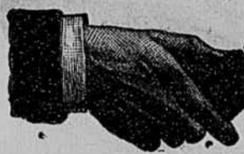


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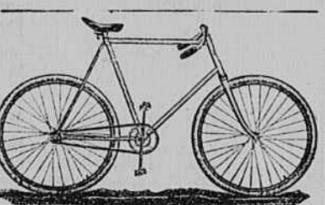
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SHAWSVILLE ITEMS.

Miss Maggie E. Lillis has returned to her home in this place after a short visit to Pulaski.

Mrs. J. A. Albert is still very ill.

Mr. Joe Gordon, of Lafayette, died Wednesday after about three weeks illness.

The Misses Higginbotham, of West Virginia, are visiting at White brothers, of this place.

Miss Mary Chamberlain, Miss Virginia Cornica, Miss Margaret Reed, Miss Lizzie Bowden and Miss Emma Pegrim, returned with Miss Lizzie Hillard from Norfolk to her summer home in this place last Monday to spend the summer.

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CAPTAIN COCKE NOMINATED.

The Populists Named Him for the Lieutenant Governorship.

AFTER A SHORT AND HARMONIOUS MEETING THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION WAS COMPLETED, AND THE DELEGATES HAD MOSTLY RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES—STATE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO FORMULATE NEW PLANS FOR A MORE THOROUGH ORGANIZATION.

The Populists convention reassembled yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the Old Opera House to complete their labors and in less than half an hour adjourned sine die. Mr. Richard V. Gaines requested that his name be withdrawn from the convention as a candidate for the nomination of lieutenant governor; whereupon Capt. Cocke was nominated by a unanimous vote.

Captain Cocke was then escorted to the stage and in a brief address thanked the convention for the confidence reposed in him.

A conference committee consisting of five members was elected. The committee was composed of General Field, J. Haskins Hobson, H. H. Hale, W. H. Gravelly and Dr. T. W. Evans. This committee will be expected to confer with the Democrats as to the probability of successfully co-operating with them in the coming election. In case the Democrats refuse to co-operate this committee will have the power to act for the convention should they decide to put up a full ticket, provided that they shall do nothing to conflict with the platform.

The State committee was authorized to formulate new plans for a more thorough organization of the party.

Upon a motion to adjourn General Field took the floor and spoke in behalf of the work which had been accomplished by the convention. He said that they had discharged their duties and relieved themselves of the responsibility and placed it on the other wing of the Free Coinage party. At the close of his address he declared the convention adjourned sine die.

Most of the delegates left for their homes on the afternoon train. All were loud in their praises of Roanoke and the hospitality of the city.

Edmund Randolph Cocke, candidate for lieutenant-governor on the People's party ticket, was born in the county of Cumberland in the year 1841, and is therefore 56 years of age.

On the 24th of April 1861, he entered the Confederate army as a private and through faithful service in behalf of his country was promoted to the rank of major of the Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, Hunter's Brigade, Pickett's Division.

Captain Cocke is a farmer, and resides on the same farm which descended to him from George H. He is the nearest living relative of Edmund Randolph, the attorney general in President Washington's cabinet, whose namesake he is.

Captain Cocke has spent his entire life in Cumberland county excepting the four years of the war and four years spent at college. His college life was divided between Washington and Lee and Princeton.

He is a high-toned Virginia gentleman and those who know him best say that he is too honest to do wrong, however great the gain.

Captain Cocke was the candidate of the People's party four years ago for governor and made a splendid showing before the people in that contest. He is well qualified for the high office to which he has been named.

Following is the platform in full:

"We affirm the great fundamental principles set forth in the St. Louis platform of 1896—the true spirit and meaning of which is that this government, founded upon the idea of manhood suffrage shall not be destroyed, and the people enslaved by the corrupt use of money in elections and by moneyed and corporate influence over the action of legislatures, courts and executive officers of the national and State governments. Especially do we repeat our unalterable demand for a greater volume and flexibility in our currency without which the present impoverished condition of the people cannot be relieved. But we insist on this currency being issued by the general government only and not by banks of issue. We demand the repeal of all legislation now upon the statute books of Virginia providing for State banks of issue.

"We favor the immediate enactment of a non-partisan election law, so that no advantage shall accrue to the party in power by reason of its control of election machinery. All other questions in State politics must continue to be of secondary importance until the right of suffrage is safely shielded by an aroused and determined public conscience. We cannot co-operate with any party who does not pledge itself to this reform.

"We demand greater economy in State and county expenditures. In order to accomplish this we favor the reduction of taxes. The number of offices must be reduced, with a reduction of their salaries. We advocate a constitutional amendment extending the duties and functions of many of our officers (now confined to county lines) to larger areas. All salaries ought to be fixed with a due regard to prices of the product of labor and land.

"To increase the legitimate revenues of the State, all stocks, bonds and other evidences of debt shall be taxed, or the right of collection by law shall be denied, and the holder of such obligations shall be required to prove that such tax has been paid, when suit is filed for collection.

"The People's party being already committed to the more efficient conduct of the free schools of the State, we hereby

favor and advocate the running of the sessions of said schools for at least eight months in each year out of the present revenues of the State and paying our teachers thereof such salaries as will command the services of competent teachers.

"Upon the foregoing propositions we again appeal to the calm and intelligent judgment of the people of Virginia for their support at the polls, assuring them that our aim is to bring prosperity and contentment to our beloved Commonwealth."

THE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Awarding of Medals and Diplomas Last Night.

The Academy of Music was packed to its utmost last night with the friends and relatives of the National Business College. The students and faculty of the institution presented a lovely scene as they were gathered on the stage during the exercises.

After a piano solo by Miss Maude Cardwell an invocation was offered by Rev. Chas. D. Bulla, chaplain of the college.

Stuart H. Beckley, one of the graduates and a young man of marked ability delivered the address of welcome, after which Mrs. Blanch Gale Rogan rendered a sketch of the past work of the school, and its outlook for the future.

Lanier Gray rendered a beautiful vocal solo, entitled "But Yesterday."

Then came the all important hour for the contestants for the various medals as it was the time chosen for their presentation. Jas. D. Johnston, Jr., presented the medal to Alfred Bull, for having made the greatest advancement in the preparatory department.

Judge John W. Woods presented a medal to Miss Edna Long, of Vinton for the best essay entitled, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy."

A. B. Coleman presented the medal to E. E. Williamson for the greatest proficiency shown in shorthand.

Lucian H. Cocke presented a medal to Miss Maude Cardwell for punctuality.

Capt. Jno. H. Wright in a neat speech presented to Miss Mamie Patterson of Vinton, the medal for the greatest proficiency in English.

Professor Eckerle then presented the medals to J. W. Comer, of Vinton, for being the best all around student. Mr. Comer has been tendered a position in the college for the next year as assistant in the commercial department.

The following graduates were presented last night with diplomas:

Stuart H. Beckley, Anna McClure, Louise McElowney, Minnie Engle, J. W. Comer, Carlotta Kindred, Maud Carwell, Edna Long, Henry H. Walker, E. E. Williamson, Walter R. Pedigo, Mamie Patterson, Sallie Moody, Mattie Long, J. Emmet Gish, Frank L. Brumbaugh and Annie L. Shelton. Owing to their being absent Misses Willie M. Hurt, Annie Shelton, Retta Martin, Effie Kyle, Fannie Farley and Mr. K. C. Rogers were not given their diplomas.

Hon. John M. Kern, of Indianapolis, who was to deliver the address to the graduates was not present owing to the fact that he missed connections and will not be able to reach Roanoke before 7:50 this morning. It is probable that he will have an opportunity to speak to the graduates this evening.

This evening will close the exercises for the term when Col. Geo. W. Bain, of Kentucky, will speak upon "Boys and Girls, Nice and Naughty, or the 'Pendulum of Life.'"

The exercises to-night will be free and the public is cordially invited to be present. From present indications the Academy of Music will not be large enough to hold the people who will assemble there to-night.

WILL GO ABROAD.

August Streitwolf, of New Brunswick, Falls Heir to a Million.

New Brunswick, July 29.—August Streitwolf, a prominent Democratic politician, has received word from Germany that he has inherited a fortune of nearly a million dollars by the death of an aunt in Germany.

Mr. Streitwolf will go to Germany at once to prove his claim. He has lately retired from active business after making a comfortable fortune. He was defeated for the assembly in 1895, while running on the Democratic ticket.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Washington—Washington, 2 runs, 8 hits, 1 error. Baltimore, 8 runs, 1 hit, errors. Batteries: King and McGuire; Corbett and Clark.

At Chicago—Chicago, 5 runs, 9 hits, 3 errors. Pittsburgh, 2 runs, 2 hits, 20 hits, 2 errors. Batteries: Griffith and Donohue; Hawley and Merritt.

"CAP." HATFIELD ESCAPES FROM JAIL.

Williamson, W. Va., July 29.—The notorious outlaw, "Cap" Hatfield, leader of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, in which forty of the principals were killed, escaped from jail here to-day. He was served a sentence of "so-called" involuntary manslaughter, for killing seventeen men and was also under a sentence for killing three men on election night last November. A posse is now on his trail.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES.

Chicago, July 29.—Lilly E. Bunnell brought suit to-day against John W. Schlosser for \$10,000 for injuries received by the collision of her bicycle with his carriage.

PROTECTION TO CIVIL SERVICE.

Important Ruling by the President on Removals.

EMPLOYEES CAN MAKE DEFENSE CHARGES AGAINST CUSTOM OFFICERS INCLUDED—THE ORDER REGARDED AS A SAFEGUARD TO EMPLOYEES, AND HAS THE HEARTY ENDORSEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

President McKinley has promulgated the following important amendment to civil service rule 11:

"No removal shall be made from any position subject to competitive examination except for just cause and upon written charges filed with the head of the department or other appointing officer, and of which the accused shall have full notice and an opportunity to make defense."

He also amended rule III so as to include within the classified service the employees of all custom house offices without regard to the number of employees. Hitherto the classification embraced customs offices where the number of employees was five or more. This order brings into the classified service sixty-five hitherto unclassified custom offices.

The President also amended rule VI, making exceptions to examinations so as to read as follows:

Custom House Service.—One cashier in each custom district, one chief or principal deputy or assistant collector in each customs district, one principal deputy collector at each sub-port or station.

Internal Revenue Service.—One employe in each internal revenue district, who shall act as cashier or chief deputy or assistant collector, as may be determined by the Treasury Department; one deputy collector in each internal revenue district where the number of employes in the office of the collector exceeds four; one deputy collector in each stamp (or branch) office.

"Appointments to the positions named in this rule in the custom house service and in the internal revenue service shall be subject to an examination to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, not disapproved by the commission, equal to the examination held by the commission for positions of like grade. Such examinations shall be conducted by the commission in accordance with its regulations."

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, in speaking of the amendments, said:

These amendments to the civil service rules, which the President has signed, are the most distinct steps forward that have been made in the civil service regulation since the passage of the original law. Up to the present time nearly all of the regulations have been aimed at throwing safeguards around the method of entry into the service. There has been almost nothing looking toward the enforcement of the spirit of civil service reform within the service itself. Many prominent civil service reformers believe that regulations enforcing proper observance of the spirit of civil service reform within the service would be of much greater importance than anything that could be formulated in regard to the entry into the service itself, and it is in this direction the amendment which has just been signed by the President is aimed.

"It has heretofore been the cause of much complaint that people in the service could be dismissed or reduced without any definite charges being made, and without giving the person concerned any opportunity to make a defense. That has proved the weakest point in the whole civil service system. In the Post-office Department steps were taken three years ago to remedy this defect, a ruling being made by Postmaster General Bissell to the effect that there would be no dismissals from the carrier force, except upon written charges, and after the carrier was given an opportunity to make a defense. It has been believed that that ruling worked the greatest good in the service, and removed the carriers from partisan influences more than any other rule that had been put in force in regard to the Postoffice Department.

"The civil service reformers, notably the National Civil Service Reform Association, have long been contending that, while the power of removal must rest absolutely with the heads of the departments, still no more important modification to the present civil service rules could be made than to throw such safeguards around removals as would guard against the removal of efficient persons for partisan reasons. The new ruling by no means lessens the control of the head of the department over the personnel. Suspensions may be made to take immediate effect, and removals can always be made, whenever the head of the department is satisfied that there is a just cause.

Another distinct step forward is taken in the customs service. All custom offices are, by the order just signed, placed in the classified service. All of the employes of those sixty-five ports are, by this order, embraced in the classified service, with the exception of a deputy and a cashier at each principal port, and of one deputy at each subport or station."

The plan of the extension, which was formulated by Secretary Gage and Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, has the unqualified and hearty endorsement of the civil service commission, who earnestly recommend the President its approval. In speaking of the amendments President Proctor of the commission said that the friends of civil service reform, everywhere could congratulate themselves on this most important advance of the cause. The commission in its last annual report had said that government officers should have the power of removal for proper reasons.

The cut price shoe sale is on this week. Some goods at cost. Some at bargain counter prices. Roanoke Shoe Co.

NEW GOLD DISCOVERIES.

Work of a Prospecting Party Sent Out Last Year.

Seattle, Wash., July 29.—Among the miners who are outfitting here for the Klondike is Mr. M. T. Fitzgerald. Replying to an inquiry about the Northwest Territories, he said: "The Klondike is but a speck on the map of that great gold country. Last season I spent six months in the Peace river country in the interest of the Forty-third Mining Company of Ottawa, going in the capacity of a prospector. Our exploring party included thirty-one men and sixty-three horses. Ashcroft, British Columbia, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, was the starting point; thence over the Cariboo wagon road to the Queenelle river, 220 miles. Crossing Upper Frazer river, we travelled northwesterly, following the old telegraph trail to Stewart Lake, stopping at Fort St. James, distant 299 miles from Queenelle, and 430 miles from Ashcroft.

"We struck the gold country at Horsefly and were in it the rest of the journey. Crossing Stewart lake at Fort St. James, we took the trail to Manson creek, traveling 150 miles to the Omineca country, where Col. Wright, of Ottawa, and Captain Black, of Victoria are opening up large hydraulic mines for their respective companies. Here coarse gold is found together with nuggets of silver being the only place in America outside of Mexico where silver in this form has been discovered. Camping at Black Jack, we prospected the country and made a number of locations on which machinery has since been placed, and mines are now in operation.

"Breaking camp at Black Jack, we crossed the Omineca river, into an unexplored region, traveling north 270 miles from Omineca, or 840 miles northwest of Ashcroft, our initial point. This brought us into the Peace river country, where we spent the balance of the season, prospecting and locating mining claims.

"We took up 2,500 acres of placer ground along the Peace river. At a depth of eighteen feet we struck bedrock and found the ground to prospect \$300 to the cubic yard, and in some instances as high as \$600 were obtained. The largest results were obtained on the river bars.

The gold is coarse and is what is termed barly gold, with occasional nuggets worth from \$10 to \$18. Peace river is about the size of Frazer at Queenelle, fully half a mile wide, flowing east through a low country for a distance fully 1,500 miles into Great Slave Lake with its scurces on the eastern slope of what we termed spurs of the Rocky Mountains and far south of the Klondike and Stewart rivers. It will be the first country to receive the overflow from Klondike and Yukon, and its record will prove interesting.

"While the season is short, like that of the Klondike, there are some advantages possessed over that country. The ground never freezes to such a depth, and mining is much easier. What is known as the Arctic divide lies south of Peace river, but the vegetation grows quite rank in the few short months of summer. Such vegetables as turnips, onions and radishes have been grown along the shores of Stewart Lake.

"A wandering band of Indians known as Foxes, very peacefully disposed, live in this country, trapping and hunting for the Hudson Bay Company. I propose prospecting the country between the Klondike and Peace rivers, and I will go out well prepared for the journey. The Northwest territories are now surprising the world, and they have still greater surprises in store."

ALASKA TICKETS AT A PREMIUM.

One Man Sells His for Ten Times What He Paid for It.

San Francisco, July 29.—The steamer Excelsior, chartered by the Alaska Commercial Company, left Mission street at 2 p. m., sailing direct for St. Michael's. This is the last of the company's fleet which will connect with the Yukon river steamers this season.

For hours before the departure of the steamer the wharf was thronged with people. Three times the original price was offered for tickets. One passenger changed his mind after receiving an offer of \$1,500 for the postboard for which he originally paid but \$150. Over two thousand people gathered upon the wharf to bid farewell to the 110 passengers for the Klondike.

TRIP ABANDONED.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 29.—Col. Randall, of the Eighth Infantry, received a telegram from Washington to-day stating that the expedition to Alaska has been temporarily abandoned. It has been discovered that many supplies necessary for such an undertaking as the one proposed are not at hand, and much time and expense would be necessary to send the soldiers to a country where the preservation of life depends on perfect equipment. The part of Alaska mapped out to be visited is said to be rapidly freezing up, and after serious consideration of all the facts, the trip has been pronounced injudicious at this time, and postponed probably till spring.

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NOTICE.

The programme of the Business College Commencement to-night (Friday) at the Academy of Music is free. All we ask is that each individual attempt to be quiet and keep the one by him quiet.

Children not accompanied by parents or some one responsible for their conduct will not be permitted to enter the Academy. Chief of Police Dyer has kindly consented to assist us in having good order so that those present may enjoy a good programme.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair Friday; warmer Friday afternoon; southerly winds.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

James E. Harrison, of Vinton, Robbed by Foot-pads.

HE HAD BEEN TO VISIT A NEIGHBOR AND WHEN RETURNING WAS SAT UPON BY TWO MEN, ONE OF WHOM MADE HIM HOLD UP HIS HANDS AT THE POINT OF A PISTOL, WHILE THE OTHER TOOK \$21.75 FROM HIS POCKET.

James E. Harrison, a young man from Bedford county, who is residing with his cousin Samuel Shepherd, in the eastern part of Vinton, had an exciting experience with robbers Wednesday night about fifteen minutes to 10 o'clock. He had been on a visit to George Olliver, a friend living in the northeastern part of Vinton, and was about half way back to his boarding place, when just after crossing a branch and ascending a little knoll, he was stopped by two men, one whom he held a pistol in his face, and commanding him to hold up his hands, demanded his money, while the other placed one hand on his shoulder from behind and with the other searched his pockets, taking therefrom a shot sack with \$21.75 in money.

When the man with a pistol first asked for money, Mr. Harrison thinking it a joke of some friends, said "I have no money," whereupon the former replied, "Yes but you have, and I know it." After taking Mr. Harrison's money, one of the men followed him about thirty yards with the pistol pointed at his head and threatened him with instant death if he made any noise, while the other went off in a northeastern direction. With a final warning for him not to make any noise the man who had the pistol then ran off in a southwestern direction; but whether they soon met again or not, Mr. Harrison could not say.

He ran as fast as he could to his boarding place and related his experience, but as Mr. Shepherd's baby was critically ill, he could not go with Mr. Harrison back to search for the robbers. On yesterday morning, however, the latter accompanied by Richard Richardson, a resident of Vinton, visited the scene of the robbery, and found the empty shot-sack and two buttons from Mr. Harrison's vest, which the robber had pulled off in his hurried search for money.

The footpad who had the pistol is described as of medium size with dark clothes and a felt hat, and the other robber as a tall man, with dark clothes and a stiff brimmed felt hat. Both were apparently negroes, or had their faces blacked, Mr. Harrison could not say which, as no moon was shining and it was quite dark.

The money consisted of four \$5 dollar bills, one \$1-bill, and 50 and 25 cents in silver. One of the notes had the initials "J. E. H." on the right hand corner, written in ink. The police of Vinton and this city were notified of the robbery; but, so far, no clue as to the identity of the robbers has been discovered.

A LIVELY CORPSE.

Man Pronounced Dead by a Doctor Fights Four Men.

New York, July 29.—Sick of life, with no home and no friends, penniless and out of prison, but a short time, Frank Curran, 24 years old, became so despondent this morning that he went to the very house, for an attempt to rob which he had been sent to Sing Sing, and there tried to kill himself.

He was pronounced dead by the doctor, but when an ambulance came he fought the four men who tried to get him into it.

A NOTED RACE HORSE DEAD.

Lexington, Ky., July 29.—The great race horse Domino died to-day at the Castleton farm of congestion of the brain. He has won over \$200,000 on the turf. Every veterinary surgeon in Fayette county was summoned to attend the sick animal but without avail. An elegant monument will be erected to the memory of the noted racer.

CHINESE COMMISSIONER KILLE D.

Altoona, Pa., July 29.—Tam Tam, the Chinese commissioner from New York to the Tennessee Exposition, was found lying beside the railroad track here last night and died to-day. He is supposed to have fallen or jumped from the train while on his way home.

HE WON THE WAGER.

Bronson, Mich., July 29.—J. W. Clarke, of Boston, who started from here in July 1896 to travel 6,000 miles on a wager, is back to-day, ahead of time with 207 miles to his credit.

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