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LANCASTER'S SUPERINTENDENT.

We had about forgotten the school fight here, but in the last issue of the Urbana Sentinel (friendly to Dr. Lewis) we see this editorial:

"We learn with considerable surprise from the VIRGINIA CITIZEN, which confesses to its opposition to the appointment of Dr. F. W. Lewis as division superintendent of schools for Lancaster and Northumberland, that the condition upon which he finally received the appointment was that he should retire from politics; and just what it means we are at a loss to understand. If it means that Dr. Lewis is not to be influenced in his administration of the office by local partisan politics, we are not surprised that he consents; but if it means that he is to surrender his citizenship and cease to use his power and influence for the best interests of his section as he sees them, we should have preferred to see the Doctor lose. Just what it does mean, the future will reveal."

Following we append the letter of Dr. Lewis to the State Board, and made a part of the records, which secured him the appointment. Without comment we let friend Ryland conclude for himself whether or not he would have signed it for a dozen such offices:

RICHMOND, VA., June 25, 1909.
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
Richmond, Va.

GENTLEMEN:—Recognizing the fact that the best interest of the public schools demand that their management be removed from political influences, and that the Division Supt. of schools in order to secure the best results should not be an active political worker, and recognizing the further fact that there has been and is in the county of Lancaster an intense factional division, with one of which factions I am identified; I wish to assert to your honorable body that in the event that I am appointed Division Supt. for the Counties of Lancaster and Northumberland, I will devote the best energy and ability of which I am capable in carrying out the progressive policies of the Department of Public Instruction in improving school conditions. I further assert that during my term of office as Supt. of said counties I will refrain from participation in all partisan, political and factional activity. I gladly make this statement to your honorable body, if for no other, for the very strong reason that I deplore the factional conditions existing in my county and would welcome the opportunity to aid in restoring our people to peaceful and friendly relations.

I am very respectfully,
(Signed) F. W. LEWIS.

UNWARRANTED CONCLUSIONS.

Judge Mann was retained as a Democratic Judge of Nottoway county by the Readjusters some thirty years ago because there was no Readjuster timber to select from. Now the Richmond Evening Journal, Mr. Tucker's organ, delves into the must of years and fishes out some letters from Judge Mann to Gen. Mahone, thanking him, and so forth, for the position. They further show that Judge Mann was on close terms of personal friendship with Gen. Mahone and preferred him as U. S. Senator to "Parson" Massie. Both Mahone and Massie were Democrats at that time, and not till a year later than the date of the letters did Mahone desert the Democrats and go over to the Republicans.

Thirty years ago the father of the editor of this paper was a close personal friend of Gen. Mahone, the two families spending a summer together at the Blue Ridge Springs, but no one fought him harder in his retired sphere than did Maj. Alex. Y. Lee after Mahone went over to the Republicans. The Tuckerites must show some better evidence than letters from Judge Mann to Gen. Mahone, while the yet Democratic leader of the State, to prove that the Judge was faithless to Democracy. What of any such letters later than 1881? Produce them, if they can. Democrats were divided between Mahone and Massie, the only two candidates for the U. S. Senate, and Judge Mann preferred Mahone, as many other stalwart Democrats did. That's all.

LOCAL MUDSLINGING.

The opposition in this and Richmond counties are certainly resorting to low methods when they spread such false and silly reports on Judge Mann that he is in favor of compulsory education, and on Mr. Curlett that he will advocate a ten-dollar tax on guns and ten-dollars for rabbling. Only mean, dishonorable persons will circulate such palpable falsehoods and only the ignorant or malicious will believe them.

On the contrary, they have got the thing backwards; if any one has given utterance bordering on compulsory education it is Mr. Tucker. And Mr. Curlett would not dream of advocating here or in the legislature such taxes as he is accused of doing; nor could he hope to succeed even if he did. If they are going to deal in dirty work, enemies should trot out some more plausible canard.

It is significant, and commendatory, that Mr. Curlett and his friends have refrained from abuse,

and almost entire criticism, of his opponent, Mr. Wellford, and the editorial files and communications in this paper (a friend to both Curlett and Mann) will show that we studiously avoided rapping either Tucker or Wellford. We believed at the beginning, and believe now, that this is one campaign which might have been carried on without mudslinging.

FISH PLENTIFUL.

It is gratifying to Virginians, and especially to the fish authorities—who are usually the subject of criticism when fish are scarce, and are forgotten when they are plentiful, just as though the officials could control the elements and the "run" of fish—is gratifying, we repeat, that this summer has seen greater quantities of fish in our salt waters than have appeared for years. This, too, in the face of the fact that last year there was a dearth and also that there are, year by year, increased efforts to catch the finny denizens.

There is the greatest abundance of hook-and-line fish, of seine hauled and also of menhaden. These latter (fertilizer fish) have appeared in such great numbers that the factories have had to limit their steamers in their catches, not being able to handle them ashore. Not for years have these steamers been coming to the factories daily early in the afternoon, having taken all the bunkers they had orders to catch.

At the same time, fish officials are not oblivious to the fact that regulation and restriction within sane bounds are necessary to avoid protracted scarcity and maybe absolute depletion.

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"Whether, at public elections should the votes of factions predominate by internal suggestions or the bias of jurisprudence."—From Georgia Scenes, Debating Society.

From the Northern Neck News: "Business interests in the aggregate are of more importance to a true patriot than any special business interests in particular, although in some cases (not all) the aggregate in a section is largely dependent on certain ones in particular."

WE ARE in receipt of the Norfolk and Western quarterly magazine, an excellent guide and descriptive pamphlet of "living in North Carolina and the Virginias". Copies may be had for the asking from F. H. LaBaume, Agricultural and Industrial Agent, Roanoke.

IN ROUNDING OUT its seventh year the Northampton Times modestly reviews the ups and downs of a local paper's life. Our Cape Charles contemporary is one of the best papers in the State, and the CITIZEN wishes it all manner of good ahead.

ANENT the present legislative campaign here, the opinion of Goethe holds good—it is easier to detect error than to discover truth. A lie will travel with seven-league strides while truth is pulling on its boots, is another apt and applicable phrase.

CRISP NEWS.

New York's collector of customs fined two motor boats \$500 each for not observing passing signals given by the Revenue cutter Morrill.

The Sixth Annual Session of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute will be held this year in Cabell Hall, University of Virginia, on August 10th, 11th and 12th. A most attractive programme is being arranged and already a number of prominent speakers have been engaged to deliver addresses. All farmers of the State are invited not only to attend but to become members of the Institute, which they can do by remitting the Secretary \$1.00.

FISH PLENTIFUL.

Two guests at the Irvington Beach hotel this week caught with hook during a day all the fish their boat would safely carry.

Virginia certainly is coming to the front in fishing, when roe shad are taken in the Rappahannock river in July.—N. Y. Fishing Gazette.

Charles Straus, who has been on a fishing trip to Ocean View, proved himself the champion fisherman of this section, having caught nearly a boat load of fish in a two days' outing.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

RESURVEY OF JAMES.

The resurvey of the natural oyster beds of James River is meeting with the approval of all oystermen of Virginia. Commenting on the step the Virginia-Pilot says: "What Virginia wants to know in connection with the James River rocks is the full, plain, unbiased facts. The time to get at these facts is in the fall of the year, when conditions are such as to render them easily and best ascertainable. The trouble with the so-called investigations of natural oyster beds which have been made by legislative and other committees during the last ten years has been that the time and methods of making these investigations have been largely determined by interests concerned in showing certain results. They did not want the full facts and saw to it that they were not brought out. That the survey about to be made will be of a difficult character is shown by the fact that it will be conducted by disinterested experts and cover a season of the year when the real and full facts can be secured. The State Fisheries Commission is to be commended for having requested the survey and on its disposition to co-operate in making it a success. The result ought to furnish the foundation for an effective solution of the oyster problem by the next legislature, so far as the James River is concerned."

TUCKER'S EXTRAVAGANT CHARGES

Refuted by Judge Mann and the Gentlemen Maligned.

Hon. Harry StGeorge Tucker is becoming more reckless and vicious in his statements as the weather warms and the days draw nigh to his political funeral. At Fredericksburg and Fairfax he is reported by his paper, the Richmond Journal, and others as having charged that Judge Mann was promising patronage to his supporters and "mortgaging the governorship" before he got it.

As an evidence of this fact, he said that McDonald Lee, chairman of the Board of Fisheries, had come out in an open statement that he would not be a candidate for re-election in case he (Tucker) was elected, but would be if Judge Mann was.

"Has Judge Mann promised Mr. Lee reappointment?" asked Mr. Tucker. In Shenandoah county we find Mr. Bauserman, the commissioner of the asylums of the State, is appealing to his friends that if Tucker is elected he will lose his job. Has Judge Mann promised Mr. Bauserman his support?

And so on, the same charge about other State officials. As soon as these utterances were seen by him, Commissioner of Fisheries Lee addressed a letter to the Richmond Journal (which up to Wednesday has not appeared in that paper) containing the following:

"His (Tucker's) statements and conclusions are, to say the least, unbecoming in a candidate for the high office of Governor—because they are foolish as well as false. I have never announced I would be a candidate for reappointment as Commissioner of Fisheries from Judge Mann. In stating that I could not be a candidate in event Mr. Tucker was elected, I did so upon request by the Times-Dispatch because of persistent rumors, and my consent to answer might have been prompted because of Mr. Tucker's informing political enemies of mine in an adjoining county that he would not reappoint me if elected Governor—thus actually making promises, doing what he intimated Judge Mann had done. These malicious insinuations are simply additions to his demagogical vapors from the stump.

"I declare emphatically that Judge Mann has never promised me anything; nor has one utterance or line ever passed between us on the subject of my reappointment.

"Respectfully," "W. McDonald Lee."

In his speech at Scottsville Judge Mann answers conclusively Mr. Tucker's charges, as will be seen from the following:

"Mr. Tucker attempted to create the impression that I was receiving the support of Mr. Doherty, Mr. Lee and Mr. Bauserman, because I had promised to reappoint them to the positions they now hold. I wish to say that I have not made any promise to any one to reappoint these gentlemen or any of them, and that I have not received a request for reappointment from either of them or any one of them. Has Mr. Tucker consumed all of his ammunition against me, that he must extend his campaign of mud-slinging to innocent third parties?

"Suppose one of these gentlemen should be supporting Mr. Tucker, would that be sufficient ground upon which to base a statement that he had made him a promise of reappointment? Unfortunately, my opponent's mind is so constituted that he cannot understand anyone's acting from proper or other than selfish motives.

"I said in my opening speech at Petersburg that I had made no promises or pledges of any kind, and would make none, and I say now, and will be able to say on that day of the election that I have not promised, directly or indirectly, to any human being any office or appointment of any kind; nor have I made, nor will I make, any promise or pledge of any kind whatsoever."

POLITICAL.

Eight out of the ten Virginia Congressmen predict Judge Mann's election.

Martin Stringfellow, of Culpeper, is in charge of the campaign in Tidewater of gubernatorial candidate Harry St. George Tucker with offices in Norfolk.

Information has been received from a reliable source which leads us to believe that Judge Mann will carry 67 out of the 100 counties of Virginia, and certainly 13 of the 18 cities.—Westmoreland Inquirer.

A massmeeting of the Republicans of Middlesex held in Urbana elected the following delegates to the State convention: R. S. Bristow, B. Upton, George Hewitt, C. A. Hotchkiss, T. E. Jones and O. J. Palmer.

Tillman fought for ten cents on tea, in the interest of a South Carolina infant, and lost; Aldrich fought for two hundred percent in the interest of a venerable infant, and won.—Farmville Herald.

The liquor people throughout the State are bitterly opposing the nomination of Judge Mann in the primary to be held August 5th. They have opposed him since he introduced the Mann Law seven years ago, the result of which was the closing of 800 saloons in the country districts where there was no police protection.—Accomac News.

About a month from now the political pot in Virginia will have boiled dry. The hot weather of July and the first five days of August will be sufficient to "cook the goose" of one or other of the candidates. Mr. Tucker and Judge Mann selected June as the month to settle their personal differences, and we are glad to note at the end of the month they are to be seen speaking from the same platform, and at the same court-house without personal attacks from either. Has anything been accomplished by all this "fuss and feathers" about each other's past records? We are living today, not in the past; and let each look at the matter more philosophically. No one can blame the Judge for defending himself when attacked, and he foresaw the result in the beginning.—Colonial Beach Record.

The negroes of this country formed in 1800 18.88 per cent of the population; in 1810, 19.08 per cent; in 1850, 15.68 per cent; in 1880, 14.2 per cent; in 1890, 13.11 per cent; in 1890, 11.93 per cent, and in 1909 11.59 per cent.

SOME NOTES

Of interest to Farmers and Stock and Fruit Growers.

David M. Ridenour, a prominent fruit grower of western Maryland, says he can make a great deal more money raising berries than apples, peaches, corn and wheat. From one-and-a-half acres he picked this season 8,000 boxes of strawberries, which he sold, wholesale, for 7 cents a box. From the crop he realized \$562.50. Out of this he paid the expense of picking and hauling the berries to market. The crop yielded him many times more than the land on which the berries grew is worth.

The prospect for a large acreage of tomatoes this year is promising notwithstanding the low prices being obtained for canned tomatoes at present. The acreage is large throughout this section and many of the farmers have put out large patches without contracting with any packers evidently expecting a raise in prices before the season arrives. This season's pack is not expected to fall much behind that of last year. In some sections of the county it is said that the canneries are offering from twelve to fifteen cents per basket. The prices are about on a par along this line, being about \$7 a ton.—Crisfield Times.

Irish potatoes may be raised just as well (so says the Southern Planter), from the small potatoes of the first or the early crop. The method described is to select those of medium size, say, as large as an egg. These sets should be spread out in a shady place to green, and after they are green should be sprinkled with a little wood mould or good soil sprinkled on them and they will begin to sprout. Every sprouted potato will make a good set, but those not sprouted should not be set. Do not cut the potatoes except to take off just a shaving at the end opposite the sprout. Plow out the rows deeply and mix the fertilizer with the soil well in the bottom of the furrow and then set and cover lightly and, as the plants grow, work in the soil into the rows until level, and keep level during cultivation. Potatoes grown in this way in the Eastern section of this State and North Carolina make better seed for growing the early crop than Northern sets. This year very little failure to germinate was observed in crops planted with second crop seed, whilst Northern grown seed failed badly. This should insure a good sale for second crop seed another year.

BORDEAUX MIXTURE.

The Bordeaux mixture is the proper remedy to use for all fungous troubles; viz., mildew and rust of beans; potato and tomato rot and leaf-blight; melon and cucumber diseases; celery leaf-blight and rust, etc. The half-strength mixture (two pounds copper sulphate, two pounds quicklime, 50 gallons water) is strong enough to use in the vegetable garden, except for potatoes.

BRISTOL GOES "WET."

By the margin of a few votes in little over eight hundred the town of Bristol, on the Virginia-Tennessee line, voted "wet" last week.

In the opinion of indignant citizens the result of the election in Bristol means the hastening of the day when the State of Virginia will have to face the question of State-wide prohibition. They charge that money was poured into Bristol by the whiskey people of other States, and that voters were corrupted and bought in order to strike what is thought to be a blow at temperance.

Says one of the temperance leaders: "The 401 men of Bristol who voted the 'dry' ticket on Thursday deserve the praise and the sympathy of the temperance people of the Nation in this, their hour of trial. They made a glorious fight. They were confronted with conditions such as have rarely confronted the voters in any city. Every voter in the city was tempted by direct or indirect bribes of one kind or another. It was known that if the city voted 'wet' it would be made a distributing point for an immense Southern territory. This would bring a large number of shipping houses to the city, which would bring a great sum into the city treasury; far more than the usual license receipts. An option had been taken by the liquor people on every available building at a very high rate of rent, which was a bribe to the owners of said buildings. The opening of these houses would bring many men with large means to the city, and would give employment to a great many people. These were all indirect bribes. And in addition to these things, every man who would sell his vote could get more hard cash for it than in any election ever held in Virginia. The liquor interests had representatives from various cities who had at their command all the money that they could use. 'Money' is the word that explains the result in Bristol. The city is disgraced that it yielded to the bribes, and sold itself to become a distributing center, not of learning, light, and life, but of drunkenness, insanity, murder and damnation. But it has in it 401 men, who cannot be bought, and like the men of Danville, they will not rest till Bristol is once more redeemed. The election had absolutely no political significance. It is probable that it will greatly hasten the demand in Southwest Virginia for a vote on State-wide prohibition."

Hundreds of liquor men, some of whom wired to Bristol the day after as a means of getting locations for saloons and wholesale liquor houses in order to have their share in supplying the five dry Southern States, will find themselves sadly disappointed when they face the fact that in accordance with a provision of the Byrd liquor law of Virginia, enacted last year, licenses for dealing in ardent spirits can be issued to no one but qualified voters of the county or city in which it is proposed to conduct the business. Therefore, saloon men and whiskey dealers in Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga, who have been looking to Bristol as a Mecca, will be unable to make themselves qualified voters within less than two years.

When the last machine needle gets bent lay it on a hard, smooth floor and roll it back and forth under the heavy pressure of the shoe. In almost every case the needle can be straightened.

MANN HITS AT TUCKER.

Says the Valley Candidate Asked Roosevelt For Judgeship.

The Washington Herald prints the following from its Richmond correspondent:

In his speech at Scottsville last night, Judge Mann made the startling charge that upon the death of Federal Judge Paul his opponent, Mr. Tucker, made application to President Roosevelt for appointment as United States judge of the Western District of Virginia. Judge Mann said in this connection:

"Mr. Tucker has been trying to create the false impression that I voted the Readjuster ticket in 1879, and in consequence was elected judge of Nottoway County Court, thereby receiving my title as judge, so quote one of his newspapers. I was twice elected county judge of Nottoway by Democratic Legislatures before the Readjusters came into power, and once by the Democrats afterward. I voted against the Readjuster candidates who were elected to the House and Senate from Nottoway, and they so strongly opposed my election that they refused to place my name before either the House or Senate.

"But why did not Mr. Tucker, when speaking of judges, tell the people of Virginia that in 1901 he applied to a Republican President for appointment as United States judge for the Western District of Virginia? This will doubtless surprise many of Mr. Tucker's Democratic friends. And it is significant that this occurred after 1896, and during those 'eight years of absence from the house of his fathers.' A man must have rendered some service in order to be entitled to a life position of the highest honor.

"What reasons did Mr. Tucker give for asking this appointment? We cannot tell. He has doubtless destroyed the record.

"In 1902, when he was again contemplating becoming a candidate for Congress, he went to Washington and withdrew his application and endorsements from the files of the Department of Justice. Why did he withdraw those papers, and what reasons did they give for urging his appointment? I wonder if they told of his disloyalty to the Democratic party and his distributing Republican campaign documents under his frank as a member of Congress in 1896. They would doubtless prove interesting reading for the Democrats of Virginia.

MAHONE THEN A DEMOCRAT.

(Washington Herald.) A prominent Virginian throws the following light upon the political faith of Gen. Mahone:

"The Mann letters were written in 1879 and 1880. The one offering to aid Gen. Mahone in his contest for the United States Senate referred to the contest between Mahone and Rev. John E. Massie before the Readjuster caucus. Both Mahone and Massie were at that time Democratic Readjusters. Massie always contended that he had never been anything but a Democrat, and Mahone insisted until 1882 that he was a Democrat.

Those who are familiar with the history of this period will recall that Mahone was elected to the United States Senate as a Readjuster Democrat. When he took his seat in the Senate, on March 4, 1881, it was thought that he would act with the Democratic Senators. If he had done so the Democratic vote would have been equal to the Republican vote, and the Republicans could not have organized the Senate. During the special session of March, 1881, Mahone decided to act with the Republicans, and received much patronage and exceedingly good committee appointments.

TUCKER AT FREDERICKSBURG.

In his speech at Fredericksburg Mr. Tucker first alluded to Commissioner Lee and other State officers having been promised their positions by Judge Mann. Here is what the Fredericksburg Journal (Independent) says of his meeting there:

Harry StGeorge Tucker grows more bitter in his daily attacks on Judge Mann. He is now out with the charge that the Judge has "mortgaged" the governorship, in that he has promised away offices in advance of his nomination and election. If Mr. Tucker's fiasco here, where he failed to create enthusiasm in his candidacy, is a specimen of the kind of work he is doing, his candidacy will amount to little. The public is apt to take Mr. Tucker's charges seriously, and also to regard Mr. Tucker from the character of the work he is doing—as being utterly unfit for the office of governor.

FIGHT NOT OVER POLITICS.

After Judge Mann's rousing speech at Gloucester last week (in which he did not call Mr. Tucker's name) there was a fight on the "bounds" between a Mann-man and Tuckerite. The reporter concluded it was over politics, and so sent it to the Richmond papers, but this was an error.

The trouble was over a fisherman refusing to pay his fish license to Inspector Muse. The former kicked at the inspector as the latter was turning away. Charlie Muse didn't do a thing to the Tuckerite but feel him over. The fellow evidently did not know Muse as follows do.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of our dear baby, who departed this life June 24th, 1909, age eight months and twenty-two days. He was laid to rest in Rehoboth cemetery.

Gone, but not forgotten,
Nor will he ever be.
For as long as memory lasts,
Will we remember thee.
Dearest Henry, thou hast left us.
Left us, yes, forever more,
But we hope to meet thee
On that bright and happy shore.
A precious one from us has gone.
His cheeks we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.
How lonely are the days
Since you have left us.
But we know you are an angel,
And Heaven is now your home.
By his loving mother,
LILLIAN HOWE.

Hardings, Va.

A CARD.

At the request of many friends I announce myself a candidate for nomination to the House of Delegates for Lancaster and Richmond Counties subject to the Democratic Primary.
R. CARTER WELFORD.

CITIZENS OF THE COUNTIES OF

LANCASTER AND RICHMOND: As a candidate for renomination to the House of Delegates, subject to the Democratic primary, I ask your aid. Unfortunately I am so situated that I shall not be able to call upon you personally, but shall deem it my duty to meet any and all opponents upon the hustings and discuss the issues of this campaign.

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Respectfully,
JNO. CURLETT.

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