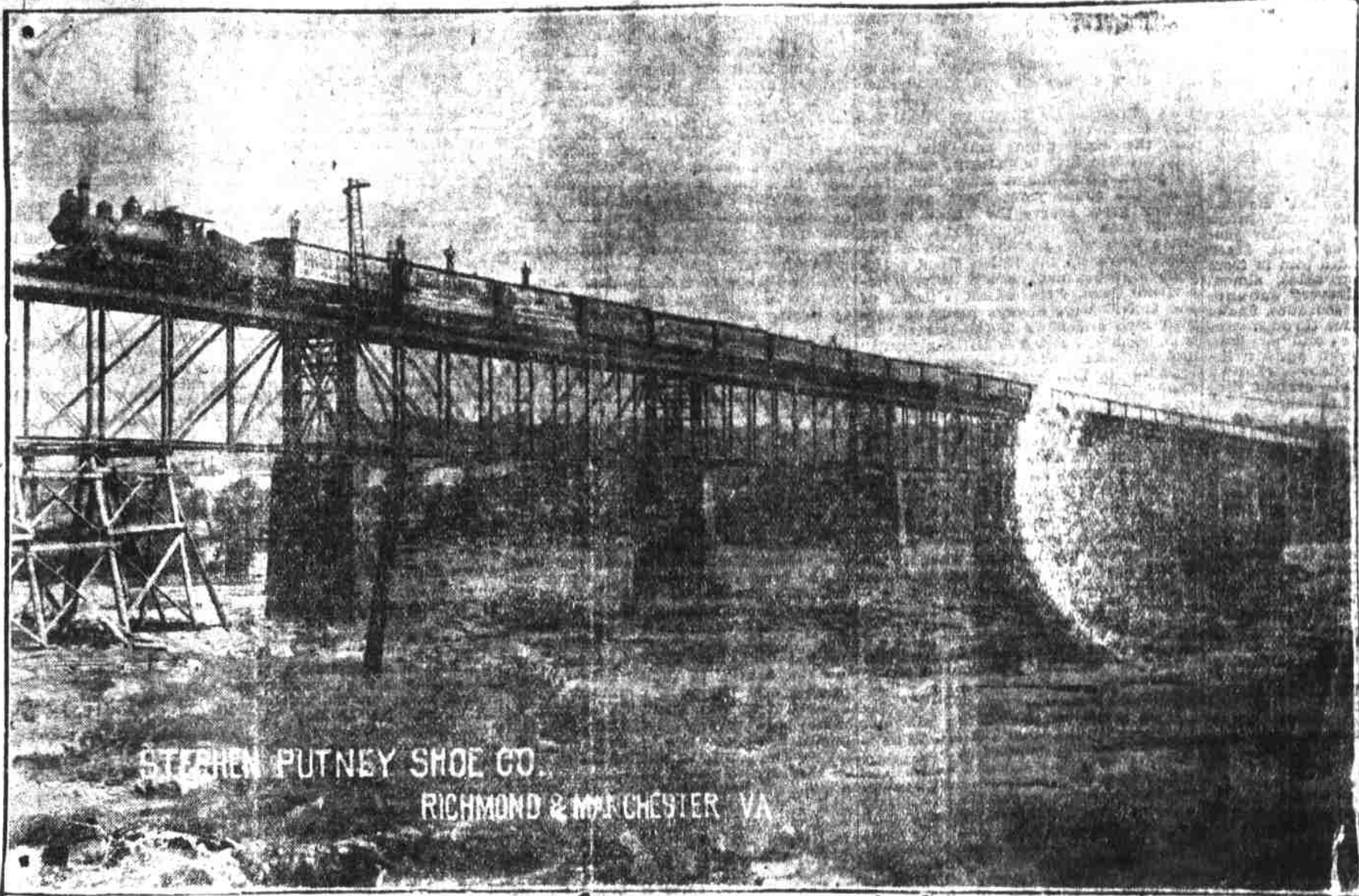


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### FRANKLIN STATE PAPERS.

#### PLAN TO DEFEND FRONTIERS.

Minutes of the Meeting of a Voluntary Committee of Public Held After the Franklin Government Had Practically Collapsed to Devise Protective Measures Against the Indians—Arrange for Sending a Delegate to Congress to Urge Division From North Carolina at the Appalachian Mountains.

(Prepared for The Observer from newly discovered originals.)  
At a meeting of the subscribers the 1st day of January 1788 to consult on a plan to defend our Frontiers from the common Enemy. Unanimously agree that it is a Voluntary plan and not under the authority of any State or name of State, nor in Opposition to the Laws of any State, or the United States but purely to defend ourselves from the savage Enemy.

Present  
Mr. Outlaw Mr. Roddy Mr. McVay Mr. Gist  
Mr. Buckingham Mr. Gibson Mr. Cosby Mr. Weir Mr. Taylor Mr. Smith Mr. Houston  
Mr. Lee Mr. Coulter Mr. Adam Mr. Gillas

Unanimously agreed that Call Gist be chosen Chairman  
Agreed unanimously that Henry Rowan be chosen Clerk for said Committee.  
Upon Motion of Mr. Cosby seconded by Mr. Adam the adjournment till to-morrow at 8 O'Clock.

On the 13th of January the Council met agreeable to adjournment and it appeared from the report of some Members present the names of Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Gillaspie were not inserted in the list of members.

On Motion of Mr. Outlaw seconded by Mr. Smith their names were entered on the List.  
The Members of Assembly from Green county at the general request of the Meeting gave information that the General Assembly have made no provision to Assist the Frontiers in defending themselves from the Savages. Except a small Sum of \$30000 including Officers on the north side of Tennessee, that they declared the Camp in order by General Martin in August last was contrary to the Orders of the Governor and Council, and therefore refused to pay any part of the Expenses incurred thereby and resolved that the Fines Levied on any person for refusing to Obey said Martins Orders should be restored That an Act was passed Consigning to oblivion the supposed Offenses and misconduct of Certain persons among our Selves.

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Wherefore after maturely considering the Information and our present distressed Situation we conceive that our Lives and properties are in continual danger till Peace is made. As the Indians still continue their depredations, unless we agree on some plan to defend and secure ourselves from their Inroads. We conceive that General Martin is a Person unworthy our Confidence as an Officer from the Partial Representation he has given of Witness his Conduct at the Treaty of Hopewell, from his not residing in the district and from the declaration of the Assembly that he has not acted agreeable to the Orders of Government. In order therefore to secure our Lives and properties from the present Dangers that threaten

by the frequent Inroads of the Savage Enemy We Unanimously agree to adopt the following plan.  
Viz. 1st That we mutually lay aside all private Disputes that so Mr. Gist District be, and unite against the common Enemy and make legal application for the aid of the United States to be furnished to us by the State of North Carolina at the Appalachian Mountains.

2nd That we recommend it to the people of the State of the Appalachian Mountains, of the Territory West of said Mountains to Concur with such restriction any Restrictions as will Guarantee to us our Just Rights and Privileges.

3rd That sensible of the disagreement and Disunion that has arisen from the rejection of the federal Constitution by the State of North Carolina we think it would be good policy and of great Advantage to send a Delegate to Congress to Urge the division of the Territory West of said Mountains to be admitted into the Union as soon as possible.

4th That the peculiar situation of the People of this Country and Is. of French require that the People should appoint a Council of Safety for the regulation of their Affairs & whose Business it shall be to endeavour to hold Talks with the Indians to procure an Exchange of Prisoners and bring about a Peace if Practicable to make any contract or Agreement with the Indians they may think meet. According to the late Treaty are some to be made before the Commissioners at the Treaty in May if they think proper; if the Indians do not agree to a peace or Treaty they may keep out Saboteurs and for assistance when ever it Shall be necessary to defend the Settlements or pursue after any party of Indians who come into the County.

5th That John Sevier keep the Command of the Militia on the Frontiers, or any Part may come to their assistance, when ordered to march for defence of the County. That we endeavour to Raise by Voluntary Contribution a Support or the Commander and the Spies and Scouts that may be Necessary till the Peace.

6th We also conceive that it would be good Policy and of Essential Service to this Country if the Indians will agree to give up any of the County South of Tennessee to our Council of Safety that they agree to give them a Compensation for the same in Blankets and Lindsey and that the Inhabitants pay the Same by Voluntary Contributions, and lay the same before the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in May next.

7th We are also of Opinion that this Plan if Justly carried into Effect will Intitle our brave Volunteers to a right of preemption in a Legal and Constitutional Manner Proportioned agreeable to their Services and Expenses.

8th They Inanimously agree that his Honor John Sevier by and with the advice of the Council of Safety hold all the Talks that they please.

9th We also agree that John Sevier, Alexander Outlaw, Archibald Rowan, David Campbell Joseph Hamilton to draw a Representation of our Situation and our Earnest Desire to be in the Federal Union and lay it before the Council of Safety for their Review as Copies may be circulated as soon as Possible, to be Sign'd by all Friends.

10th We also agree to request William Nesbit to wait on Congress with such Instructions and powers to him Invested as the

### MUSIC OF THE JAPANESE.

#### NOT COPIED LIKE THEIR ART.

Only in Case There is a Reaction From the Present Vogue of "Color" Effects, is the Comparatively Simple Oriental Music Apt to be Studied—Japanese Instruments in the Collection at the New England Conservatory of Music—The Samisen and the Goshu Geki.

Concord, Mass., Feb. 10, 1900.  
The Japanese music, as it is known in America, has only recently become known to our people. It is a music of a different type from the music of the West, and its study is becoming more and more popular in this country.

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### SOUTH AFRICA SLANG.

#### Mix-Up of Kafir, Dutch and English Words.

London, Feb. 10, 1900.  
South Africa has her own characteristic slang and argot, and it is a mixture of Kafir, Dutch and English words.

The Kafir words are the most prominent of these. They are words that have been borrowed from the Kafir language and used in the South African dialect.

The Dutch words are also prominent. They are words that have been borrowed from the Dutch language and used in the South African dialect.

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### FASHION, FAD AND FANCY.

#### WINTER DRESS ACCESSORIES.

Low Cut Shoes, With Over-Gaiters for the Sake of Warmth, Will be Worn Throughout the Season—High Heels, Buttons and Rather Pointed Toes. Other Shoe Tendencies—Knitted Under-Waists a Fad—New Styles in Gloves, Collars and Skirts.

Written for The Observer.  
The fad of having one of the knitted waists or sweaters to wear under one's coat when out of doors walking or driving seems to be growing. Those who suffer from cold, and who are trying these "comforts" say they are indeed the best thing they have ever found to keep one absolutely warm.

These little garments are, of course, made of all wool, and of whatever color you desire. For general utility the dark colors, or black ones will be found best. These fit the figure snugly, and are intended to be worn simply underneath one's coat. Some of them are made sleeveless, and only cover the throat and upper part of the body well. They are not intended for beauty, but simply comfort and protection from the cold at least this is true of the ones about which I am writing.

There are others so made and designed that they may be used as an outside wrap, but we had a chapter concerning these some weeks ago.

Besides the knitted affairs, it is also a fad just now to make garments intended for the same purpose, of flannel or silk, interlined and quilted. These are almost always sleeveless, and some of them are indeed quite elaborate in design. They are sometimes quite elaborately embroidered, and then often worn with the coat left open or thrown back, the effect being decidedly pretty. These are more on the order of chest protectors, oftentimes made of a different material in the back, just as a man's vest is constructed, so you see they are only to be worn under a coat. Leather is also a popular material from which to make them, and these embroidered in colors are elaborate and brilliant, while the all white ones, or those done in white and black are exquisite. Collars of the same are always worn with these little garments, the knitted ones being attached right in with the waist. Another material being used for these vests, especially when only a front is desired, is the chambray skin. This makes beautiful ones too, and embroidery, thus far, seems to be the sole manner of decoration. One unique way all have heard of also is decorating them with figures or designs cut from silk or velvet. These are appliqued with a pretty stitch of some character, and the effect is said to be all that can be desired.

I suppose the same notion which prompted the wearing of white knitted suits all the winter, worn of course, with heavy underwear, and fur, also suggested the continuity of the low cut shoes, during the winter months. This last idea, I believe will be much more of a "fad" than the former, as though there is no telling what may be done. Now we are told, however, that the propriety from a health

point of view is stopped by the fact that this is not a reversible fad; it is a fad through the end, as boys blow on their fingers, the fad is blown out.

The other leading form of winter footwear is the high heel, resembling the shoe that is worn by the girls in the high school. These are made of all sorts of materials, and are very popular. They are made of all sorts of materials, and are very popular.

Buttons and rather pointed toes are also a fad. These are made of all sorts of materials, and are very popular. They are made of all sorts of materials, and are very popular.