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BUTTON, BUTTON! WHOSE GOT BUTTON

SOUTH SIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO ADOPT BUTTON SCHEME

"I'M FOR RICHMOND"

Is the Insignia to Appear on Each and Every One of the 5,000 Buttons Ordered.

For a long time the business men of the city, together with the South Side Improvement association, have been seeking for some scheme whereby they might show their interest in the welfare and progress of the present "boom," but no one of the schemes put forward have been practical.

At its meeting last night the South Side Improvement association decided, in order to arouse enthusiasm, to adopt the button scheme; that is, of selling small buttons to be worn in the lapel of the coat. The buttons are to be sold to business men and others who wish to show their interest in the boom. The button scheme was suggested by the remarkable success of the "Anderson 50,000" scheme. At Anderson the first button and the first hundred buttons sold for from \$15 to \$250, and it is hoped to sell the local buttons at good prices. The button scheme is also to help the South Side Improvement association, the starters of the present boom, to make money, as it gets a percentage on each button sold.

The advantages of this button scheme are many. Many persons would buy a button where they would not buy a share of stock, and the South Side Improvement association needs much money to carry on the present boom.

The real cause of the button scheme being originated is to arouse enthusiasm in regard to the boom in the hearts of all Richmond citizens, so that the wearer of a button shows that he is desirous of helping the association to boom this city and likewise shows his interest in the progress and welfare of the city, aside from the boom.

Several samples of buttons were shown and the button committee was ordered to get 5,000 buttons an inch in diameter, which will be white with "I'm for Richmond" in black letters, and the buttons will be worn in the lapel of the coat.

No citizen of Richmond, if he has any interest at all in the booming and general progress of the city, should fail to have a button.

RURAL DELIVERY

A Wide Extension Contemplated For Indiana.

Washington, March 16.—Plans now under consideration at the postoffice department contemplate a wide extension of rural free delivery in Indiana during the next fiscal year. The emergency appropriation of \$300,000 recently made available will be exhausted by July 1. On that date the department will begin work on the appropriation contained in the pending postoffice bill. It is expected by the officials that several general systems promised, including one for Spencer county, will be installed the coming year. This applies to systems that had been ordered by Machen before his retirement, but which were held up by the department pending an investigation. In nearly every instance it has been discovered conditions justify the installation of general systems. The officials are much interested in the outcome of the fight that will be waged over the amendment in the postal bill relative to the privileges of the carriers. The belief is expressed that whether or not congress prohibits the carriers from acting as agents or solicitors for hire, these privileges will be materially abridged. In his annual report,

Fourth Assistant Bristow recommended that the salaries of the carriers be increased to \$720 a year, and that they be required to give their services exclusively to the government. This plan will be carried out as far as it can be by executive action.

EMPEROR AND KING LUNCH TOGETHER.

Vigo, Spain, March 16.—Emperor William lunched today with King Alfonso on board the Spanish Royal Yacht Giraldu. The Emperor later sailed to Gibraltar on the Steamer Koenig Albert.

EDMONDS—CRAIG.

Yesterday at 3 o'clock at the Wesleyan church occurred the pretty wedding ceremony of Mr. Randall R. Edmonds and Elizabeth J. Craig, C. P. Cook officiating. The contracting parties are both residents of Richmond and have a host of friends who wish them every success. They will reside in this city.

RUSSIAN SPY IN PAY OF JAPS

SHOT FOR ACTING IN THAT CAPACITY.

INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS

Found on Him When Arrested—Japanese to Increase Taxes \$34,000,000.

Tokio, March 16.—A conference of cabinet elder statesmen and leading political leaders decided to propose to a special diet, convening next Friday, an extension of the tobacco monopoly to include manufactured tobacco; also the creation of a salt monopoly; also to suggest increases in many kinds of taxes and the creation of new taxes on silk piece goods, wools and kerosene, making a total increase of revenue of 68,000,000 yen or \$34,000,000.

Port Arthur, March 16.—Everything is quiet here. There is no sign of the enemy.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Captain Tokov, of Manchurian commissariat service has been summarily court martialed and shot for acting as a spy in the pay of the Japanese. Incriminating documents were found on him when arrested. The announcement in the army organ is that the Captain has been "excluded" from the service.

Washington, March 16.—Minister Allen at Seoul notified the state department that the cruiser Cincinnati arrived at Chemulpo with twenty-three Americans from Chinnampo. He said missionaries near Ping Yang refused to send women and children aboard the Cincinnati, thereby making it impossible for the government to afford them protection if military movements occurred at that point.

TWO YEARS' SCALE

Reported to Have Been Adopted by Mine Workers.

(By Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Ind., March 16.—The national officers of the United Mine Workers have advised that the two years' scale offered by the operators has been accepted by votes of the local unions, which were taken yesterday in nine states. The official canvass of the vote will be held tomorrow.

PRESIDENT MARTI DEAD.

Newport, K. Y., March 16.—Louis K. Marti, president of the German National bank, of this city, died today from pneumonia, coupled with Bright's disease. He was formerly a druggist at Cincinnati.

CANNING FACTORY SUGGESTED

AS ONE OF THE MEANS BY WHICH RICHMOND CAN BE BENEFITTED.

THE PROJECT LAUNCHED

At Meeting of South Side Improvement Association Last Night.

John Kidwell, of Hagerstown, was before the South Side Improvement association last night with the project of a canning factory, which he is desirous of locating in this city. Mr. Kidwell has been investigating the canning factories and is promoting one now, the location of which has not been decided upon. He made a short speech to the members present on this matter, setting forth the benefits a canning factory would have, both to the farmers, city people and stockholders of it. "I know of ten or twenty canning factories," he said, "that have easily paid for themselves in the first year and no factory here now has ever done that. The cannery would enable the farmer to clear from \$75 to \$100 per acres; it would give employment to children, men, boys and women, as no skilled labor is required; it would fill a gap in the city's list of manufactures and it would pay larger dividends than any other factory could possibly do, which is, after all, the main thing. I have been promoting factories for the past few years and seventy-five per cent. have been a success, which, considering the percentage of failures in other business, speaks well for the canneries' success. Where they have failed, only strong competition and bad management have caused them to fail."

Mr. Kidwell has been having great success in this city, so far, many prominent persons having subscribed for stock, but, he said, they all seemed to be waiting for the South Side Improvement association to do something. He gave out his terms, which are certainly very reasonable, and the matter was taken under consideration, but nothing definite was settled.

The matter is worthy of consideration of all Richmond business men, since the factory would employ probably one hundred people, and the payroll would be large.

A CALL

Democrats Preparing to do Some Business.

The Democrats of the second, third fourth, fifth and sixth and seventh wards of the City of Richmond, are hereby called to meet in mass convention on the evening of Friday, March 18th, to nominate candidates for council to be voted for at the coming election. The places of meeting are as follows:

Second ward at Squire Abbott's office.
Third ward at Kiser's machine shop.
Fourth ward at Kehlenbrink's wagon shop.
Fifth ward at Sun-Telegram office.
Sixth ward at Sun Telegram office.
Seventh ward at Kern's machine shop.

Wm. Rosa, Chairman.
Henry Waltermar, Secretary.
March 15, 1904.

20,000 MEN

In Building Trades Idle in New York—More to Follow.

New York, March 16.—It is estimated there are already 20,000 men in the building trades idle and more are being added daily. Ten thousand and lithographers are expected to be locked out before nightfall, owing to a refusal to accept the arbitration proposed by employers.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRIDGE DAY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY COUNCIL AND CITIZENS WILL MEET

THURSDAY AT 1 P. M.

For the Purpose of Considering the Building of the South End Bridge.

The county commissioners have approved Thursday, March 17, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon as the time for their meeting with the South Side bridge committee, the city council and business men at large in regard to making the appropriation for the south side bridge.

This meeting has been hanging fire for about a month, as several dates were proposed and none were entirely satisfactory, but this last date and time is final.

Council has resolved to accompany the committee of the South Side Improvement association in a body, together with other business men and merchants.

Last night a committee consisting of Messrs. Beall, Blickwedel, Brinker and Zwissler was appointed to stir around among the prominent and influential business men of the city and to get a large number of these to attend the meeting, as the number present and the interest shown among the citizens will have a great deal to do with the amount of the appropriation.

The members of the committee named above have promised to be present and to bring as many influential citizens with them as possible and the entire association and all others interested in the matter of the bridge are desirous of arousing keen interest in the meeting among all Richmond business men. They want to have at least fifty present to urge the commissioners to make as large an appropriation as can be made.

Engineer Weber will present his plans and specifications and the plans received by him from other companies and civil engineers. Some of the plans are especially fine, and the estimates as to the cost of the bridge range from \$75,000 to \$150,000, one of which sums the commissioners will be asked to appropriate.

Much interest is shown as to the outcome of the meeting, as the bridge will not benefit the south side alone, but the whole city, bringing us into closer contact with the farmers southwest of town. The result of this meeting will change the whole part of the city affected by the bridge, so that the importance of the meeting can hardly be underestimated.

WASHINGTON

NOTES

Of Special Interest to Richmond Readers.

Charles G. Ross, of Richmond, has been named by Senator Beveridge as an alternate to one of the principals recently designated for appointment as a midshipman in the Annapolis academy.

Representative Watson's popularity with the colored population of the District of Columbia continues to progress. On the 18th instant Mr. Watson will deliver an address at the A. M. E. church in this city. Booker T. Washington will be the orator of the occasion. In the advertisement announcing this event the statesman from Rushville is starred as a head-

liner, as follows: "James E. Watson, of Indiana, the orator of the House of Representatives, will introduce Mr. Washington." Mr. Watson has received a score of invitations to make public addresses during the past few weeks, but has been obliged to decline most of them. He is scheduled to speak before the American club of Pittsburg, on April 27, when Secretary Taft will be one of the guests of honor. He will also preside at an intercollegiate debate in Washington, Pa., on April 18.

HEALTH OFFICE.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John McKlann, 200 south second, a girl, eighth child; to Mr. and Mrs. John Reikel, 1018 north third street, a girl, tenth child; to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stevens, 227 south seventh, a girl, first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Argus Horr, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bridget, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Mullholland, a girl.

MUST HANG ON JULY 1

TERRE HAUTE JURY FOUND BEN SPRINGS GUILTY OF MURDER.

NEGRO CAUSES SENSATION

In the Court Room by Suddenly Leaving the Witness Stand While Being Examined.

Terre Haute, March 16.—Ben Springs was found guilty of murder of Jessie Case and sentenced to be hanged July 1.

This case has attracted considerable attention not only here but over the entire state. Yesterday when the case was about closed Springs caused a sensation in the court room. When asked what he committed this assault for he replied in the most defiant tone: "Oh, nothin'; I just hit her and that's all there is to it."

The murderer at this point was visibly angry and his loss of control was no surprise to those who knew him. When pressed further to confess some of his criminal career, he said, with all the spirit of defiance at his command:

"I ain't got nothin' more to say; let me go."

As he uttered these words the prisoner looked at Attorney Wallace as though he were going to fly at him as he climbed down out of the witness chair. The deputy sheriffs arose to their feet, and Attorney Caldwell stood and gazed wonderingly at his client as though dumfounded. The attorneys in the room looked at each other as though they thought their ears were deceiving them while the crowd outside the railing knew something unusual had happened and tried to get a little closer to the railing. The deputy sheriffs were quick to act and soon succeeded in getting the spectators seated.

After a consultation of three minutes with his attorneys he sullenly climbed back into the witness stand.

DAN CUMMINGS

Seriously Injured at Ridgeville, Indiana.

D. L. Cummings, while returning home the other day met with quite a serious accident. While at Ridgeville he attempted to change cars and in so doing a sudden lurch of the train threw him violently against the side of the car, producing hemorrhage of the stomach, from which he has suffered severely ever since. Drs. Grant and Meek have him in charge, and they say it will be at least two months before he will be able to get out.

BERTRAM CASE CALLED UP

IN THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT THIS MORNING.

SELECTING A JURY

Took Up the Greater Part of the Day—Large Number of Witnesses.

The Bertram case was called in circuit court this morning. Otto Bertram is charged by his stepdaughter, now Mrs. Lloyd Hill, with incest. Bertram is married to the mother of the woman who brings the charge. A full account of the case has been published before.

John F. Robbins and William A. Bond are assisting Prosecutor Comstock, while Thomas J. Study, Henry U. Johnson and Wilfred Jessup are for the defendant. Bertram has been out on a \$3,000 bond since last April.

Besides the regular jury a special venire of thirty jurors have been summoned. The attorneys on either side will be allowed to contest the jurors and, for this reason, a large list of special jurors was called for. There are only nine on the regular jury at present. They are as follows: William Smoker, Dolan Daugherty, Geo. W. Klotz, Ennis Kitterman, William C. Reiser, Harry Fagan, J. Will Cunningham and Chas. Williams. The special venire of thirty names is as follows:

Clayton B. Hunt, Wayne; John J. Jewett, Jefferson; Theodore S. Martin, Wayne; John C. Bayer, Wayne; W. D. Jordan, Dalton; Lewis H. Hosier, Harrison; Frank E. Huffman, Jackson; Felix W. Dirk, Jackson; Willard Williams, Washington; H. E. Williams, Boston; William A. Clements, New Garden; James A. Cranor, Green; William O. Seaney, Franklin; Alvis Mendenhall, Perry; Hamilton Williams, Webster; George W. Davis, Clay; R. G. Swallow Jackson; Colbert Cronover, Washington; John Stevens, Abington; James E. Brown, Webster; A. M. Harris, Clay; W. B. Barton, Franklin; Rufus Williams, Perry; John M. Sheffer, Webster; Frank M. Hunt, New Garden; George F. Paulson, Wayne; Joe W. Nicholson, Wayne; William M. Hunt, Green; Milton Miller, Jefferson.

Sheriff Smith has summoned in all sixty-six witnesses for the case. Thirty-six witnesses were called by the state and thirty by the defense.

REV. NAFTZGER

Formerly of This City Urged for Presiding Elder.

Kokomo, Ind., March 15.—Plans for the Muncie session of the North Indiana Methodist conference, to be held next month, are being formulated rapidly by the Rev. L. J. Naftzger, pastor of Grace church, of this city, who is secretary of the body. It is quite probable that Mr. Naftzger, who is closing his third year here, will be transferred to the Muncie district and be made presiding elder of that district in place of Elder C. U. Wade, who is booked for the presiding eldership of a new district in contemplation. The new district will be cut out of Kokomo, Fort Wayne and Warsaw districts. Bluffton or Huntington will be the headquarters of the new district.

It is likely that the Rev. D. V. Williams, pastor of Markland avenue church in Kokomo, will be assigned to another place. In that case both Kokomo congregations will face new pastors after the conference.

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Dr. William Grant Seaman, of Salem, Mass., has been elected to the chair of philosophy in De Pauw university. Dr. Seaman is a graduate of De Pauw and ranks very high as a minister. He pursued a course in philosophy in Boston university and was called from one of the largest churches in Massachusetts.