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VIRGINIA IN THE CABINET

Mention has been made through the public press of several names who would honor a position in President Wilson's Cabinet, but it is quite evident from a review of the press of the State that the people of Virginia are united on one man, and that man is the Hon. Henry St. George Tucker of Lexington, Virginia.

The unanimous sentiment therein expressed is really quite remarkable. All shades of political thought have united in this one object.

Of the daily newspapers of Virginia noted, the Ledger-Dispatch of Norfolk; the Portsmouth Star; the Suffolk Herald; the Newport News Press; the Petersburg Index-Appeal and Petersburg Progress; the Virginian, the Times-Dispatch, the News-Leader and the Evening Journal of Richmond; the Danville Register; the Lynchburg News; the Roanoke Times and the Roanoke World; the Fredericksburg Star; the Alexandria News; the Charlottesville Progress; the Staunton Daily News and the Staunton Leader; the Clifton Forge Review; the Harrisonburg Times; and the Winchester Star, besides practically all of the county papers, have all united in commending Mr. Tucker for this high position.

If the press of the State is correct in recommending Mr. Tucker as a suitable person, another strong reason may be urged in the fact that Virginia has had no representative in the Cabinet since John B. Floyd was Secretary of War under President Buchanan; while since the Civil War Missouri has had Shurtz and Francis; Arkansas, Garland; Louisiana, Hunt; Mississippi, Lamar; Alabama, Herbert; Georgia, Hoke Smith; Maryland, Gary and Bonaparte; West Virginia, Elkins, Goff and Wilson; Tennessee, Key, Maynard and Dickinson; and Kentucky, Carlisle.

A native-born Virginian in the Presidential chair, with the above facts before him, will not hesitate in doing honor to his native State that has been so long excluded from the councils of the President.

Mr. Tucker is well equipped for the responsible position of one of President Wilson's advisers. He served the Tenth Virginia District some years in Congress with distinction, has been the head of Washington and Lee University and of the Law School of George Washington University, was president of the Jamestown Exposition, and served as president of the American Bar Association. He has intimate acquaintance with many men of national prominence and is himself well known throughout the country.

Cheaper Postage

Senator Burton is credited with the purpose of introducing a bill to establish one-cent letter postage. Senator Burton is an influential man in public life, and if he has decided to espouse the cause of cheaper postage, it will receive at least the fullest consideration.

If it be a fact that first class mail pays the government a big profit, it does seem unfair that those who send letters should be required to pay transportation on their letters and on a lot of other matter which the Government transports at a loss, and in which they feel no interest whatever. All classes of mail should at least pay the actual cost of hauling; but if it is not to do this, then let the Government stand the loss and not compel those who write letters to stand it.

CHRISTMAS

It is well that the Christmas world should pause at least for one day and meditate on the life and influence of the Babe whose birthday we celebrate today. Well is it for us to pause for a few hours in the wild pursuit of things which are esteemed earth's richest treasures and take time to exemplify the meaning of the angel song, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

On every anniversary of this blessed day we should feel more and more the true meaning and character of the Kingdom of God, and should respond to the sentiment of the Master's declaration, that upon love to God and love to our neighbor hangs all the law and the prophets.

This hallowed day inspires the hearts of men to deeds of love and charity, a leveling of social barriers and the scattering of sunshine into homes darkened by want and sorrow.

THE GAZETTE wishes its readers a pleasant and happy Christmas season, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

TO COL. W. T. POAGUE

On His 77th Birthday, Dec. 20, 1912. Little does he resemble Mars, Or son of Mars; no battle scars Make grim and terrible that face Where only kindly smiles find place: No lightning in those mild blue eyes But only light, you might surmise. No giant he—about as tall As France's Little Corporal Or England's hero of the seas— And of the same breed as these.

Look once again at him: 'tis worth Your while: few such are still on earth. Of Stonewall's Old Brigade was he, Commander of his battery: And Jove's own thunderbolt he hurled Where Stonewall's standard was unfurled— This man that rides so modestly Each morn'—aged seven and seventy— His little sorrel down To his work through our town.

At Bull Run where war's tempest burst Upon the land, and our metal first By the proud invading host was tried, He fired the guns at Jackson's side And helped to earn the name that stayed By the famous old Brigade. All through the Valley fights that brought His Chief immortal fame he fought; Cold Harbor then and Malvern Hill, Antietam, fatal Chancellorsville; In Gettysburg's most dreadful fray He cleared for Pickett's charge the way. His steady fire, with fatal aim, Belched thunder on the foe: Go read upon the bronze his name, And you'll begin to know.

Look once again at him, look well: He went through war's four years of hell, And none was braver in the fight And none to fame has better right. His horse shot down, his hat shot through, Battered and all but broken in two, On every field he stood his ground, And by his ready guns was found On Appomattox' mournful day— This hero that did wear the Gray.

ROBERT T. KERLIN.

Masonic Officers

Following are officers elected by Mountain City Lodge, No 67, A. F. & A. M., for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. P. Wade, worshipful master; O. C. Jackson, senior warden; Mason C. Deaver, junior warden; H. M. Wallace, treasurer; A. T. Shields, secretary; John L. Campbell, Jr., senior deacon; George F. Reveley, junior deacon; Rev. Dr. Alfred T. Graham, chaplain; R. I. Fitch, tyler.

Students and Cadets Holiday

The examinations at Washington and Lee University were finished Saturday, and most of the students have left town to spend the Christmas holidays. Many of them left last week as soon as they finished their examinations.

The cadets will not be allowed to leave town for the holidays. Their holiday consists of Christmas and New Year's days.

Bethesda Church

A sketch of Bethesda Presbyterian church at Rockbridge Baths appeared in last week's issue of "Presbyterian of the South," with a picture of the pastor, Rev. Emmett W. McCorkle, D. D., and his little son Master Emmett, Junior.

Staunton is making great preparation for Saturday.

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

Royal Baking Powder

Absolutely Pure

No Alum
No Lime Phosphates

Mrs. Martha Ann Armentrout

Christian Observer: At her home in Richlands, W. Va., November 17 1912, Mrs. Martha Ann Armentrout passed peacefully to "the rest that remains for the people of God."

The daughter S. A. and Mary J. Bonner, she born at the Warm Springs, Va., December 25, 1832. She was married to W. L. Armentrout in March, 1841, and celebrated her golden wedding in 1901.

The funeral was held in the Richlands Presbyterian church, of which she had been a member for about forty-two years. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Old Stone church in Lewisburg, W. Va., where she had formerly been a member.

Lieutenant Poindexter in Charge

Lieutenant F. L. Poindexter, United States Army, has been appointed to succeed Captain M. S. Battle who has been in charge of the recruiting station for the U. S. Army in this section of Virginia, with headquarters in Roanoke. Lieutenant Poindexter is a son of Mr. W. B. Poindexter, of Glenwood. He was educated at Washington and Lee University and later went to Oregon. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he entered the U. S. Army and later saw service in the Philippines. He gained a commission in the Coast in Artillery in 1901.

Watchman for Watershed

At the meeting of the Town Council last Thursday night Brown Vanness was employed to look after the watershed of Moore's Creek supply, at \$75 the year. The contract requires that he look after the pipe line from the intake to R. L. Saville's near Bull Run. He is to go over the watershed at least once a month, and twice a week along the pipe line, and to keep the intake clear of all kinds of stoppage.

Christmas Buying

The closing days of last week and the opening days of this week witnessed the presence of many county buyers in town laying in their supply of Christmas goods. The purchases seemed to be more in the nature of useful than of merely ornamental articles. Fine stocks of goods to select from were at the disposal of the public.

Hon. Henry St. Tucker, continuing the custom of his father, the Hon. John Randolph Tucker, entertained a number of his friends Christmas Eve, at "Col-Alto."

School Boys "Took the Town"

When the Lexington grammar schools closed Friday for the Christmas holidays, the boys marched through the town celebrating the event with horns and other musical (?) instruments, and right merrily did they march and shout. The girls followed on the side walks and gave approval by many signs and tokens.

XMAS XMAS

...LOOK AT...

MRS. B. M. HUTTON'S

...FOR YOUR...

XMAS GIFTS

Opp. Courthouse Lexington, Va.

Christmas Suggestions

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| USEFUL | SERVICEABLE |
| Hall Racks | Book Cases |
| China Closets | Sideboards |
| Dining Tables | Dining Chairs |
| Parlor Suits | Skirt Boxes |
| Music Cabinets | Wardrobes |
| Medicine Cabinets | Mantle Mirrors |
| Mission Pieces | Felt Mattresses |
| Ladies' Desks | Rugs |
| Florist Chairs | Pictures |

Rockers for young or old
Sidewalk Sulkies for the Babies
Varner, Pole & Co.

The Main Street Furniture People

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LEXINGTON, VA., will be held at its banking house on the 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1913 at 10 o'clock a.m. for the election of Directors for the ensuing year.
H. C. WISE, Cashier.
Dec. 11-5t

Magazine Combinations

I represent every magazine published in the United States and a majority of them make club offers. A post card will bring my catalogue with hundreds of clubbing opportunities.

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Student Law Department,
Washington and Lee University

Christmas Offerings

...AT...

GRAHAM'S, The Shoe Man

Select gifts that are as useful and comfort-giving as they are attractive

Slippers

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| Ladies' Crochet Slippers..... | 50c. per pair |
| Ladies' Felt Slippers, all colors..... | \$1.00 per pair |
| Ladies' Boudoir Kid Slippers, no heel..... | 1.00 per pair |
| Ladies' Religion-saver Slippers..... | 1.75 per pair |
| Ladies' Indian Moccasins..... | 1.50 per pair |
| Ladies' White Satin Slippers..... | 3.00 per pair |
| Ladies' Black Satin Slippers..... | 3.00 per pair |
| Men's Felt Comfy Slippers..... | 1.00 per pair |
| Men's So Easy Comfy Slippers..... | 1.50 per pair |
| Men's Tan and Black Kid Slippers..... | 1.50 per pair |
| Men's Black Kid Romeo Slippers..... | 1.50 per pair |
| Men's Indian, Kid and Alligator Slippers.. | 2.50 per pair |

Hosiery for Ladies and Gentlemen in Christmas Boxes

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| 6 Pair Men's Holeproof 1/2 H. Hose, \$1.50 | Ladies' Lisle Hose, Black, Tan and White, 25c. per pair |
| 3 Pair Silk Holeproof 1/2 H. Hose, \$2.00 | Ladies' Silk Bootee Hose, Black, Tan and White, 50c. per pair |
| 6 Pair Ladies' Holeproof Hose, \$2.00 | Ladies' Onyx Silk Hose, Black, Tan, White, Pink or Blue, \$1.00 per pair |
| 3 Pair Ladies' Silk Holeproof Hose, \$3.00 | Ladies' Extra Silk Hose, \$1.25 per pair |
| Men's Lisle 1/2 Hose, all colors, 25c. per pair | Ladies' Superior Silk Hose, \$1.50 per pair |
| Men's Silk 1/2 Hose, all colors, 50c. per pair | Ladies' Imported Very Fine Silk Hose, \$2.00 per pair |

We will put these up in attractive Holiday Boxes for you all ready to hang on the Xmas tree

Other Suggestions

- Handkerchiefs—Linen, Cotton and Silk, from 10c. upwards
Sweaters, Good ones from \$1.00 upwards
Golf Bags, Golf Sticks, Foot Balls, Base Balls at all prices
Rain Coats and Rain Capes, \$5.00
Nice Umbrellas for Ladies and Men, \$1.00 upwards
Gloves of Kid, Mocho, Buckskin and Wool at all prices
Automobile Gauntlets and Driving Gloves
Hats, both soft and stiff, Caps of the new large shape sort
Gum Shoes 1-2 Arctic Gum Boots and Arctic Overshoes
Tennis Racks and Tennis Shoes

And lastly but not leastly

SHOES

For Men—For Ladies—For Children—and for Babies. All sorts and conditions of shoes. Whites, Tans, Browns and Black in color. Buttoned Shoes, Lace Shoes in all the newest, latest shapes.

Don't Forget

Suit Cases, Hand Bags, Valises

Let us advise early shopping—it's best for customers and merchant.

GRAHAM, The Shoe Man

WHO WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Weinberg's

GREAT

JANUARY

CLEARANCE

SALE

BEGINS NEXT WEEK

A happy Christmas
Prosperous New Year
TO ALL
WEINBERGS

DON'T WAIT

until it's too late to protect you and your horse from the severe cold.

DO IT NOW

Buy a 5 A Lap Robe for yourself and a 5 A Blanket for your horse from J. Gassman & Son Hdw. Co.