SOLDIERS IN TEXAS MAY VOTE BY REGISTERED MAIL

If Otherwise Qualified, Ballot Will Not Be Denied Because of Absence From State.

FIRST TEST OF NEW STATUTE

Every Safeguard Is Thrown Around Balloting by Mail to Prevent Fraud—Westmoreland Davis Challenges Slemp to Joint Debate.

Keen rivalry between the two major political parties because of the contest for the presidency, and still more strenuous rivalry in the Ninth District, where the Democrats are attempting to unseat Representative C. Bascom Slemp and elect R. Lee Trinkle, have combined to give to the new absentee voting law passed by the last General Assembly extraordinary significance.

Virginia troops on the Mexican border, who are qualified to vote and travelling men whose business will cause them to be absent from the State on November 7 are being urged by both parties to serve the required thirty days' notice upon the registrars of their home voting precincts that they desire to participate in the coming election. In the Ninth District, if the election is close the thoroughness with which each party sets out the absentee vote may determine success or defeat.

A number of letters have reached Attorney-General Pollard from local election officers seeking information on the operation of the new law. The act provides among other things for special boxes in which ballots received by registered mail shall be deposited. Mr. Pollard held yesterday that these boxes must be provided by the Councils of cities and Boards of Supervisors of counties and installed by election day.

MUST FORWARD BLANK BALLOT BY REGISTERED MAIL

Having received notice from an intending voter that he desires to take part in the election, the registrar is required to forward a blank ballot by registered mail in an envelope marked "Ballot Within." The voter is required to open the envelope in the presence of the postmaster at the receiving office and to mark and seal it also in his presence. The postmaster is required to attest the proceeding with his signature, and the ballot is thereupon to be forwarded by registered mail to the registrar of the home precinct and counted as if the voter deposited it in person.

This coming election will bring out the first real test of the law in Virginia. In other States the law has been in effect for varying periods, and has worked successfully. Heavy penalties are provided by the Virginia act for frauds. Any person attempting to vote by fraudulently signing the name of a properly qualified voter is held by the act to be guilty of forgery.

In the western part of the State politicians are still chuckling over a disconcerting experience encountered a few days ago by Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun, candidate for Governor. It appears that from the Davis campaign headquarters there was mailed by mistake to Representative Slemp a multigraphed letter, bearing Mr. Davis's signature, which was interpreted by Mr. Slemp as a personal appeal to him to assist Mr. Davis in his campaign.

The letter, intended for persons entitled to vote in the Democratic primary next year, was in the approved form, setting forth the voter's qualifications and appealing for support. It was addressed to Mr. Slemp inadvertently by a clerk in the Davis headquarters.

SLEMP TRIES TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OF INCIDENT

Apparently for the purpose of making political capital of the letter in his campaign against Mr. Trinkle, Mr. Slemp addressed a serious reply to it in the form of an interview given out in Washington in which the Republican Congressman asked Mr. Davis to make more clear his position on certain subjects referred to in the multigraph letter, suggesting also that Mr. Davis "say a few kind words among those Democratic friends who have been in the habit of voting against me."

The interview called out a sharp letter from Mr. Davis to Congressman Slemp, in which he characterized the latter's attempt to place him in the light of seeking Republican aid in his campaign for the governorship, as "so false that its malice must be apparent to all fair-minded men." Incidentally, Mr. Davis took the opportunity to challenge the Ninth District Congressman to a joint discussion of the issues that have arisen in the Ninth District to placate his "political ambitions."

JONES RE-ELECTED

Again Heads South Richmond Democratic Club—Other Officers Are Elected.

Councilman Carter C. Jones, of Madison Ward, was re-elected president of the South Richmond Democratic Club for the ensuing year at the first meeting of the club Friday night. John R. Robertson was named first vice-president, and R. P. Shiflett was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

There was a general discussion of routine matters following the election of officers. Alderman L. T. Christian was a spectator, and displayed considerable interest in the proposed new bridge connecting Laurel Street and Cowardin Avenue. During the course of his remarks Major Christian inquired if members of the association would not prefer a better structure at Ninth Street and let the upper bridge come later.

Precinct vice-presidents named were J. L. Redford, Charles A. Watkins, C. B. Anderson, Jesse Blake and James W. Dodd. The executive committee is composed of W. D. Ferguson, chairman, James A. Baker, George H. Jones, E. M. Davidson and T. B. Morton.

ELOPE TO WASHINGTON

Lynchburg Couple Surprise Relatives by Going Away and Getting Married.

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 16.—Stephen P. Lee and Miss Mary McGahey, both of Lynchburg, eloped to Washington on Tuesday and were married there by Rev. L. M. Chambers. Miss McGahey left here several days prior to the elopement to matriculate as a student at the State normal school at Harrisonburg. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Lee went to Harrisonburg to join a house party. The next news their families had of them was information of the marriage.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McGahey, and the groom is assistant physical director of the Lynchburg Young Men's Christian Association. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Lee.

CONTRACT TO RICHMOND MEN

Williamsburg City Council Awards a Light-and-Power Franchise.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., September 16.—The Williamsburg City Council yesterday awarded a light-and-power franchise to E. H. Clowes and associates, of Richmond. Mr. Clowes was the only bidder. He submitted two propositions, the first following the lines of the franchise ordinance, which provides for equitable taxation, and the second permitting the Council to contract with the light and power company for fifty street lights for five years in lieu of municipal taxes and license. The second proposition was accepted. The price of electricity was fixed at a maximum of 15 cents per kilowatt hour, with a minimum charge of $1 per month.

Mr. Clowes informed the Council that work would begin immediately, and that it was hoped to have the system completed by Christmas Eve, when the lights would be turned on.

FLOYD AVENUE TRACKS BONE OF CONTENTION

Company Has Been Eight Times Ordered by Administrative Board to Reconstruct Them.

CANNOT GET RAILS FROM MILL

Curious, Says Beck, That Company Can Get Steel for First Street, but Cannot Get It for Floyd Avenue. Route May Be Changed.

After numerous orders directing that the street car tracks in Floyd Avenue, from the Boulevard to the city limits, be lowered to grade and reconstructed, the Administrative Board on Friday adopted a resolution offered by Commissioner H. P. Beck calling for definite action by the Virginia Railway and Power Company at once in the matter. The resolution directed City Engineer Bolling to instruct the company that reconstruction work must be started before October 1, or it would be summoned to Police Court.

When President Thomas S. Wheelwright and Chief Engineer T. Norman Jones, of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, appeared before the Administrative Board on Tuesday morning in regard to this and several other matters, they said that the Floyd Avenue tracks would be reconstructed as soon as the company could secure the necessary materials. The steel girder rails, they said, had been ordered for some time, but the mills were far behind in their orders, and immediate delivery could not be had.

The reconstruction of these tracks has been the subject of a long controversy between the Administrative Board and the Virginia Railway and Power Company, one which started more than two years ago. Several inspections and reports of the condition of the tracks have been made by City Engineer Bolling at the request of the board, and the company was ordered after each report to repair the line.

ORDERED RECONSTRUCTED EIGHT TIMES, SAYS BECK

"We have ordered the tracks reconstructed eight times," said Mr. Beck yesterday, "and it's time that we should know whether or not the company is going to comply with the board's orders. We first asked for this work on May 11, 1914. Along in the early part of the controversy the company asked for delay under the plea that some citizens in the West End wanted the tracks removed to Main Street under the rerouting ordinance. That was some time ago, and the ordinance did not go through the Council.

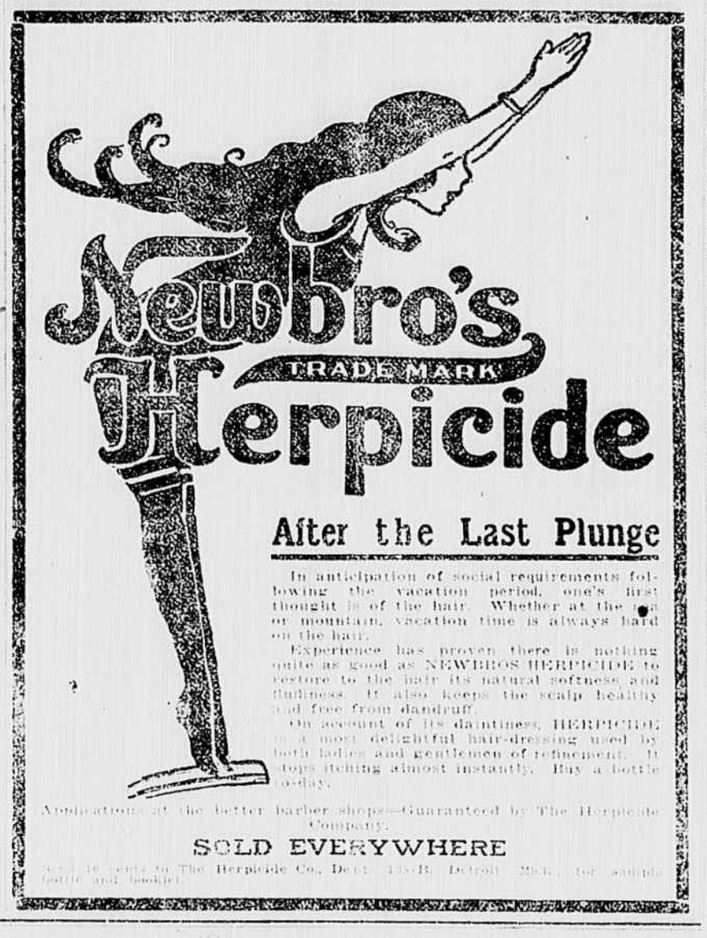
"More recently it was stated that the company was considering a probable removal of a part of the tracks from Floyd Avenue to Grove Avenue as a result of the depression of the Belt Line tracks. City Engineer Bolling reported some time ago that the joints of the rails were loose or low, and that the vibration from the use of heavy cars created almost a continuous muck in wet weather alongside of the tracks, causing the street to be in a very bad condition. The tracks themselves were said by Mr. Bolling to be in a very bad condition.

"Since that time the company has done some repair work on the line, such as tightening the joints, but the rails are too light to handle the heavy cars. We ordered the line reconstructed with standard seven-inch girder rails, replacing the present 'T' rails.

"It is strange that officials said this week that they had enough materials in Richmond to reconstruct the First Street line, and to put in a sidetrack, yet for two years we have been endeavoring to have the Floyd Avenue tracks reconstructed, and they cannot secure the rails. They have materials for the work they want to do, but are opposed to any instructions from the board."

Farewell Supper to S. P. Dowdy.

In honor of S. Preston Dowdy, assistant secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, who has resigned to accept a similar position with the association at Pine Bluff, Ark., a farewell supper was given at 8 o'clock yesterday evening in the railroad association building. Mr. Dowdy has been connected with the Richmond association for three years and a half.



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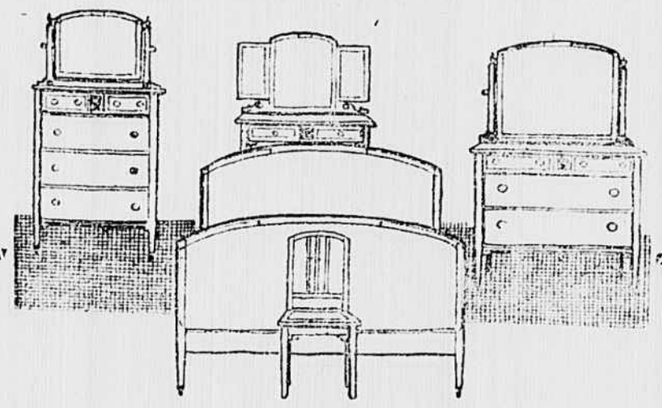

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