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OHIO.

Split again. That was the way it looked early this morning. Taft and Roosevelt will have to divide up, while Wilson may get almost all of the pie.

THE CONFEDERATE VICE-PRESIDENT.

One of the ablest and most picturesque figures of the Confederacy was Vice-President Alexander Hamilton Stephens, the site of whose official residence here will be marked by a tablet to be unveiled this afternoon by the Confederate Memorial Society.

His service as the second in civil authority in the Confederate government seems to have been the least conspicuous of his life. Of his connection with the actual workings of the government little is heard, but the vice-presidential office has always been one of shadow rather than of light.

In fact, his views tended to unite Mr. Stephens for his part in the short-lived nation. His devotion to the principles of State sovereignty and his advocacy of strict constitutional government caused him to disfavor anything of a nationalistic drift in the administration of the affairs of the Confederate States.

"Alex" Stephens was a most interesting personality. He was physically frail all his life, but he carried in a noble head a brain that had no superior in the South.

tract or I'll cut your throat." but the bleeding, almost dying Stephens said: "Never! Out!" and grasped the swiftly descending knife-blade in his hand. A review of the political record of Mr. Stephens would fill pages. He served Georgia for years as a member of Congress, and was after the war elected to the Senate, but unseated by that body. He wrote copiously on political subjects. He was active in helping his people through the throes of reconstruction. He died as he had lived, in harness; he was Governor of Georgia when the summons came. His biographer, Louis Pendleton, thus sums up his career:

"Of his wider usefulness it may be said that the thanks of all American patriots are due to him as an untiring champion of constitutional government and the rights as opposed to threatening encroachments of the Federal government on our dual system."

His was a clear, strong voice, that comes to us across two years, warning against the New Nationalism and admonishing us not to remove the ancient landmark, but to stand "in the old paths where is the good way and walk therein."

ADOPT A BANKING REFORM PLAN.

Indorsement should be given banking and currency reform by the State Democratic Convention this week. It is of vital importance that the nation shall secure remedial banking legislation in the near future—legislation which will free the country from the evils of panics and unnecessary financial disasters.

A nonpartisan revision of our banking laws is of immense importance, having for its purpose (a) relief from financial crises; (b) elasticity of banking credit; (c) freedom from dominant financial or political control. A plank embodying such a demand for a revision for such purposes should be incorporated in the platform at Norfolk, something similar to that adopted by the recent Alabama Democratic Convention:

"We believe the honest farming, business and working classes of this country could be largely relieved from panics and consequent unemployment by a Democratic revision and codification of our antiquated bank laws, which would create an elastic banking system and preserve our independent banks from any dominant or financial control."

The City Hospital. New light has been thrown upon the possibility of a modern and central city hospital for Richmond by the report of the Council subcommittee, that by the purchase and enlargement of the Williams Memorial Hospital an institution adequate for the needs of both white and colored patients can be secured for an estimated cost of \$1,250,000.

have proposed a self-perpetuating board, of which their appointees shall constitute a majority, in order that they may be sure the ends for which the institution was founded may be carried out. This plan is faulty in that it takes away from the municipality the absolute direction of its own property and the expenditure of city money.

ENDORSE THE SALARY SYSTEM.

North Carolina is substituting the salary system for the fee system as the method of compensating public officers.

The Democratic party in convention assembled to-morrow at Norfolk ought to record itself in favor of doing just what North Carolina is doing. There could be no more appropriate place than Norfolk to start cleaning up.

The salary system is modern; the fee system is antiquated. The salary system is just and equitable; the fee system is unjust and inequitable.

Let the Democrats of Virginia insert into the Norfolk platform a plank favoring the substitution of the salary system for the fee system. The people of Virginia are getting restless about this fee business; the last General Assembly contained more enemies of the fee system than have ever been together before.

The fee principle is a Republican principle; the salary system is a Democratic system. The fee system must go.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD.

In the instructions to the workers who on May 28, between the hours of 3 and 5 in the afternoon, will visit the homes of Richmond to take a religious census of the people is found the following sentence:

"If the people cannot talk English, who shall we do?"

If you have an interpreter, well and good; if not, call a child.

The surface significance of this that among the non-English-speaking residents of the country the children are the first to learn the language and act as interpreters for their elders, but deeper than this practical point is the lesson that in the children is the bond of sympathy between the alien and his new home. They form the magic link that joins the old despair to the new hope.

It is a good thing for children to be teachers. They are quick, alert, full of enthusiasm and faith in the blessings around them. All the fine things appeal to them, and in their translations of facts to an older generation they illuminate these facts not only with the glories of a new land, but with the glorious optimism of the young.

It is heartening to remember what blessings these tiny messengers bring into dull lives. One of the first is cleanliness. The schools and social institutions impress upon the girls and boys the need for clean bodies and clean clothes. They learn to be ashamed of dirt and slovenliness, and soon the wholesome truth passes into the family and many a novel is made to bloom into new and undreamed-of tidiness and beauty.

One has done his turn on the national vaudeville stage. Who's next in the limelight?

According to the best traditions, the Flood and the Hyrd might compromise on an olive branch.

The Richmond-Washington highway may be said to be on the high road to success.

Was the food at the Daily Madison breakfast as good as our grandmothers used to cook?

Whatever is done about the "Dallas Pig" or the "Turkey Train" it would be a good thing to shoo the "Banana Peel Tumbler."

What the platform is in favor of is the front porch.

On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

"The 'Emps.' No Emperor of ancient Rome was ever half so great. As is the monarch that the world has reckoned with of late, his subjects stand in anxious awe, both terror-struck and dumb.

Observe his fine court language and his diplomatic style: 'Gwan, you're flint head, bush leagus dub, you're out a good long time about in rhymus.'

Take notice of the dignity which marks his every word. 'Back to the bench, you've got a nerve dat surely is a bird.' Just listen to his polished tone as smooth as velvet's nap.

'Brush by, you're imitation or I'll scramble up your map.' Mark well the great and haughty mien as pearls of disdrom drop. 'Play' and stuff dat phoney talk or else I'll ding de cop.'

Decisions on affairs of state from this arbiter flow. Until, quite unexpected, some pop bot-tle about in rhymus. The rabble's protests don't disturb the tenor of his way.

He's quite impervious to all his bleacher critics say. But, like the old Egyptian kings, they more the that, and the necessity of He does not reign forever, but must pay tribute to Time.

He starts out in a major league and slowly he works down. Until he rules the back lot game, the awe of some tank to get. His victims still yank 'Robber' and make personal remarks.

Just like were heard long years ago around the city parks. He's in had all his stormy life and when the end is nigh. He knows he's earned his reward, a good safe place on high.

Our Private Unabridged. Savant, a man who cries microbes when there is no microbes. Scandal—Something probably not true. Schooner—A vessel that can operate only in wet countries.

Sculptor—One who sculps, viz., Indian. Sociustion—Something that Ex-Vice-Presidents have thrust upon them. Seeds—Nature fakes that do not deliver the goods. (See your own garden.)

Serious—Solenn, grave and pessimistic. (See musical comedy.) Sham—Something that pillows used to wear in the daytime. Sharpshooter—A gun with a bayonet on it.

Sin—What everybody does excepting ourselves. Simian—A monkey, i. e., one who tries to find a leak in a gas pipe with a lighted match; a gentleman who wears a blue derby.

Our He's Content. A hero is a man who takes a lodge Brother home at 2 o'clock in the morning, rings the bell and hands the brother over to the wife instead of leaning him up against the door, ringing the bell and running away.

A hero is a man who marries a cooking school graduate, and lets her do the cooking. H. M. J. A hero is a man who has five daughters, taking singing lessons and three sons studying burnt leather art.

A hero is a man who will carry a limburger cheese home for a friend. O. J. Rules of Table Etiquette. Don't eat soup like a vacuum cleaner.

It is impell to take your teeth out of your mouth when the nut course comes on. Don't tick your napkin under your chin or tie it around your neck, for it might do you some good that way.

Lay it across your knees and continue to spill the catsup on your necktie. Don't forget to give the waiter a tip. If you can't do anything better, tell him who is going to win the plow in the National League.

Always call the waiter by his first name so everybody will know you have been there before.

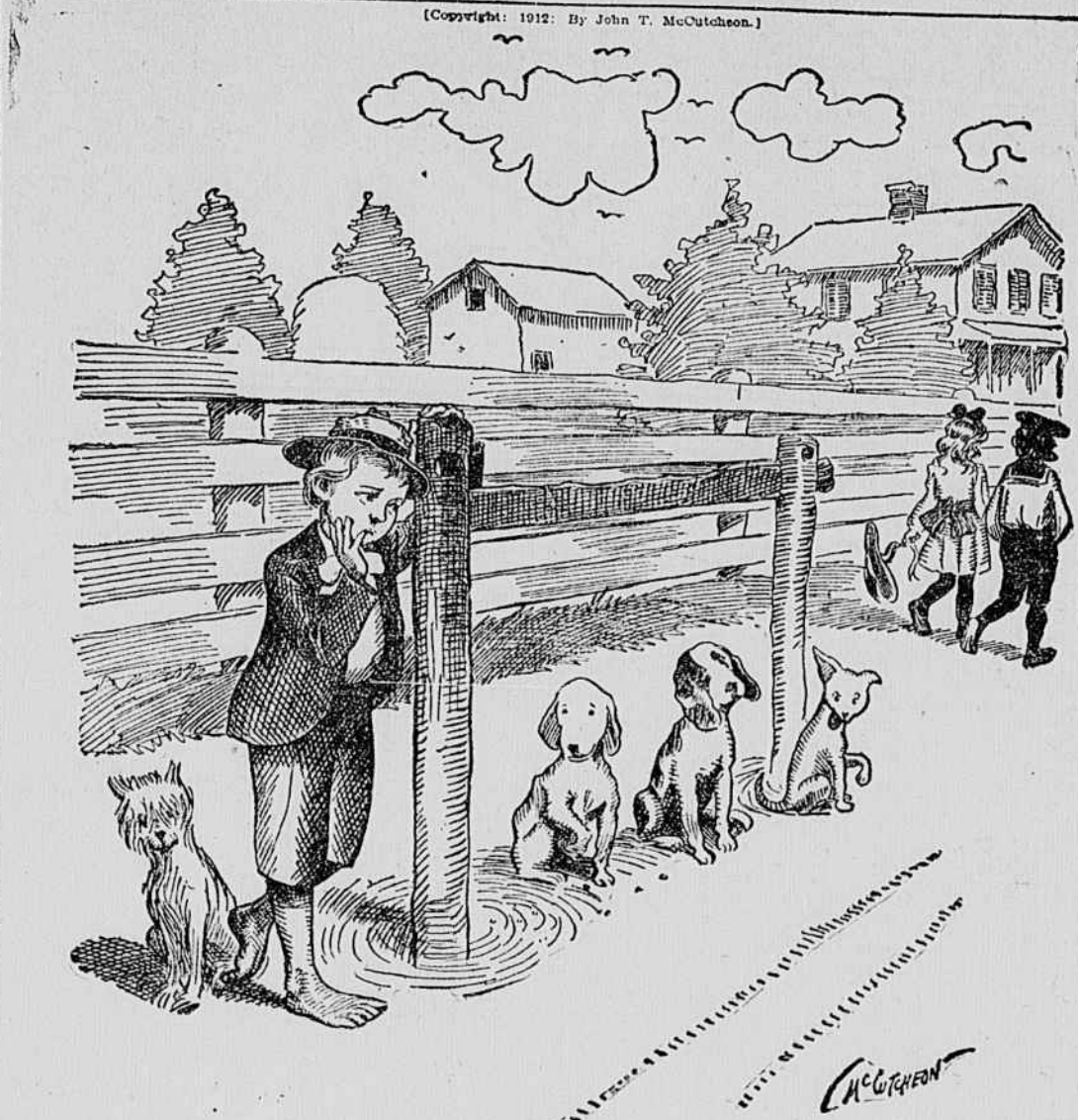
Venerable Pensioners.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—May 11th, 1912. The President signed the service pension bill, as urged by the Conference Committee of both Houses. This bill gives \$20 a month to all who served at least sixty days in the War with Mexico, in either military or naval service of the United States, and were honorably discharged.

The increase to commence when the application is filed in the Bureau of Pensions.

In 1910 the average age of these pensioners was eighty-six years. In June, 1911, there were living of the

WHEN DAD WAS A BOY. By John T. McCutcheon.



Some day she'll be sorry she treated me this away. I'll go 'way and make lots o' money and come back here riding in a carriage with four white horses, and when she tries to catch my eye I'll pretend I never seen her before.

famous Palmetto Regiment only twelve men, who fought in the War of 18, the War of Victorles, for never once did an enemy's hand touch the Stars and Stripes, nor were our soldiers defeated one single time.

The bill grants an average increase of 61.25 to all who served in the Civil War. In either military or naval service, and were honorably discharged.

But the older veterans receive much more than this, the younger ones have the consolation of knowing they will get more as they grow older.

The Commissioner of Pensions is required to obtain all necessary information as the applications are sent in to keep it tabulated by States and counties in care, and the list of those sent upon application and copies will be printed, and certified as correct.

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Advertisement. Advertiser's Advantages. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—As a former resident of Surry county would like to ask the question 'What will Virginia's future be?' the old state so backward about including immigrants from other States to settle within her borders?'

With the vast section known as Tidewater Virginia, stretching from the York River on the north to the North Carolina line and as far west as Richmond, there is room to-day for 50,000 additional farmers who could occupy the new vacant lands, and cause them to blossom at that of the cause. There is too much of the good soil in Virginia doing nothing that could bring in millions of dollars revenue and make the Old Dominion the leading agricultural State of the Union.

Tidewater Virginia is known to-day as the garden spot of the South and where from two to three crops a year are practicable and actually caught. The productiveness of the soil is never questioned; the accessibility of the big markets of Washington, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore is of big advantage, while the transportation facilities are unsurpassed. The health of the water and climate are first class, the making Tidewater an ideal spot. And yet there are thousands of acres of rich soil going to waste, and all it needs is to till the soil with a hoe and it will respond with a harvest.

Florida and South Georgia immigrants are coming by the train load, and they are making good citizens. They are men who are going to stick it out and win. They are even coming from Virginia, and this county to-day can boast of a dozen families from the Old Dominion. And what is attracting these Virginians and others to more southern points? Why are they breaking homes ties and seeking a new Eldorado, 600 miles or more distant? It cannot be that the sandy soils of this section can raise crops superior to that of Tidewater, where crops are always abundant. Surely the

transportation facilities of this section are not better here than that of Tidewater, which has both water and rail transportation and consumes but a single night in reaching the biggest and best markets of the world. And yet the settlers are coming and locating on lands that will never be much good for freight and necessities of life. There is only one solution why Virginia is not favored with a large influx of immigrants and that is printer's ink.

Judicious advertising has brought thousands upon thousands to the far South, and they are still coming. Printed in ink used in booklets, magazines, circulars, and in the big city dailies of the North and West, has proven to million of readers the supposed advantage of this section over that of any other. Printer's ink is the magnet that is drawing the men and their families away from the North, the West and Middle South to South Georgia and Florida.

And what is Virginia doing to help keep her citizens at home and reap the many advantages to be found there? What are the boosters of the Tidewater section doing to attract settlers within her vast domain and locate there? How many of your readers are aware that Tidewater Virginia could supply the United States with products?

The State of Virginia, and more especially Tidewater, have been lying asleep at the switch, while train load after train load of new settlers have passed by to points in South Georgia and Florida, whose advantages have been told to them by judicious advertising.

Not a single line has been printed about the good things that are raised in your State. The farmers of the North and West, who have been roasted out in summer and frozen out in winter, and now flooded out, are reading literature and advertisements of the possibility of making a change. They do not know that the State of Virginia has a million acres or more awaiting the plow that bigger and better crops can be raised.

The man who is discontented with his lot and life in the North does not know that Tidewater Virginia offers him good lands at cheap prices, and that section is but a night's ride from the big markets. He does not know that he can come to South Georgia and be three nights away from any good market and take his chances on the crop and undrained soil.

Tidewater Virginia offers a gold mine to any farmer or trucker, or fruit raiser, or chicken crank that will buy about twenty acres. The new settler can pay for his land with a few chickens, a few hogs, sheep or cows. He can pay for it with a second crop of peachblow potatoes. There are many possibilities and advantages now lying asleep in Tidewater that need a rude awakening by the touch of the pen behind the plow.

By the liberal use of printer's ink Virginia could be made one of the biggest and best agricultural States in the Union, and the best by far in the entire South. Instead of a vast wilderness of pine and oak trees it should be filled with men of brains and muscle, coupled with intelligence and a desire to hustle.

There is a farmer in Claremont to-day who began operations there twenty years ago without a cent in his pocket and paid for his land by doing jobs of surveying. To-day he owns and works twenty-five acres of good Surry county soil, and is a director in the local bank at Claremont. What that man has done in Tidewater can be duplicated by anybody that will work.

Waycross, Ga. WILF H. STEVENS.

Warmest in Seventeen Years. New York, May 21.—The maximum temperature in New York to-day was 84 degrees, the warmest May 21 in seventeen years and higher than the month's average for the past forty years.

QUERIES & ANSWERS

Liquor Law. Is it lawful to sell in Virginia grape or blackberry wine made on one's own place? It may not be sold on the place, but may be delivered to a carrier—an express or railway company—for transportation to any point at which the sale of liquor is lawful and delivery to purchaser.

Old Book. I have an old book, "The Duel, or Single Combat from Antiquity to the Present Time in the Kingdom of England," etc., etc., printed in London in 1610, etc., to whom, or to whom referred me, gives the valuation, but is unable to tell the name of the author. I do not care to sell, but should like to know who wrote it. Can you inform me? John Seiden.

Correcting "Knocking." What is the best method of shoeing a colt which is inclined to "kneek"? R. T. STEWART. Your smith, if a good one, could advise better than a person who has not seen the colt. Generally such an arrangement of shoe and weight may be made as to correct the trouble.

Needle Art Exchange. Will you give address of the Needle Art Exchange in Richmond and in New York? MARY SMITH. There seems to be no exchange of exactly the title you give either here or in New York. The Exchange for Women's Work, Richmond, Va., and the Industrial Exchange, New York City, are addresses by which you may reach a Richmond and a New York "exchange," both interested in art needlework.

Famous Duels. Can you give a list of the most famous duels of the world? F. T. ENDERS. It would be almost interminable. A few are: 1712, Duke of Hamilton and Lord Mohun, both killed; Lord Byron killed Mr. Chatterworth, 1765; Lieutenant Cecil killed Captain Stackpole, 1814; Duke of Montpensier killed Don Henrique de Bourbon, 1826; Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton, 1804; General Jackson killed Colonel Dickenson, 1806; Commodore Barron killed Commodore Decatur, 1820.

Most Celebrated City. Which is the most celebrated city in the world? Y. X. Rome is generally so regarded.

F. F. V. and Henry Clay. What is meant by F. F. V.?'s? What was Clay's compensation bill? The letters, used commonly in decision are considered to stand for "First Families of Virginia." We do not know of any measure of Mr. Clay's to which the title you give has been applied.

Mrs. Grundy. Please tell me how the name Mrs. Grundy got its current use? F. N. BOWLES. From Thomas Morton's comedy, "Speed the Plow" (1798), act I, scene 1, where Farmer Ashfield says of a neighbor whom his wife is continually quoting, "Always ding, ding Dame Grundy into my ears—what will Mrs. Grundy say? What will Mrs. Grundy think?" etc.

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Abe Martin