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It has long been a perplexing question for the politicians of Virginia to decide whether their friends are their worst enemies, or their enemies their best friends.

The young man whose fancy had commenced turning to thoughts of thinner clothes and other spring accoutrements has had a relapse and he is now figuring out how long his last winter's overcoat is going to look respectable.

It is about time now for eleven million politicians to come out in a two column article announcing that although they have no personal desire for their names to appear before the nominating convention they have at the earnest solicitation of hosts of friends consented to do so.

It is thought that the reason that Virginia editors are going to meet in Charlottesville this year is because both the gold bug Democrats and the free silver Democrats want to swear by the grave of Jefferson that each of them are the only true expounders of Democracy as promulgated by him.

The baseball cranks are now coming out of their holes and on every side you can hear the merits and demerits of the different players discussed. The Times will be found up-to-date in its baseball news and subscribers can rely upon getting the very latest local baseball gossip every morning.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons have had a talk in San Francisco and the latter declines to fight Pompadour Jim any more. From this it would appear that the Australian is perfectly willing to rest on his laurels so far as his late California rival is concerned, and is not desirous of taking any more chances in that direction.

Judging from the way those English newspapers are kicking over the action of the United States Senate in adopting the amendments to the arbitration treaty it would seem that the people over there had an ax to grind, and wanted to convert this treaty into a crank, with the understanding that the United States would do the turning.

The recent move of the Norfolk and Western in redivisioning their road and cutting off a lot of high-salaried men is commendable in more ways than one. They show by this action that they appreciate the fact that one high official can better be dispensed with than a number of laboring men, both by the road and the public generally. It also shows that the company realizes the necessities of the laboring classes and is doing all in its power to give them employment. The Norfolk and Western system is one of the best railroad systems in the United States and it is confidently expected that the road will do some good work during the coming year toward developing this section of Virginia and Roanoke particularly.

## MR. ELLYSON, TAKE NOTICE.

The Democrats of Virginia have witnessed one unpleasant exhibition that they do not care to see repeated—the exhibition of a governor in whom they reposed confidence arraying himself against them and still holding on to the office to which their suffrages had elected him. With this experience before their eyes they are not likely to take any more chances.—Portsmouth Times.

## "VOTERS, REMEMBER."

That on Thursday after the fourth Monday in May next you will be called upon to vote upon the question of calling a constitutional convention to adopt a new constitution. The time is short and the danger great to your interest.

The advocates of such a convention are active, and it behooves all voters opposing a new constitution to get to work to organize, that the proposition may receive that disapproval at the hands of the people it justly deserves.

All the white counties of the Southwest and the Valley of Virginia should give such large majorities against such a convention as that the majorities of the black belt may certainly be overruled, for, as it has been in the past so it will be in this instance, the political manipulators of the black belt will try to dictate the policies of the State.—Abingdon Virginian.

## A WISE DECISION.

The decision of the board of directors of the penitentiary at a recent meeting to have a practical experiment in sugar beet culture made at the State farm is a wise one. The capabilities and resources of the soil of this State, acre for acre and

foot for foot, are equal to those of any land or climate on the globe, and from outward indications there seems to be no reason why the experiment should not prove a success in all respects. In the matter of fine watermelons and sweet potatoes, the section of the State in which the penitentiary is located has long been famous as a producer. The Hanover watermelon and sweet potato are already famous the country over, and dealers in these products have long ago learned to make the most of the fact in their sales. The sweetness of the melons of Eastern Virginia has already grown into classical significance, and the same is true of the potato. These facts would seem to indicate the existence in some form of abundant saccharine ingredients, which need only the workings of nature's laboratory, in the shape of certain fruits or vegetables, to extract them from the soil. Turnips, carrots, parsnips, rutabagas, beets, sweet and Irish potatoes grow in all parts of the State in great abundance and of large size, and as the lucious sweetness of the melon, and the succulence of the vegetables in tide-water Virginia have been generally admitted since the settlement at Jamestown, it follows of course that the sugar beet should be raised there in its greatest perfection.

The cost of the proposed experiment at the State farm will be nothing when the results that may be arrived at are considered, and not only should the test be thoroughly and promptly made, but farmers and gardeners all over the State should be encouraged to raise the beets on a small scale this year, in order that the general adaptability of the soil for their production may be determined. Along with this cultivation, a few factories for extracting the sugar should be built at points most accessible, thus affording the best results to those engaged in the experiment. Nebraska has already made considerable progress in sugar beet culture, and under the fostering care of the State the outlook for sugar making is very bright. In California and some other States the experiment is also being tried, and Virginia, which has always been famous for the excellent quality of the staple products raised upon her soil, should not lag behind in this movement.

As the producer of the best tobacco upon the continent and the best of everything else in the line of agricultural and stock-raising, it would not be at all surprising, with the proper effort, if this State should become the head and centre of the sugar-making industry of the country. The three hundred million dollars or more spent annually in foreign countries for sugar by the American people might as well be expended at home, where all would share in the distribution. In Germany, France and other European countries the sugar beet industry is worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the people and there is apparently no reason why it should not prove of the same value to the American people, especially when they would be the consumers. At any rate, the experiment is well worth trying in Virginia and it is the duty of the commissioner of agriculture to promote the test by every means available.

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## THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG.

Even the Petersburg Index-Appeal, after explaining that its characterization of the fight against Mr. Elyson as "unfair, ungrateful and foolish," had reference to that fight as based upon Mr. Elyson's goldite views, says:

"THAT THERE ARE MANY AND SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR NOT MAKING MR. ELLYSON GOVERNOR, WE DO NOT DOUBT, but that to which we have referred to is surely not one."

We concur with our contemporary fully "that there are many and sufficient reasons for not making Mr. Elyson governor," without reference to his goldite proclivities; but as the goldites will be sure to claim a victory if any goldite is nominated for governor by the Virginia Democracy, it will be well for the party not to ignore that fact; and, moreover, if the goldites in the party (a mere handful) insist on defeating one of their number as the party's gubernatorial nominee, that at once gives a significance to Mr. Elyson's financial views that the party should resent. It is the tail attempting to wag the dog, and doing so on the ground that if it is not submitted to it is a rejection of its co-operation.—Norfolk Pilot.

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## IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

## NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 25.—There was a material falling in the volume of business at the stock exchange to-day, the sales of stocks amounting to 230,392 shares. Speculation throughout was feverish and unsettled and the tendency of prices was downward. Professional operators generally were arrayed on the short side of the account, but here and there evidences were plain of covering by important interests.

The decision of the United States supreme court in the case of the Trans-Missouri Freight Association is still the main bear argument and operators for lower prices seemed to be quite confident that in the end the court's ruling will result in a general demoralization of railway rates.

The pressure to sell was most pronounced in the Grangers, Reading and Northern Pacific. These issues dropped anywhere from 1-2 to 2 per cent. Burlington and Quincy, Reading first preferred, Northwest, Rock Island, and St. Paul scoring the heaviest losses. In the industrials, Sugar advanced to 113-3/8, and the stock commanded a small premium for use. This alarmed the bears, but after the smaller shorts had covered the price dropped back to 112-1/4. Leather preferred showed weakness in the late trading, selling down to 57-1/4, a loss of 1-1/2 per cent.

Speculation left off weak in tone. Net changes show losses of 1-4/11 1/2 per cent. Burlington and Quincy, Reading first preferred leading. Manhattan, Western Union and Rubber preferred gained 1-8/17 8 per cent.

The bond market was lower. Transactions aggregated \$1,096,000. Treasury balances: Coin, \$133,913,005; currency \$67,355,042.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| American Cotton Oil.....               | 11 1/2  |
| American Cotton Oil, preferred.....    | 56 1/2  |
| American Sugar Refining.....           | 112 1/4 |
| American Sugar Refining, pref.....     | 102 3/4 |
| American Tobacco.....                  | 76 1/2  |
| American Tobacco, preferred.....       | 105 1/2 |
| Atchafalpa.....                        | 10 5/8  |
| Baltimore and Ohio.....                | 15      |
| Canada Pacific.....                    | 47 1/2  |
| Chesapeake and Ohio.....               | 16 5/8  |
| Chicago Alton.....                     | 16 3/4  |
| Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.....    | 72 1/8  |
| Chicago Gas.....                       | 78 7/8  |
| Delaware, Lack. and Western.....       | 15 1/4  |
| Distilling and Cattle Feeding.....     | 13 1/8  |
| Erie.....                              | 31 1/2  |
| Erie preferred.....                    | 33 3/8  |
| General Electric.....                  | 93 1/2  |
| Lake Erie and West.....                | 14      |
| Lake Erie and West, preferred.....     | 64      |
| Lake Shore.....                        | 16 1/2  |
| Louisville and Nashville.....          | 46 1/2  |
| L. N. & O.....                         | 84 5/8  |
| Manhattan Consolidated.....            | 15      |
| Memphis and Charleston.....            | 93      |
| Michigan Central.....                  | 18      |
| Missouri Pacific.....                  | 19      |
| Mobile and Ohio.....                   | 19      |
| Nashville, Chat. & St. L.....          | 67 1/2  |
| Cordage.....                           | 86 5/8  |
| U. S. Cordage, preferred.....          | 99 7/8  |
| New Jersey Central.....                | 37      |
| New York and New England.....          | 26 1/2  |
| Norfolk and Western preferred.....     | 12 1/8  |
| Northern Pacific.....                  | 34 7/8  |
| Northern Pacific preferred.....        | 106 1/4 |
| Northwestern.....                      | 155     |
| Pacific Mail.....                      | 26 3/8  |
| Reading.....                           | 21 1/2  |
| Rock Island.....                       | 64 1/2  |
| St. Paul.....                          | 75 1/4  |
| St. Paul preferred.....                | 136 1/8 |
| Silver Certificates.....               | 62 7/8  |
| Tennessee Coal and Iron.....           | 26 1/2  |
| Tennessee Coal and Iron, pref.....     | 80      |
| Texas Pacific.....                     | 8 7/8   |
| Union Pacific.....                     | 6       |
| Wabash, St. L. and Pacific.....        | 5 1/4   |
| Wabash, St. L. and Pacific pref'd..... | 13 5/8  |
| Western Union.....                     | 83 1/8  |
| Wheeling and L. E.....                 | 1       |
| Wheeling and L. E. preferred.....      | 3 1/2   |

## BONDS.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Alabama, Class A.....                     | 106 1/4 |
| Alabama, Class B.....                     | 104 1/2 |
| Alabama, Class C.....                     | 99 1/2  |
| Louisiana Stamped 4's.....                | 96 1/2  |
| North Carolina 4's.....                   | 103     |
| North Carolina 6's.....                   | 124     |
| Tennessee new set 3's.....                | 80      |
| Virginia 6's, deferred.....               | 5       |
| Virginia Trust Receipts, stamped 5's..... | 63      |
| Virginia Funded Debt.....                 | 110 7/8 |
| United States 4's, registered.....        | 112 1/4 |
| United States 4's, coupon.....            | 96      |
| Southern Railway 5's.....                 | 89 1/4  |
| Southern Railway common.....              | 8 5/8   |
| Southern Railway, preferred.....          | 26 3/4  |
| South Carolina 4 1/2's.....               | 105     |
| U. S. (new) 4's, registered.....          | 123 3/8 |
| U. S. (new) 4's, coupon.....              | 123 1/2 |

## MONEY MARKET.

New York, March 25.—Money on call easy at 1-1/2 to 3-4; last loan at 1-1/2 and closing 1-1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3-1/2 per cent. Bar silver 62 3/4. Sterling exchange easier with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 5/32 4 1/8 for sixty days, and 4 1/2 1/2 1/4 1/2 1/4 for demand. Postal rates 4 1/2 1/2 1/4 1/2 1/4. Commercial bills 4 1/2 1/2 1/4 1/2 1/4. Government bonds firm; State bonds dull; railroad bonds irregular. Silver at the board was firm.

## CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 25.—Wheat had a slow and draggy market, the fluctuations being within an extremely narrow range, strength and weakness alternating frequently and the close showing a small net loss from yesterday. Crop damage reports from Illinois, Indiana and Missouri were quite as numerous as ever, but the trade was disposed to consider them as exaggerated to some extent. Fine growing weather prevailed in most sections, that being the principal weapon in the hands of the bears. Cash wheat was steady at yesterday's prices.

The steady factor in corn was again the light receipts, seventy three cars. The opening decline in wheat, however, exerted a temporary weakening effect, a fractional loss being then sustained. The

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market was an idle and listless one generally, activity of any kind being only spasmodic. Cash corn was without essential change. Trade was dull, owing to light receipts.

Oats—The business in oats was quite unworthy of note. Local traders preserved the semblance of a market and that was all. After an easy opening, the tone strengthened with the other grains, but at the close the feeling was indifferent. May oats closed a shade lower. Cash oats were quiet and steady.

Provisions—The tone of the provision market was nothing more than steady at the opening. The hog receipts were light, but at an early advance of 5 cents at the yards failed to be sustained. Later, English houses bought and the demand was of sufficient potency to cause a good rally. May pork closed 2 1/2c lower; May hard and ribs unchanged.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Wheat—                   | Open     | Close.   |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| March.....               | 71 5/8   | 71 3/4   |
| May.....                 | 72 5/8   | 72 3/4   |
| July.....                | 71 1/4   | 71 1/4   |
| September.....           | 69 1/8   | 69 1/8   |
| Corn—                    |          |          |
| March.....               | 23 3/4   | 23 7/8   |
| May.....                 | 24 1/2   | 24 5/8   |
| July.....                | 25 1/2   | 25 5/8   |
| September.....           | 23 3/4   | 23 3/4   |
| Oats—                    |          |          |
| March.....               | 16 3/4   | 16 3/4   |
| May.....                 | 17 1/8   | 17 1/8   |
| July.....                | 18       | 18       |
| September.....           | 18       | 18       |
| Mess Pork, per bbl—      |          |          |
| May.....                 | 8.77 1/2 | 8.75     |
| July.....                | 8.80     | 8.87 1/2 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs—       |          |          |
| May.....                 | 4.25     | 4.25     |
| July.....                | 4.35     | 4.35     |
| Short Ribs, per 100 lbs. |          |          |
| May.....                 | 4.67 1/2 | 4.67 1/2 |
| July.....                | 4.72 1/2 | 4.72 1/2 |

## SALEM NEWS

## EDWARD JETER, REPORTER.

Mr. Choioniere, from Fabravois, Canada, has been in Salem for several days past prospecting with the view of purchasing a fruit farm. As yet he has not purchased.

Thieves made another unsuccessful attempt to enter the store of Samuel Martin on College avenue Tuesday night. Mr. Gordon, who sleeps in the store, heard them at the door and invited them in and as they fled he fired several shots at them. It is to be regretted that they did not accept Mr. Gordon's kind invitation to enter where they could have been fired on at closer range.

Dr. Lewis Pedigo, of Alleghany Springs, was in the city yesterday on business.

The Gravelly foundry, situated on Alabama street, was yesterday sold by J. E. Allemon, trustee, and the same was purchased by the Salem Improvement Company for \$200.

The Southern Express Company has again started a delivery wagon in Salem, with James Beck in charge of the company's business.

Leon Palmer and wife returned Wednesday night from Glad Springs, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Palmer's father, Col. James M. Byars.

Miss Lizzie Board, of Chambersburg, Pa., is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

The Times-Register is authority for the statement that Miss Julia Landon, formerly of this place, is soon to wed a gentleman of Washington city.

Mrs. Eugene Smith, nee Moon, sister of Wm. J. Moon, Jr., of the Norfolk and Western offices, is reported as being quite ill at her home in Ashville, N. C.

The Salem friends of Col. Geo. P. Taylor are grieved to learn that his condition has again become critical.

W. Lee Brand left Wednesday for Washington, where it is supposed he went to look after the Salem postoffice. Mr. Brand was at one time prominently mentioned for the collectorship of the Western district, but it is generally conceded that Pat McCull will secure this political plum. Although it is intimated that another Salem gentleman has been trying to secure the postoffice appointment, in view of Mr. Brand's past fealty to his party it can hardly be doubted that he will be Salem's next postmaster.

There was some ice in Salem yesterday morning in various quarters of the town formed by the cold weather of Wednesday night. Owing to the dryness of the air and the continued blowing of the wind, it is not thought by the wisemen that fruit buds were hurt, while a quiet night with frost might have been disastrous.

S. A. Wilson is reported as being quite sick at his home in West Salem.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Reuben Witt, in West Salem, D. W. Dodd was united in marriage to Miss Nannie L. Witt. Dr. J. B. Taylor performed the ceremony.

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 Bromley Smyrna Rugs, Bureau Size, \$1.10.  
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