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## SOUTH SEA GULLS.

A correspondent of the Norfolk Landmark, says:

"Late, crossing the harbor from Newport News, I witnessed a party of boys in a boat not far from the docks of that city. Two of the party had shot guns and they were busily working havoc and destruction in every flock of gulls that passed them or that they could creep upon. With every discharge some mangled creature would fall to the water to the accompaniment of a hellish cheer from the crowd. What an instant before had been an object of living beauty was now a dead or dying creature soon to become a mass of corruption."

"If my voice, through the medium of your valuable columns, may touch a tender spot in the bosoms of the councilmen of our harbor towns and cities, we may both have the distinction of performing a service in the interest of humanity and the preservation of nature's loveliness for which some kindred spirits of the better future may rise up and call us blessed."

If there is no ordinance or State law to protect these birds from wanton slaughter there should be and it should be rigidly enforced. They are a part of our scenery, so to speak. They are ornamental and picturesque as they sail over the waters and our harbors are not the same without them. They are harmless and they are not fit to eat and it is a sin and a shame to shoot them. That sort of "sport" is brutal and it should not be tolerated.—Newport News Times-Herald.

To complete the record with regard to Mr. Viett's letter to The Landmark protesting against the slaughter of sea-gulls for sport, as witnessed by him from the deck of a steamer near Newport News, we reproduce from the Times-Herald, of that city, the following information:

The Times-Herald is informed by Commissioner W. McDonald Lee that under a Virginia statute enacted several years ago it is unlawful to shoot sea-gulls under penalty of \$5 for each offense. We publish this fact as a warning to the public. It is reported that gulls have recently been shot in Newport News harbor for "sport." If the offense is repeated, somebody is likely to pay dearly for it.

The question comes down to one of enforcing the humane law that already exists. It is usually harder to get a law enforced than to get it enacted, but we don't think much of the fact of this statute's existence is sufficiently advertised in the newspapers for the officers of the law to caution all to be aware of it.—Norfolk Landmark.

There is a law, and it puts the minimum fine at \$5, for killing a sea-gull. This law should be vigorously enforced by the game wardens (including the oyster police, who are game wardens by statute), as the gull is a most useful bird. He is the scavenger of the sea, and the buzzard of the land, and fulfills a highly useful mission: To say nothing of the brutality in this wanton slaughter, the righteous and humane policy in such things is to kill nothing that is of more use alive than dead.

So THE incorrigible R. P. Barham, without a superior in the guild in Virginia, surrenders the grey-goose quill, and the Petersburg Index-Appeal salutes forth under a younger, but well known, hand. We shall miss Barham's trenchant pen, but more his association and influence in the Virginia Press Association, of which he was a charter member some twenty years ago. Walter Edward Harris, the new owner and editor, is a Virginian, and has won distinction during years of newspaper service at the national capital. He is a good fellow and equally as good a newspaper man, and we look for much from him while wishing him well.

From reports and price lists of fish markets which are being received by Baltimore wholesale houses, it looks as if all the finny tribes of the ocean have joined with the beef trust in putting the poor man in a hole. There is every indication that all varieties of salted and packed fish will reach a record price this winter. Oysters, of all moats, remain the cheapest—less than one-fourth the price of beef or hog—and the purest, notwithstanding a few kid-gloved scientific theorists who must discover a germ now and then in order to hold their high-salaried positions.

## MORE RAILROAD TALK.

Channing M. Ward, a practical railroad man of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad system, is again in the Northern Neck in the interest of the proposed railroad, which was agitated last August, and which, if built down the Northern Neck, will connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio road at some point in Hanover county between Hanover and Courthouse and Calwell. Meetings were held at various points during the summer months to consider the matter. Committees were appointed to secure the right of way and to make contracts with the citizens living within a distance of five miles from the proposed road to pay a small assessment of 25 cents per acre on all lands so situated.

The running of a road down the Northern Neck would mean the development of this section commercially, and Richmond would reap a harvest from the products of this prosperous territory, as the trade would be diverted from Baltimore.



## DEMOCRATIC LANDSLIDE!

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, OHIO, CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS GO DEMOCRATIC.

Biggest Republican Slump in a Generation, Exceeding that of 1892, Cleveland's Time.

THE SOLID SOUTH IS MORE SOLID THAN EVER.

HOUSE TO BE CONTROLLED BY DEMOCRATS. CHAMP CLARK THE NEXT SPEAKER.

The Tariff and High Prices of Food Were the Winning Pleas Made by the Democrats.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT DOWN AND OUT FOR KEEPS.

Prohibition Wins In Tennessee and Loses In Florida and Missouri.

VIRGINIA ELECTS NINE DEMOCRATS TO CONGRESS FOR SURE. SLEMP MAY WIN.

Two Amendments Beaten. The Two About Election of Treasurers and Commissioners of the Revenue are in Doubt.

W. A. JONES (DEM.), FOR CONGRESS. SNOWS UNDER G. NELMS WISE (REP.).

## RETURNS FROM NEAR-BY COUNTIES.

## LANCASTER.

Irvington—Jones 73, Wise 3. Townsend 1. For Legislative amendments 3, against 130. For Treasurers and Commissioners 117, against 15.

Weems—Jones 25, Wise 2. For Legislative amendments 2, against 42. For Treasurers and Commissioners 2, against 42.

Kilmarnock—Jones 30, Wise 9. For Legislative amendments 26, against 40. For Treasurers and Commissioners 53, against 9.

White Stone—Jones 68, Wise 6; Shade 1. For Legislative amendments 5, against 131. For Treasurers and Commissioners 119, against 16.

Island—Jones 8, Wise 0. For Legislative amendments 1, against 14. For Treasurers and Commissioners 1, against 14.

Courthouse—Jones 46, Wise 14. For Legislative amendments 26, against 47. For Treasurers and Commissioners 47, against 21.

Litwalton—Jones 33, Wise 11. For Legislative amendments 9, against 47. For Treasurers and Commissioners, 27, against 30.

Ottoman—Jones 36, Wise 1. For Legislative amendments 4, against 68. For Treasurers and Commissioners 56, against 7.

Jones' majority in the county 273. Majority against 2 Legislative amendments 441.

Majority for Treasurers and Commissioners 264.

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

Lodge, Jones, 31; Wise, 11; majority, 20.

Lillian—Jones, 36; Wise, 16; majority, 20.

Lottaburg—Jones, 32; Wise, 9; majority, 23.

Heathsville—Jones, 53; Wise, 18; majority, 35.

Burgess Store—Jones, 53; Wise, 15, majority, 38.

Reedville—Jones, 37; Wise, 5; majority, 32.

Wicomico Church—Jones, 33; Wise, 5; majority, 28.

Vote in Northumberland county was small. Little interest was manifested. Jones has a majority of 196. Vote on all amendments uncertain.

## RICHMOND COUNTY.

Stonewall—Jones 75; Wise 12. Marshall—Jones 33; Wise 11.

Emmertown—Jones 42; Wise 17. Farnham—Jones 47; Wise 2.

Sharps—Jones 35; Wise 7.

Richmond county gives Jones, Democrat, 232; Wise, Republican, 49; majority 283. Vote on amendments so mixed that it is impossible to give accurate vote, but amendments were defeated by considerable majority.

## WESTMORELAND.

Kinsale—Jones 24; Wise 6. Oldhams—Jones 21; Wise 5.

Hague—Jones 37; Wise 8. Montross—Jones 42; Wise 14.

Warrentown—Jones 12; Wise 1. Colonial Beach—Jones 53; Wise 10. Oak Grove—Jones 26.

Westmoreland county gives Jones a majority of 171, with Wise's vote at Oak Grove unknown.

Slomp, Republican, wins in the 9th Virginia District over Stuart by about 200. Last time Slomp carried that solid Republican district by about four thousand.

The other nine Congressmen will be Democrats; Saunders, of the Fifth, winning by about 200, the Democrat with the smallest majority.

The two Virginia Senators—Martin and Swanson—put in heavy and unceasing work in these two doubtful districts. Of the campaign in the Ninth the Times-Dispatch has this to say: "It is certain that not in many years have party workers on any side of any question done more faithful and more effective work than have the Democrats and the Republicans of the Ninth District. The conflict has been incessant, sometimes

it has been bitter, sometimes it has been unimportant, but always it has been earnest."

## MARYLAND.

Maryland elected five Democrats and one Republican Congressmen, a gain of two for the Democrats. Those elected are: J. Harry Covington (Democrat), re-elected; J. Fred Talbott (Democrat), re-elected; George König (Democrat), who succeeds John Krommiller (Republican); J. Charles Linthicum (Democrat); Thomas Parren (Republican), who succeeds Sydney Mudd (Republican); David J. Lewis (Democrat), who succeeds George A. Pearre.

## NEW YORK.

New York State elected the whole Democratic State ticket. Dix, Democrat, defeated Stimson, Republican, for Governor by 100,000 plurality. For the first time since 1894 the Democrats will control the executive departments of the State government. In 1906 Hughes carried the State by a plurality of 57,897 over Hearst, Democrat, and in 1908, a presidential year, Hughes beat Chanler, Democrat, by 69,462.

ELECTION SPARKS ELSEWHERE.

Hooper, Republican, was elected Governor in Tennessee over Senator Bob Taylor, Democrat, by 30,000 majority. This was brought about by hatred to Patterson, who espoused Taylor's cause.

Clean sweeps were made in the usually Democratic States, many of the doubtful States and some Republican ones falling into the Democratic column.

With the exception of Iowa, returns indicate that the Republicans were defeated in every State in which Colonel Roosevelt made a fight for the Republican candidates. Significant is the fact that Senator Beveridge was defeated in Indiana by John W. Kern, and that eleven out of the thirteen congressional districts in Indiana went Democratic.

Massachusetts' response to the Rooseveltian plan for Governor Draper was the election of Congressman Foss (Democrat) as Governor by a plurality estimated in excess of 20,000.

Connecticut made the same answer by electing Judge Simon E. Baldwin (Democrat). In Ohio Governor Judson E. Harmon (Democrat) was easily re-elected.

The Democrats also carried New Jersey, electing Woodrow Wilson, the President of Princeton University, her Governor by a good majority.

Returns from Colonel Roosevelt's Congress district indicate the election of Littleton, Democrat, by 300. Oyster Bay, the home of Roosevelt, went Democratic two to one. In consequence, no word has come from the Colonel.

There is silence, absolute and double riveted, at Oyster Bay. The news was read at the White House, and the Taft smile took flight.

About the only cheering thing to the Republicans in general is the fact that Speaker Cannon is elected by the biggest majority the district has given for ten years.

The Republicans lose Senators from Indiana, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. This means that the Republican majority in the United States Senate is cut from 25 to 12. The House of Representatives will be Democratic probably 29, a Democratic gain of 35.

The different gains were: New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 3; North Carolina, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Maryland, 2; Connecticut, 1; Illinois, 1; Iowa, 1; Kentucky, 1; Missouri, 1; West Virginia, 1.

## RELIGIOUS.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia will be held in Roanoke from November 18th to 23rd.

Rev. B. D. Thames, for several years pastor in Manchester, Va., has accepted a call to Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Middlesex county, and enters upon his work there at once. Rev. W. C. Sale, of Gloucester, succeeds Mr. Thames in Manchester.

## A REPLY TO "WHAT ARE OUR HIGH SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED FOR?"

BY PROF. N. E. COOPER, PRINCIPAL, OTTOMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. EMILY, LEWIS: Dear Sir:—I thank you for your article published in the "CITIZEN" of last week. I will enlighten you on some history as well as enlighten you on a hard question which you seem unable to answer. I don't care for the publicity of newspaper controversy, but you compel me to answer you, or I would not clear myself in the regards of the public, or my patrons (for which I care).

You do not explain the incident of the ball game. I will do it for you. My boys asked me to arrange a game with Lancaster High School for Friday, 7th. I told them to go ask Mr. Shackelford, a member of the school board, (Friday and Saturday I was to be at a teachers' Institute at Lancaster). They did so, and reported that Mr. S. said "I could go play or not play, just as I chose." I interpreted this as all right. Not until November 4th did this trustee tell me that his utterance was a veiled threat. I'm not much scared of threats, but I prefer them to be open so I will know. Saturday was very rainy, then they asked me for the game Thursday, October 13. (I am a new teacher here). They said when I inquired, that it was customary last year for players and those who wished to go, to make the trip. This, with the trustee's former reply, said "yes."

A trustee at the School Board's meeting Saturday, said that he heard that I said: "I was going to run this school," with the inference that I was going to please myself alone. My school and teachers agree with me that what I said in a speech to the school was: "If the patrons ask you about my policies, please tell them that if I am Principal they must trust my judgment to some extent, as I am supposed to know more about running the school than they." At this trustee's instigation (I did not get a hearing) the Board deducted \$2.12 from my salary and said I was to pay for text-books used in teaching. In fairness to Mr. Lankford and Mr. Rock, of the Board, let me say they did not know the text. I shall appeal the matter to the School Board and expect to be able to announce that I have received fair treatment. All I want is justice.

I am new to Tidewater Virginia and people of Lancaster. For my family, inquire of any reputable citizen of Winchester, Va., about Lewis F. Cooper. He will be known as a city councilman who has served already 12 years in office. For my character and record, address Mr. M. M. Lynch, Supt. of schools.

You ask about the school wagon. I am sure my friend, Mr. Warren, can answer you, if he wants. You ask another question: "Do baseball games distract from studies?" Then from your great fund of knowledge, you answer yourself by saying my High school boys look first at the baseball news in the newspapers. I am delighted, that you took cognizance of this tribute to my instruction. What better sign than the world is not going to the dogs (in spite of howlers) than the fact that the blooded, American game, that develops him, mind and body; and not in murder news, divorce scandals and other suggestive things, which I have advised them not to read? If you mean to insinuate, that the scholarship of Ottoman High school suffered after that game of baseball, you say something that is not true; proving that you know nothing about it. Why, I had to have my Latin class correct your "vice versa."

But, hush! I'm not going to tell anybody you made a mistake! As you are such a "prophet in Israel," you are, of course, well versed in pedagogy, the science of teaching children. If not, you may say (like the Irishman) that the wisest words you ever said were those you never spoke. What High school did you graduate from; in what year? You are a graduate of what college?

Son, you make the mistake of placing the lessons as the highest and ultimate aim. They are but a means to an end, namely: a broader life. Morality, truthfulness, the virtue of temperance, obedience to just authority, politeness, altruism (helping the other fellow), love (in many forms)—all take precedence.

In your attitude against healthful athletics, you are disproved by the best educators. Pestalozzi says, "Education is the development of all the faculties of the individual—moral, mental, and physical." There is no doubt that the soul is supreme. There is no doubt that you have a physical basis. Don't you take any exercise for a month, and see where your physical entity will land, and how it will affect your soul.

Milton says that, "Education should fit a man for the duties of a citizen at all times." Have you ever heard this? "Develop a sound mind in a sound body." You are not too narrow-minded to see that when good schools approve of baseball always, that it has more why it is played here before, and kicked on now? A certain gentleman told me that you were seeing a trustee with a trustee just before your article appeared. Partner, I use sarcasm in a spirit of fun. Now, honestly, I have only one feeling toward you, if you are a good man. Let's don't make trouble. Maybe we are like two cats hung over a wire, with their tails tied together. I've been duped too, but I'm on guard now, and the future will find me out well for all. Why bother, trying to fight fair like I do. That is all.

Has the children walked several miles, isn't the worst thing that ever happened. They wanted to. Maybe it is just what you need. I will be your physician (you know I board with Dr. Stuart). Walk up to Ottoman next Friday, Nov. 11th, at 2:45 p. m. We hold a school entertainment. No admission. All friends invited. Probably you will help to help things along (you can't help a community of bad boys by improving its schools), instead of trying to tear down by ill-advised criticism. Let me see if you are prompted by a genuine interest in High school. My friend, it is the do-nothings that generally kick. The workers don't have time.

Now, to sum up, briefly: The children enjoyed a good walk (and if you of many terms of purpose. One feature of the school entertainment is a walk. We hold a school entertainment. No admission. All friends invited. Probably you will help to help things along (you can't help a community of bad boys by improving its schools), instead of trying to tear down by ill-advised criticism. Let me see if you are prompted by a genuine interest in High school. My friend, it is the do-nothings that generally kick. The workers don't have time.

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## CRISP NEWS.

President Taft has issued the Thanksgiving proclamation, officially declaring November 24 a holiday.

On the night of Nov. 16th there will be a total eclipse of the moon, which will be visible in every part of the United States.

Wm. H. Clement, 86 years old, is the oldest active printer in Richmond. He is busy every day, and attributes his long health and happiness to "the simple life."

From \$9. hogs to \$30, bacon may be a far cry, as Governor Marshall, of Indiana, says, but the market quotations show that it is no difficult stunt for the meat trust to perform.

Senator and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson have taken the residence formerly occupied by Governor and Mrs. William R. Merriam in Sixteenth street, Washington, D. C., for the winter.

"The pay for teachers should be according to service and not according to sex," declares State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. D. Eggleston. "Good teachers are being wretchedly paid, and poor teachers are expensive at any price."

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