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THE TROUT LIAR.

"The trout liar," said Captain Herliot, "is the gem of all the fishers. He lives everywhere and draws inspiration from defeat.

SCIENTIFIC.

Prof. Tait describes three forms of mirage. The first, and most common, is that seen in the desert, where the sunlight is reflected from the heated layer of air resting upon the sand to the eye of the observer.

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Physicians of Rio Janeiro recommend the use of iron and a Brazilian tree, as a substitute for castor oil. It is pleasant to take, and the dose is smaller.

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Dr. Fleck, a Dresden chemist, attributes the production of pimples and inflammation on the forehead of some persons, in hot weather, to the presence of fat or fatty acids in the leather lining of hats.

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A French government vessel has recently succeeded in dredging in the Bay of Biscay at a depth of 17,000 feet, or three or four fathoms.

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A novel application of the electric light is intended to diminish the risk of collision at sea.

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Logs and planks split at the ends because the exposed surface dries faster than the inside.

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A REVIEW.

The caucus determined it would select the clerks for the basement offices. Mr. Massey had ten clerks in his office, and being obliged to give a heavy bond for the faithful performance of his duties as Auditor, and feeling the heavy responsibility resting upon him, declined to accede to the demand of the "caucus" aforesaid.

We have said it before, and now repeat it, that Jno. E. Massey has been a good and faithful officer, and if any man deserved good treatment from his party he is the man. The Richmond Whig, always ready to fly at anything and anybody, who exhibits, even in the slightest degree, opposition to Mahone dictation and policy, wrapped Mr. Massey over the head severely.

The assumption of the "caucus" that an officer shall be held responsible, and yet not be allowed the selection of his subordinates is untenable, and is Mahoneish all over. Mr. Massey is right, and when the scrimmage is over he will not be found to be "the under dog in the fight."

The "boss" holds his "leaves" every night, and Virginia nor any State has ever witnessed such unparalleled and unblushing hardness of cheek, as has been exhibited by Mahone. He speaks and his lackeys spring to obey his slightest wish, no matter how reprehensible. Such doings as are going on at Richmond were never witnessed in Virginia's capitol building before this political tawdry and his myrmidons got possession.

This session will conclude the farce, for already the signs of dissolution appear. Should Massey be defeated the "put up job" will be Mahone's. He does not want a formidable competitor for the political honors of his party. But that is not all. In our view Mahone is getting tired of John Paul, and fears Paul's brain as well as Massey's. Hence it may be a part of the game of the "boss" to set Paul and Massey to cutting each other's throats (politically) in this Congressional District in order that he (Mahone) may the easier get away with the "swag" he has dedicated to himself, while the throat-cutting aforesaid is being enacted. Mahone is a wily fellow, and for cunning stands head.

But amid all this hullabaloo what have "the people" gained? Yes, what? Let us see. First an interminable dispute on the question of the debt, with infinite litigation under the "coupon-killer bill," which the commonest mind knows is a fraud, and bears the impress of the fact on its face, for no man ever saw nor ever heard of a counterfeit or fraudulent coupon pertaining to a Virginia bond. If it were even so, no jury would be competent to tell the genuine from a fraudulent. It is an assumption, to say there are fraudulent coupons in existence, a mere "figment of the imagination," and whilst possibly in genius to a certain extent reflects no credit upon the inventor. Well, next comes the \$100,000 colored normal school—an invention which reveals demagoguery at the bottom—for if Virginia is not able to pay the interest on her debt she is not able to launch out into appropriations which call for \$100,000 at a time. Next the Executive Mansion must be repaired at a cost of \$10,000; to which add \$10,000 more for new furniture, etc. Yes, but they sold the old furniture for \$2,500, and will only require \$7,500 to be added to make up the sum. Very true, but we guess the Governor did not have any such style about him whilst Mayor of Petersburg and a less sum for repairs, and a slight addition to the furniture on hand would have made Col. Cameron comfortable. And then the Governor must have a clerk, which was denied to Gov. Holliday, although Holliday had but one arm, (lost in the service of his country,) whilst the present Governor has two arms and hands. Holliday paid his secretary from the Governor's salary; will the present Governor do the same? Holliday returned to the Treasury \$1,000 per annum of his salary, beside—Will the present Governor do likewise? After all haven't "the people" bought an expensive elephant? Besides there are clerks for the Secretary of the Commonwealth, at good round salaries, clerkships and other offices of all sorts being made almost daily, to which salaries are attached, and possibly \$300,000 will be added to the demands upon the Treasury. Here is the retrenchment and reform that was promised, with a vengeance!

But says a coalitionist, "look at what we save on the debt?" True, we forgot to take that into the account. But let us inquire, what is the real foundation of all this fuss kept dark whilst the war of words was going on? So it looks, since we steal from the creditor and take the same money to pay men for the dirty work of degrading the State and debauching public morality in the passage of repudiation? This is why, then, all these offices are being created, is it? We were really too dull to see it. Surely we must be a *bourgeois*—a hateful old *Joggy* *bourgeois*—not to have reflected that the new ethics of the party of "progress" does not take any stock in the old fashioned honesty of *bourgeois* days.

Should the next Governor be a Democrat, wouldn't the laws now being enacted be a matter of conservation and alarm to the party of "progress"? Good Lord! how they would squirm. And that is not improvable.

Every ass who wants to change his politics, or who is a chronic grumbler, is always sure to talk of "rings."

A commissioner of sales, eh! Will the creation of such an office, with its attendant clerkships, lessen "the burdens of the people"? Or is it only a part of the game of "progress" to make more offices under false pretenses? Does the party of "progress" think it is hoodwinking anybody? If the present Legislature keeps on, we will have as many offices in each county as was laid down for us by the celebrated Underwood Constitution. That only made about 27 for each township, and Rockingham had nine townships—and this, too, in addition to the long list of county officers besides. "Progress" progresses, so to speak.

Holliday was not allowed a clerk, but Gov. Cameron has as many as he wants, at public expense. Holliday had but one arm, Cameron has two arms and hands. Holliday had to pay his own clerk, because the readjuster majority refused to allow him one to be paid from the Treasury—on the score of economy. Yet \$100,000 is voted for a negro Normal school or University, and \$20,000 for repairing and furnishing the Executive Mansion, which used to be called the Governors house. How we progress!—How we economize!

At the last session of the General Assembly there was great objection made by readjuster members to voting the usual appropriation of \$10,000 or \$15,000 to the University of Virginia, on the score of economy. That institution is an honor to the State and is intended for white people. But the present Legislative majority think nothing of voting \$100,000 for a Normal school or College, when it is for colored people. The fact is a singular one and every one can think as he likes about it.

Next—There is a bill before the Legislature providing for a Board of Railroad Commissioners, to consist of three members, with an office in Richmond. More offices for needy political strikers. The idea may be a good one, in fact a matter of value and public importance, but it does strike us as singular that nearly all measures proposed in the present Legislature has the creation of one or more new offices hanging to it somewhere.

It is called the "progressive" party. Right. Its progress toward all the offices is remarkable, and that is the whole story of its progress.

The small-pox is the best weapon to use against old Frazier. Won't somebody incite him? No varioloid wanted for Jim.

It is called the "liberal" party, which means that there shall be a liberal distribution of offices among its adherents.

Frazier, of Rockbridge, should be named "old-man-afraid-of-the-small-pox."

A commissioner of sales by all means. It is a long line that has no turn.

Oh, if Frazier would only get the small-pox.

Letter from Richmond.

Massey draws the First Blood and Scores one—The "Boss" smashed by the Auditor. RICHMOND, Jan. 24, 1882.

To-day (Tuesday) was the day for the election of Auditor, according to the orders of the caucus. The Senate chamber was crowded by interested spectators, who anticipated a lively time over the election. The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, the hour for the joint order, Mr. Wood moved that the House be informed that the Senate was ready to proceed with the execution of the joint order. Motion carried, and the House was notified. The House responded that it was ready to proceed to the election.

Mr. Riddleberger rose and addressed the chair. Mr. Newberry, of Bland, a strong friend of Mr. Massey, rose a moment later with a resolution in his hand to offer. The chair said he had recognized Mr. Riddleberger, who proceeded to put in nomination S. Brown Allen for Auditor. Mr. Newberry again addressed the chair, and said he did not intend to be cut off when he desired to offer a resolution. The chair responded that he had recognized Mr. Riddleberger first, but if Mr. Newberry desired to appeal from the decision of the chair he could do so. Mr. Newberry declined to appeal at first, but when Mr. Riddleberger consented to speak he appealed from the decision of the chair. The vote was taken and the chair was sustained. Mr. Newberry then moved that the Senate adjourn. The eyes and noses were called; and Mr. Newberry's motion was carried by a vote of 21 yeas to 19 nays. Thus the joint order of the day was broken up, the Senate adjourned, and Mr. Massey scored one against the caucus, against Mahone and the Boss.

Both houses will have to unite in a new joint order before the election of Auditor can be proceeded with. At present things do look mixed.

From Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA., January 21.—The Senate to-day passed the bill ordering the payment into the public school fund of four hundred thousand dollars of money raised from the sale of the States' interest in the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad. The remaining one hundred thousand dollars of said sale to be held in the treasury as a special deposit intended for the establishment and maintenance of a normal school for the education of colored teachers. The Riddleberger debt bill came up on its passage as a special order, but its consideration was further postponed until Tuesday, at 1 o'clock. A bill was introduced in the Senate to incorporate the Washington and Richmond Railway Company, having for its object the construction of the railroad from Washington to Richmond over the most practicable route via Falmouth and Fredericksburg. The bill provides for a fixed capital of \$2,000,000, with power to increase the same at the rate of \$300,000 per mile of single track of railway that may be constructed.

Industrial Notes. (From the Industrial Board.) Thirteen cottages are to be erected at the Shenandoah Iron Works, Page county, for the use of the employes of the Shenandoah Valley railroad. Improvements continue to show that Danville is progressing. Two new tobacco factories have been commenced. A number of capitalists of Memphis are to establish a flature of silk, also a moulding for reeling and preparing the silk raised in the South for the looms in the East. The eighty-one orphan boys sent from New York to Culpeper county, Va., arrived safely, and were at once provided with comfortable maintenance. A number of girls will shortly be forwarded to the same destination. Shannahan & Co., a Virginia firm has contracted to build the sixty eight miles of the Kentucky Central railroad, between Paris and Livingston, Ky., at about \$1,000,000. The completion of the Kentucky Central to Livingston will form the connections of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad with the entire southern railroad system. At Graham, N. C., the new cotton mill just built by Capt. James N. Williamson that place will start up about the first of March with 1,000 spindles and 100 looms. The factory building is on the most approved modern style of architecture for manufacturing purposes. It is two stories, with a tower three stories, 210 feet in length and 80 feet wide. Messrs. Tanner & Delaney of Richmond, Va., having purchased a tract of thirty acres or more near Richmond, will erect a factory for the manufacture of portable and stationary engines, a general line of machinery for treating the cotton crop, and small locomotives for narrow-gauge railroads. Charter has been issued to the Kanawha and Chesapeake Railroad Company. It begins its line at or near Camellion, Va., and runs to the westward to the county of Kanawha, by the most practicable route, to a point at or near the South Branch of the Potomac river, in the county of Hampshire, with the right to build a branch line to a point on the Potomac river in the county of Mineral. Principal office at Charleston, W. Va.; capital stock, \$3,000,000. The stove foundry buildings of the Phillips and Buttrif Manufacturing Company, at Nashville, Tenn., are of immense proportions. The works are enclosed in a four acre lot, and have a floor space for manufacturing purposes of 24,000 square feet. The store and warehouse space is 54,000 square feet. The company have eighty-six men in their employ at the present time, and will have about 300 when in full blast. It has been stated in some of the newspapers that ex-Senator Withers has sold his house at Wytheville. He has a small house and a few acres of ground in Wytheville, but not his large and valuable farm near that place, on which he has resided for some years past. The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette says the ex-Senator is now engaged in organizing a joint stock company for the establishment of an iron furnace at or near Wytheville. The Farmville, Va., Journal says the mining fever still continues to rage in Buckingham county. The old mines are being worked and new ones are being opened. The prospect of having a railroad at an early day running through the county has imparted a new life to every gentleman with capital making, northern gentlemen with capital making, and experienced engineers are taking charge and prosecuting the work. In fact the mineral interests of Buckingham are booming.

The Kegons, W. Va., Courier says that James G. Blaine has announced that he is going to give most of his time to his railroad in West Virginia. He has \$200,000 in that road. Senator Davis, of West Virginia, \$500,000 cash; Elkkins, the same; Bayard, a little; Windom considerable, and Blaine probably has \$200,000. It runs from the Baltimore and Ohio to the source of the Potomac, and thence south, connects with Richmond and Alleghany, and opens up timber and coal.

Mr. Editor: After seeing the unlovely, unkind and unwarranted attacks upon me in the Whigs of yesterday and to-day, I should be wanting in self respect if I were to ask, or receive, any favor at your hands, or to act as a simple act of justice, that I be allowed to say through your paper, to those who have seen what you have said in it, and who may see what you may say in it, that I shall in due time speak for myself, and in the meantime I will not be troubled by your articles, or by the attacks of your representatives, and to subsidize the whole. With due respect, JOHN E. MASSEY.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. OFFICE OF AUD. OF PUB. ACCOUNTS, RICHMOND, JAN. 19, 1882.

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GENERAL OPTION LAW.—The following resolution, offered by Mr. Stubbs, was adopted in the House of Delegates last Thursday.

Whereas the question of local option is now becoming one of interest to the people of Virginia; and whereas petitions are now before the Legislature from many counties in Virginia praying for the passage of local laws granting the privilege of submitting to the qualified voters of said counties the question of "for" or "against" license; and whereas a general local option law well guarded with proper legal restrictions will not be injurious to any particular county, locality, or community, and will particularly answer the object of every county locality, or community desiring the privilege of voting; therefore

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of preparing and reporting a bill having for its object a general local option law, which shall give each county of coporation desiring to have the question of local option submitted to the qualified voters.

In many quarters the birthday of Robert Edmund Lee was celebrated on the 19th instant. In Savannah, Georgia, the tribute was very imposing. The volunteer soldiery in all the surrounding country turned out, and the display exceeded anything known for years in that locality. Business generally suspended, and the harmony of sentiment was impressive in tribute to his patriotic and heroic character. The name and career of Lee passed into history in the midst of the remains of bitter feelings between the States. A few men never lived whose eventful lives have been as free from adverse criticism.

Letter from Mr. Massey. (Charlottesville Chronicle.) OFFICE AUDITOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, RICHMOND, JANUARY 19, 1882. Editor Chronicle.—An editorial in the Whig of this date forces upon me the necessity of saying something in reply to, or review of, it. I do not propose to answer it at length now, but knowing something of the anxiety my friends in Albemarle feel in the action of the Readjuster caucus with reference to the nomination of a candidate to be voted for by Auditor of Public Accounts, I beg leave to say a few words to them through your paper. Upon the organization of the Readjuster caucus a series of resolutions, which had been prepared by the "Readjusters," was adopted. One of these resolutions, I understand, required each person desiring nomination for any office to sign a written pledge that he would submit to the "rules of the caucus" before his name could be considered for appointment to any office for nomination. I asked for a copy of these rules but was refused it by the secretary. I was once allowed to glance over them. They allowed the head of each department to appoint one clerk, and conferred the appointment of all others upon the caucus. This rule did not interfere at all with the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Superintendent of Public Printing, the Railroad Commissioner, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the Register of the Land Office. One clerk in each of the above offices, however, was a dead letter. They could therefore "submit" it without detriment. There are few clerks and a messenger in this office. Every dollar of the State revenue, no matter from what source it comes, passes through the hands of my clerks, and the hands of the clerks of no other office. I and my surerics are responsible for the official acts of my clerks. Hence with me, it was a practical question as well as that it was radically wrong in principle. I therefore declined giving the "pledge," and subsequently wrote a letter to the "Whig" explaining my position and the reasons for it. I asked the liberty of being heard by the caucus. This being denied me, I again wrote, giving a more extended statement of the duties and responsibilities of my office and clerks, and a letter to the "Whig" explaining my position and the reasons for it. I asked the liberty of being heard by the caucus. This being denied me, I again wrote, giving a more extended statement of the duties and responsibilities of my office and clerks, and a letter to the "Whig" explaining my position and the reasons for it. I asked the liberty of being heard by the caucus. This being denied me, I again wrote, giving a more extended statement of the duties and responsibilities of my office and clerks, and a letter to the "Whig" explaining my position and the reasons for it. I asked the liberty of being heard by the caucus. 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