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## THE SENATORIAL SITUATION

Some spice and excitement has lately been injected into the senatorial canvass by Congressman Jones reading copies of letters stolen from one J. S. B. Thompson's copy book; but when these letters are analyzed they would seem to afford no reason for voting against Senator Martin unless there is something undisclosed, and some proof beyond them.

The letter addressed to Thomas S. Martin was long prior to the election, enclosing a subscription for the canvass. At that time Mr. Martin was not in public life but was a Democratic executive committee man, and he was obtaining subscriptions for the general cause, and money so received was applied strictly for the purpose obtained. And there is no reason to doubt his statement. Mr. Thompson was an officer of the Southern Railroad and this subscription was probably from the railroad; but at that time everybody understood that the Democratic party solicited funds from the railroads and felt grateful for them. Certainly there can be no moral or political offense in the manner in which Committeeman Martin obtained such contributions. Today, under the Barksdale and other acts, this is not approved and committeemen do not do it; but at that time it was recognized as right, legitimate and patriotic.

The letters dated November 23, 1891, from Mr. Thompson to Mr. Ellyson, General Logan and others referred to Mr. Martin, and the presumption is from the letters it would appear they were all interested in the election of their friend, the Hon. R. H. Cardwell, now Judge on the Supreme bench, to the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates. He was elected, having served several terms before. Certainly it would be absolutely indefensible for Mr. Jones or any one else to give a gratuitous and wrongful interpretation as a matter of surmise or suggestion to be put on this matter.

It seems to THE GAZETTE that the whole matter as presented by Mr. Jones is one of innuendo and insinuation. Innuendo is likened to the Italian stiletto in attacking the character and reputation, and it is neither frank nor just to attack character and reputation with this weapon, which to some unthinking minds carries proof as strong as Holy Writ, but to a man who thinks and analyzes and whose heart is right no conviction can be made on such evidence.

Mr. Jones has made a most egregious blunder in presenting a case which has no more foundation in legal evidence than this, and he is absolutely devoid of frankness if he has evidence which he has failed to produce, which would make out a case.

Senator Martin has represented the people of Virginia now for many years. He has rung true in every crisis, and by his splendid attainments and fearlessness he has attained the leadership of the Democratic party in the greatest legislative body on earth.

Is it not folly for a Virginian to think of discharging him from his splendid field of endeavor and work just when he has reached a position of leadership where he can be of infinite benefit to his State and country, and start on the road a new man who could not reach the same point except after years of experience, if fortune should ever favor him with the opportunity?

THE GAZETTE believes that in Martin and Swanson we have a team that can do the best service for Virginia possible, and in the absence of any proof of moral dereliction we anticipate for them triumphant and overwhelming success.

## Dedication of Baptist Church on Kerr's Creek

Gazette Correspondence

Upper Kerr's Creek, July 31.—The dedication of the Kerr's Creek Baptist church near Denmark took place yesterday. Rev. P. Swann of Goshen, preached the sermon, assisted by Rev. E. C. Root of Lexington. A large congregation was present and the services were impressive. The church is a neat frame structure, erected at a cost of about \$2,500. A public collection was taken Sunday morning and about \$150 raised. Rev. Mr. Root preached in the afternoon. Mr. N. F. Chittum was the builder of the church. At present there is no pastor.

Dr. J. M. Chittum of Richmond, Mo., and Mr. Joseph Chittum of Idaho, are visiting their father, Mr. J. P. Chittum, who is quite ill from complications incident to old age. He is in his 84th year.

Mrs. Roy T. Hart and children of Buena Vista, have returned to their home after a ten days' visit to Messrs. F. H. Hart, F. B. Teaford and other friends of this neighborhood.

Mr. Homer Harris met with a serious accident a short time ago by having a saw log roll over him, breaking his collar bone in two places. His condition is reported favorable.

Mrs. Walter W. Dunlap has returned to her home in Fairfax county after a visit to her mother, Mrs. McMath of this neighborhood. Mrs. McMath and Mr. John McMath accompanied Mrs. Dunlap home.

## Mrs. Mary C. Cupp Dead

Mrs. Mary C. Cupp, aged 82 years, died Sunday night in Staunton at the home of her daughter, Miss Sue Moyer. Mrs. Cupp was a Miss Robertson of Rockbridge and was twice married. Her first husband was Mr. George W. Moyer of Nelson county, and her second husband was Mr. John W. Cupp of Rockbridge, who died eleven years ago.

She leaves two children, Mr. A. L. Moyer and Miss Sue Moyer of Staunton, and six step-children, who are the children of Mr. Cupp. They are: Mr. A. M. Cupp, Mrs. Maggie Campbell and Mrs. Charles W. Whitmore of near Lexington; Mr. G. T. Cupp of Raphine, Mrs. William Hess of Midway, and Mrs. Thomas McCormick of Buena Vista.

## Unique Company

Members of the Jackson Monument Association met July 21st at the Courthouse to pass on matters in connection with the organization. There were present eight members, and six of the number were participants in the battle of First Manassas just fifty years previous.

Those present were Col. W. T. Poague, Major W. A. Anderson, Capt. D. E. Moore, Capt. A. M. Monroe, Messrs. S. R. Moore, A. T. Barclay, Capt. J. P. Moore and Mr. E. A. Moore.

## Unclaimed Letters

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Lexington postoffice for the week ending July 31, 1911:

Bell, Mrs. Elizabeth  
 Bogarth, Mr. S. M.  
 Chittum, Mrs. Ann  
 Thornton, Miss Mary L.  
 Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.  
 McCLEUNG PATTON, P. M.

## New Advertisements

Irwin & Co., Inc.—special values in children's dresses.

Myers Hardware Co., Inc.—copper kettles, brass kettles, apple parers.

J. Gassman & Son Hardware Co.—Vulcan plows.

R. C. Walker—annual meeting Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Co.

V. W. Hayslett—watchmaker and jeweler.

## V. M. I. Summer School

The Virginia Military Institute Summer School opened at Rockbridge Alum Springs yesterday under the supervision of Major R. Barclay Poague, with several assistants. About thirty cadets are expected to attend.

Mr. James P. Alexander, one of the mailing clerks in the Lexington postoffice, was the first depositor in the postal savings depository of the Lexington office, which opened Monday for business, with Assistant Postmaster E. L. Conner in charge.

The Sunday school at Riverside Chapel will hold Children's Day services next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## College Chums Were in Town

Saturday's Winchester Star: Mr. William Randolph Shields of Lexington, Va., spent yesterday in Winchester with Mr. S. Olin Faulkner, formerly of this city, but now of Amorilla, Texas. Mr. Shields was one of Mr. Faulkner's college chums at Washington and Lee University. He is a son of Col. W. T. Shields, one of Lexington's leading attorneys and a member of Governor Mann's staff, and is a brother of Mayor-elect E. S. Shields of Lexington.

Young Mr. Shields is known throughout the Southern college world on account of his large contributions to prose and poetry in the Southern Collegian.

## Death of Miss Lucy Leyburn

Miss Lucy Leyburn died in a hospital in Staunton Monday morning and the remains were brought to Lexington and buried Monday afternoon, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Howard Leyburn of Manassas. She was aged about 70 years, and was born and reared in this community, the daughter of the late Dr. Alfred Leyburn. Services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. Alfred T. Graham.

## Captain Tribbett Breaks Leg

Captain W. E. Tribbett, on the staff of Colonel William J. Perry of the First Regiment, in camp at Culpeper, slipped into a ditch Saturday night and again broke one bone in the leg which was broken some months ago by a falling wall while exploring the ruins of his building recently destroyed by fire. He was brought home to Staunton Sunday in a special car.

General William Nalle, twice Adjutant General, under Governors norris Tyler and Montague, died at his home at Culpeper Sunday night, aged 60 years. He was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and during his incumbency as Adjutant General was a member of the V. M. I. Board of Visitors.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING  
—OF THE—  
ROCKBRIDGE MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY

The thirty-third annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the COURT HOUSE, LEXINGTON, VA.,

Saturday, August 26, 1911,  
 AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

The election of Officers and two Directors and other important matters will come up.

It requires that a majority of the number of shares of stock be represented in order that a meeting can be held, so to this end there will be mailed to each stockholder a proxy, and in case any one cannot attend the meeting he is earnestly requested to appoint some one to represent him and mail or deliver his proxy to one of the directors or any one else who will attend the meeting. One or more stockholders can sign the same proxy.  
 R. C. WALKER,  
 Aug. 24th. Secretary and Treasurer.

## New Jewelry Store

I am now opening my Jewelry Store in LEXINGTON HOTEL BUILDING, Main street and am prepared to do all kinds of repair work.

Also have a large stock of Jewelry, Cut Glass, Silverware, etc.

Other lines will be received shortly.

Save your broken lenses, as I can replace them.

A call and inspection of my stock will be appreciated and your patronage solicited.

A. BASSIST,  
 WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,  
 formerly with L. G. Jahnke & Co.

Don't Buy a Plow Until You  
 Have Tried a

# VULCAN

Take it home and use it. If not better than other makes return it.

VULCANS are stronger and do the work better, and with more ease than any other plow on the market. Guaranteed. For sale by

J. Gassman & Son Hdw. Co.

# Cash Clearance Sale

OF

## SHOES AND HATS

### For CAREFUL CASH BUYERS

IN ORDER TO REDUCE OUR STOCK AND MAKE ROOM FOR FALL GOODS WE WILL SELL FOR CASH ONLY OUR STOCK OF HATS AND SHOES AT THE FOLLOWING REDUCED PRICES:

## LADIES' SHOES.

\$1.50 Shoes cut to \$1.30	
1.75 " " 1.45	
2.00 " " 1.70	
2.50 " " 2.10	
3.00 " " 2.45	
3.50 " " 2.85	

These prices includes Ladies' Low Shoes, Pumps, Slippers, High Shoes in all styles and colors. White, Tan and Black, and the prices are for Cash. No shoes exchanged and none can be sent out on approval.

Our stock of Children's and Misses' Shoes and Slippers is still very complete, and the following are the CUT prices for Cash.

## CHILDREN'S SHOES.

\$ .75 Shoes cut to \$ .65	
1.00 " " .85	
1.25 " " 1.05	
1.50 " " 1.30	
1.75 " " 1.45	
2.00 " " 1.70	
2.25 " " 1.85	
2.50 " " 2.10	

These prices are for Cash and for Cash only.

If you are a man this is a great chance. Bring your MONEY with you and buy Men's Low and High Shoes at the following reductions:

## MEN'S SHOES.

\$1.75 Shoes cut to \$1.50	
2.00 " " 1.70	
2.50 " " 2.10	
3.00 " " 2.45	
3.50 " " 2.85	
4.00 " " 3.35	
5.00 " " 4.35	
6.00 " " 4.95	

These MEN'S SHOES include all the season's new styles of Low Shoes and Pumps in Black and Tan shades. Men, don't miss this sale—it means a big saving to you if you are barefooted.

Special lot of Ladies' Dress Shoes—High Cut—most of them in sizes 3, 3½ and 4. \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shoes at \$1.00 per pair Cash.

SPECIAL LOT of Ladies' Heavy Shoes—most of them in sizes 3, 3½ and 4's. \$1.50 and \$2.00 quality at 75c. per pair Cash.

If you are a Cinderella this means a saving to you.

Cut prices on Men's Soft and Stiff Hats for Cash only. Newest style and shapes reduced as follows:

Men's \$1.25 Hats cut to \$1.00	
" 1.50 " " 1.20	
" 2.00 " " 1.65	
" 2.50 " " 1.85	
" 3.00 " " 2.20	
" 4.00 " " 3.20	

If you need a Hat better call and see us.

Shirts at reduced prices for Cash.

Men's 50c. Working Shirt cut to 40c.

Men's 50c. Dress Shirt cut to 40c.

Men's 75c. White Flannel Boxer Shirts cut to 40c.

The assortment of these is good and they are bargains at the price, 40c.

If you are going on a trip or going to take an outing, we have the Grass Suit Cases at \$1.50 that are nice for this sort of thing.

We can't, of course, at the prices quoted, charge any of these items.

# GRAHAM, The Shoe Man,

Who is Giving Reductions to Cash Buyers of Hats and Shoes.

Special Prices  
ON

## Hammocks

We only have a very few left.

\$1.25 Hammocks reduced to \$1.00	
1.75 " " 1.45	
2.00 " " 1.65	
2.25 " " 1.75	
2.75 " " 2.25	
3.25 " " 2.75	
3.75 " " 3.15	
5.25 " " 4.75	

These prices for cash only.

R. S. ANDERSON COMPANY  
 Nelson Street

## J. W. BROWN & CO. BLACKSMITHING

Wish to announce to the public generally that they have installed a COLD TIRE SHRINKER

and are prepared to do work on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop below Sheridan's Stable at J. M. Sweeney's old Stand. 6-7.30.

## Copper Kettles, Hand Hammered

All Sizes From 16 to 36 Gallons in Stock.

BRASS KETTLES, GENUINE SPUN BRASS, Sizes 4 to 48 Quarts in Stock.

Apple Parers, The Best, 65c.

## HAMMOCKS--

Reduced prices while they last.

Myers Hardware Co. Inc.  
 LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA.



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A Rockford watch is always dependable and can be relied upon for the most exacting service. There is a certain confidence placed in a watch and that confidence is fully realized in a Rockford.

When you buy a Rockford Watch you are getting a dependable life companion on a value received basis.

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