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AS TO THE PRIMARY.

It should be well known before another Democratic State Convention meets just what is the Democratic mind of Virginia on the subject of a primary and the best method of executing it.

As for us we are firmly persuaded that the primary plan is best plan and the viva voce system of enforcing it is best system, but we are not so big headed or pig headed as to feel that we know it all or even one half.

The old mass meeting is an abhorrence to us and the secret ballot a terror. The citizen who is afraid to discharge public duty in the open should not be allowed to hide in the dark while thus engaged.

We read recently of a successful citizen of Idaho, who refused an offer of \$10,000,000 for a lead mine, and gave as reason that "the old lady and I are just plain people, and we enjoy life more by living it out in the way we've been raised than if we'd try to mix with swells."

Virginia Senators and Congressmen are well housed in Washington for the winter. Mr. Flood is at the Willard, the "toniest" place of them all.

It is simply delightful to know that cotton prices high at this season when farmers have cotton to sell. We confess that to us the unexpected has happened again.

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

From recent happenings we are moved to ask, shall the Democratic organization of Prince Edward be preserved intact, or shall it be reckoned among the things that have been?

To preserve that organization there must be rules and regulations and such must be obeyed. There must be some means of knowing who are Democrats, and so far as we know there are but two practical tests.

These things being admitted, and who can doubt the necessity for such things? Then two other things must be admitted also, and the first is that all Democrats are in duty bound to take part in selecting candidates and then in supporting them on election day.

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Since old man Hanna has "wiped up the floor" with one Johnson in Ohio, his friends are beginning to whisper in his ear "you are bigger than Roosevelt. Go for him!"

We have been enjoying the editorials in the Richmond News Leader immensely of late. Three stand out conspicuously: "Contrasts," "Contraries," "Crucet." Three "C's" and all excellent. We differ with our contemporary on many things, but the above writings gave us pleasure and we take very great pleasure in "saying so."

The sudden death of Mrs. Badington Booth Tucker was a shock to the civilized world as well as great loss to the church militant. "She went about doing good," and why such an one should have been cut down while engaged in such work and bad men and women allowed to live on in sin is a mystery to us.

THE LEGISLATURE.

This body reconvened on Tuesday last and will doubtless spend the balance of the year in the good city of Richmond and in immediate touch of the incomparable oyster.

The committee of revision having completed its work will command first attention. But the work of the session will not be confined to that, and let us hope that the TORRENS system will command next attention.

Some of the members are closing their career as legislators, certainly for a time, and should make the evening bright with good works.

The Lynchburg Advance has put on a new face and is as sprightly as it is good looking. Its coming gives new brightness to the morning hour.

Senator Morgan has quit the canal project for a time and gone to political prognosticating. Gorman and McClelland have been associated by him for the 1903 race, and it is no bad team either. The leader the Herald thought since entered, and if the young man in New York behaves himself in the meantime he will have no objection to him.

Survivors of the Mahone Brigade, with other comrades, veterans and volunteers, gathered about this historic spot on last Friday to revive memories of that bloody day and to re-live experiences thrilling and trying.

The papers tell us that Cornelius Van derbilt went into Wall street recently and came \$12,000,000 ahead, but Solo lion "got 420 talents of profit from a single venture and that grand sum \$20,000,000 of profit. So we are not doing things on so much grander scale than other ages after all.

Yes we are—there was never yet an age that could come near us in blowing its own horn.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

May be you never heard of the blowing of those horns about the walls of Jericho. And Gideon with his band of 300 did some effective horn blowing too?

The national legislators are again on duty. Hon. J. G. Cannon occupies the speaker's chair and Congressman John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, will be Democratic leader on the floor.

We indulge the hope that some man of genius and grit will lead a successful movement in favor of government aid to public roads. In our opinion there is no more unfortunate matter of public concern.

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All right. Suppose you lead in the inauguration business.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"All right!" Here goes. An old-time State Fair, to begin in Richmond on the second Wednesday of October, and to continue one week. Two days to be devoted to measures looking to the betterment of our public roads, and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon a mass meeting to be held in the Academy of Music, at which addresses are to be made by laymen from different sections of the State on the spiritual destitution of our rural districts, with the hope of inducing our city D. Ds. to spend their vacations in home mission work rather than amid the luxurious environments of mountain or seaside resorts.

"All right." Now you big brothers inaugurate too if this doesn't cover the ground.

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Poultry Notes—No. 1.

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Most people think (without thought) that the hen is an unimportant creature, unresponsive to attention, requiring only a begrudging handful of corn, occasionally in the winter. The care of such a creature is naturally delegated to the overworked woman, or immature children.

The census report of 1900 estimates the value of poultry products in the United States, for 1899, to be about \$900,000,000. This estimate does not include commensurate home consumption, which is probably two-thirds of the whole. There are over 5,000,000 poultry flocks in the United States. Note this: "Recent statistics tell us that New York City alone consumes 1,000,000 pounds of poultry a day, worth \$47,000,000 a year!"

Now is the best time of the year to begin right; November is the natural starting point of the poultry year. The adult fowls have mated, pullets are reaching maturity, market chicks are disposed of, and the flock is at a minimum.

When a normal hen has been of laying age for a year and a half, she has laid more than half the eggs she will ever lay; therefore keep only pullets and year-old hens. You will get more eggs with the same amount of feed, even if you leave your flock by culling out the old hens.

Keep but one male to fifteen or twenty hens. If you have but one flock, you will have to get males from elsewhere every two years at least. Purchase pure-breds or a fast growing strain, noted for heavy egg production, if you can afford it, if not "swap roosters" with a neighbor. You must not inbreed. Inbred hens lay few eggs, their chicks grow slowly, and become diseased easily.

Your hen-house needs attention. Stop all cracks, dampness and draught-causing rump. Put in an inch or two of dry sand if out in shade, if not, use dry garden loam. This makes the best kind of floor and serves as an ever-present "dust bath." Make a thick white-wash, using boiling water. Add, to the bucketful, a pint of kerosene and two ounces of carbolite acid (if you have it). Apply this to the inside, and cover every thing, roosts, nest-boxes and all over; it will broom sweep well as a brush.

For this month, feed in the morning, oats or wheat scattered broad cast. At sunset give a "mash" of three parts wheat bran, two parts corn meal, one part meal of some kind, table scraps, crushed bone, or beef meal. Make this "mash" crumbly, not wet. Stir feeding whole corn, if fattens, and is practically useless in egg-making.

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J. H. C. W.

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IN CHANCERY. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the sale of a tract of land lying in High District, Prince Edward County, Va., containing 60 acres of which Ross E. Dupuy died seized possessed and a distribution of the proceeds of sale, and an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, H. H. Dupuy and James L. Dupuy are non-residents of the State of Virginia it is ordered that they do appear here within fifteen days after the publication hereof, and do that a copy hereof to be published once a week for four weeks in the Farmville Herald and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this county on the first day of the next term of the County Court. A copy—Test: J. W. WHITEHEAD, Clerk. Watkins & Watkins, p. q. nov. 13-03

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