpetuity of the union of the United States of America.

"That we request the national commander to invite every encampment of the order to pass resolutions in conformity hereto, and every organization of the Union Veterans' Legion, of the Sons of the Revolution, of the Sons of the American Revolution, every commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, every camp and organization of the Confederate Veterans, every organization of the Sons of Veterans, Union and Confederate, and all patriotic organizations and societies of men and women throughout the United States of America to aid in the fulfillment of this desire."

Harrisonburg's Chance.

A letter of the 4th. inst. from Bogota, Va., to the Rockingham Register, conveys the idea that Harrisonburg's chances for the railroad are slight indeed. If this be true we are sorry for her, but she has one road and Highland has none, and we hope if the road misses Harrisonburg it will not miss Monterey.

The letter is as follows:—You Harrisonburgers are gnawing a file. You will not get your railroad. Let us trace its route from some point in West Virginia, probably Marlinton, through North River Gap by Bridgewater, straight across by Shenandoah through Brown's Gap, thence to Gloucester Point. Are the people of Harrisonburg so credulous as to believe any railroad construction company is going 15 miles out of its way for the sake of a paltry \$150,000? How long would it take to exhaust such an amount in keeping up this extra 15 miles? Do you not know the expenses of every railroad are computed by the mile? It is the object of every road to cut off as much as possible and to reach its point by the nearest possible route. This is the supreme object of every railroad company. This particular company is composed of men whose interests in the West Virginia coal lands are identical with those owning the mineral lands in the Blue Ridge lying on each side of Brown's Gap. Do you think these men will run their road 15 miles further to keep from touching their own mineral property? Numbers of these men were interested in Shenandoah. One year ago they refused to pay taxes on their lands, refused to pay any further assessments, and signified their intention of letting their lots go by default. This year they have changed their minds, have paid up all taxes in arrears, and for the following year. Does this teach you anything? Mind, we are not writing of Virginians interested in these developments, but of Northerners—of the men who are seeking an outlet for their capital. Your Mr. Maehen who held up such glittering baubles before your eyes, was also in Shenandoah, but he did not come here with a blow of trumpets, nor a rattle of drums, neither did he talk much railroad business. On the contrary, he talked chicken talk, and told some of our citizens how to make a fortune out of hens. He told how many thousands (or was it hundreds of thousands) of dollars he had made in the hen business. Those New Yorkers knew what they were doing when they sent him to Harrisonburg to dazzle your eyes, so as to keep them off of the true route until they had secured all they wanted.

Enjoying a Few Days Rest.

Judge William McLaughlin, of Lexington, Va., is at the Riggs, simply enjoying a few days of rest in Washington, as has been his custom every Winter for many years. He is the veteran of all the Virginia judges and there are not many in other States who approach his length of service on the bench. For more than a quarter of a century he has presided over the Thirteenth Virginia Judicial Circuit, and his uprightness and clear-cut decisions are a household word in the Old Dominion.—Washington Post.

A Postal Reform.

There is a new name upon the scroll of fame and a strange face in history's portrait gallery of statesmen. It is Mr. Seabury of Texas, who until a few days ago had not even a bowing acquaintance with immortality. He is a member of the Legislature of the Lone Star State, and earned distinction one day last week by introducing a bill providing that any person who receives a letter and fails to answer it in ten days shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment in the county jail, or both.

The passage of this measure would revolutionize society even upon the Texas prairie, and will find instant favor with many classes. The merchant who sends his bills by mail must be answered within ten days, the poet who floods the magazines with effusions must receive a definite and a prompt reply; the timid young man who sends his proposal by mail will delight in the fact that the fair lady must make up her mind and announce her decision within a specified period. The heavy hand of the law must be laid upon the shoulder of the man who carries his wife's letters for days before he remembers to mail them. Provision must also be made for stamps that will stick.

A STOVE WITH A HISTORY.

It is Said to Have Belonged to Thomas Jefferson.

MONTEREY, VA. February 11.—A discovery has lately been made which, if it "pans out" as the fact-nom indicate, will be a feather in the cap of an humble but withal a worthy and industrious citizen of Monterey.

Joseph Jones, who is a wagon-maker, miller, and proprietor of a planing-mill, has in his shop an old-fashioned stove, covered with the rust of ages, and, while many an honest customer and a host of friendly loafers have enjoyed the comfort which its warmth afforded, not a man of them had an idea until recently that it had a history that will in all probability make it more valuable than the most modern heaters of the day, and an ownership, which, if established, will make the relic-loving public green with envy, for the facts strongly indicate that around this homely old stove the Sage of Monticello toasted his patriarchal "shins" while with Washington, Adams, Calhoun, and other cotemporary dignitaries of that eventful day his master mind grappled with the Magna-Charta of a nation's future and conceived and formulated these principles designed to secure to all posterity "a just government and an equal jurisdiction."

But, remembering that nearly every State in the Union has furnished for Washington and Jefferson servant, coachman, body-guard, wet nurse, or parson saint in some guise, I mention this claim with great modesty, not asserting it as a fact, but as a strong belief, hoping that some one through whose hands the old relic has passed down the ages may be able to confirm the statement.

A gentleman of Eastern Highland, visited Mr. Jones's shop not long ago, and, noting the ancient appearance of the stove, asked Mr. Jones where he had gotten it. "I bought it of Dr. Patterson." "Can you trace it no further?" "He got it from Simon Smith." The gentleman here gave his knee a slap of satisfaction, saying: "I have been trying to locate that stove, Smith got it from Dr. Robert Stuart, and he told me that it was a present to him from no less a personage than Thomas Jefferson, he (Dr. Stuart) claiming that he was a personal friend of Jefferson."

Dr. Stuart died about twenty years ago, aged, perhaps, 70 years. Simeon Smith was shot and killed by one John Campbell at the Warm Springs several years ago. Dr. Patterson is now located at Staunton, Va.

The stove is supposed to have been made at an old foundry somewhere in the Valley of Virginia, and has moulded on each side plate, "Samuel Miller 1769," the letters being almost hidden by rust.

If it is true, as some believe, that Dr. Stuart was a student at the University of Virginia between 1800 and 1820, where the friendship of Mr. Jefferson could have been formed, then Mr. Jones can very reasonably claim that his stove was once owned by the father of Democracy.—Richmond Dispatch.

VIRGINIA

IN VACATION—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Highland County, February 11 1895 George F. Eakle, Plaintiff, VS.

James B. Bradshaw Executor of William Lockridge dec'd A. Rees Lockridge and others, Defendant. In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to have a settlement of the accounts of J. B. Bradshaw Ex'or of William Lockridge dec'd; to ascertain the debts against said estate and make provision for their payment.

And it appearing from affidavits filed, that Mollie Lockridge is not an inhabitant of the state of Virginia; it is ordered that she appear here, within fifteen days after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect her interest.

Teste: J. C. Matheny Clerk. L. H. Stephenson, p. q.

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