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WILL MEET SATURDAY

Farmers Coming to Discuss the Beet Sugar Industry

MAY HAVE A BANQUET.

Business Men's Association Will Probably Celebrate the First Anniversary of the Organization in February. A Year's Work.

Jupiter Pluvius opened wide the floodgates last evening and let loose the elements at the time set for the Business Men's Association to convene. Consequently there was not a quorum present and hence the meeting was not held.

There were several important matters to be discussed, besides completing arrangements for holding the adjourned meeting of the farmers' convention in this city Saturday. However, President J. M. Curtis and several members will take the matter in hand and arrange for the tillers of the soil. At Saturday's meeting the beet sugar industry will be further discussed and the various committees will make their reports regarding the acreage the farmers are willing to plant with beet seed. If the reports show that the farmers will plant a large acreage steps will be taken immediately to induce Northern capitalists to establish a factory and sugar refinery in Newport News.

On Friday, February 11, the Business Men's Association will round out its first anniversary, and it is quite likely that the occasion will be celebrated with a banquet. The annual election of officers will also take place. President J. M. Curtis, it is understood, will positively decline re-election, and the selection of his successor will arouse considerable interest. Among those who are spoken of in connection with the presidency are Mr. W. B. West, Mr. R. P. Orr, Colonel E. W. Huffman and Mr. J. A. Hirshberg. These gentlemen have attended the semi-monthly meetings regularly and manifested incerest in the organization.

Since its organization the Business Men's Association has sought to build up the city in a material way. Matters affecting the public welfare have been dealt with. Last March the association inaugurated a movement to establish a hospital in the city. As yet the institution has not materialized, but it is well under way and Newport News will some day have a hospital. The feasibility of building a public dock originated with the association, as well as other improvements.

With the support it deserves the Business Men's Association would become a [illegible] factor in Newport News. [illegible]

[illegible] CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Messrs. L. A. Meyers and A. B. Meyers are visiting relatives in Lovingston.

Mr. J. P. Womble is visiting friends in Smithfield.

Mrs. Rosa Cross has returned from a visit to Portsmouth. She was accompanied by Miss T. A. Wood, who will spend several days in this city.

Miss Lula Smith, of Denbigh, is the guest of the family of Mr. C. C. Smith.

The subject of Rev. C. C. Cox's address to the students of the Newport News Military Academy Friday evening will be "What Shall We Read?"

Miss Ora Lee Hamilton has returned from a visit to Richmond. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Coleman Ellette, and Miss Hunter Wingfield.

Mr. John Peebles, of the East End has returned from a visit to Manchester.

Mrs. Joseph Sheldon, of Philadelphia is visiting her sister, Mrs. [illegible] of the East End.

Mrs. Jeffrey Carter, [illegible] has recovered from [illegible] typhoid fever.

Mr. Clem N[illegible] guest of h[illegible] G. Niche[illegible]

Mr [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] James [illegible] Stowell, [illegible] and Mrs. Walter Hund[illegible]er, Archie Hart, [illegible]ry Charles, Jesse [illegible]aw, Henry Payne, Hi[illegible]ckerday Moore, Sam Ray, [illegible]mson, J. F. Bryant, Ned [illegible] and Eugene Furman.

Card From Mr. Uzzell.

The case of G. T. Uzzell, charged with selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday, as stated by the evening papers, was called before Justice Brown Tuesday morning, but dismissed for the reason that I was not the person against whom the warrant was intended to be served, a mistake being made by the party swearing out the warrant in the fact that the rooms were owned by me, but were rented to other persons with whom I had no connection. The party [illegible] so very carelessly and without [illegible] as to the facts of the case and by so [illegible] injured me in the eyes of the public to ever to do with the rooms in which the no small degree. I had nothing whatliquor was sold and would like the public to understand that I am not a violator of the law and have never before had such a charge brought against me, although I have conducted the liquor business in Newport News for the past eight years, and but for the carelessness and incompetency of the party swearing out such a warrant I would not have been placed in such a position in the eyes of the public, and as there appears to be no other means of redress for the injury done me, I desire to make the following statement in defence of myself concerning same:

I was approached by a police officer of this city and handed a summons requiring me to appear in the police court on the 11th day of January, 1898, to answer the charge of violating the Sunday liquor law by selling liquor on the 26th day of December. I was greatly surprised at such, as I knew the charges were false. I have been a resident of this city for a good many years and have for the past eight years conducted the liquor business in the same and have never before been charged with such an offence, and in regard to the details of the matter I will state that I have nothing to do with the rooms in which it is charged that the liquor was sold, they being rented out to two gentlemen under lease for the term of one year, beginning Nov. 1st, 1897, and these rooms are not connected with my saloon in any manner whatever. I feel myself greatly damaged in the eyes of the public by such a charge, as I have always tried to be a law-abiding citizen.

I hope that the congenial chief, in the performance of his duties in future, will instruct his employees more fully on other and every occasion, and be more particular in the faithful performance of his duty.

I consider myself held personally responsible for the above.

1t. G. T. UZZELL.

Launching of the Battleships.

The day the Kentucky and Kearsarge are launched Powell Bros. & King will sell 800 lots at auction at Merrimac, [illegible] car line, and on Hampton Roads [illegible]ornt. Maps and full information [illegible]ed by calling at their office.

[illegible] of this opportunity. This sale is [illegible]

BANK OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held at noon yesterday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—W. A. Post.
Vice-President—J. R. Swinerton.
Cashier—J. A. Willett.
Board of Directors—W. A. Post, J. R. Swinerton, M. B. Crowell, M. V. Doughty, R. G. Bickford, C. B. Orcutt, I. Eugene White and J. A. Willett.

This institution has been in existence for six years, and the report of Cashier Willett submitted at yesterday's meeting showed that the bank had not lost a dollar in its loans and discounts, which is a remarkable record, showing careful and prudent management. No application for a loan has been refused when the proper security was offered and where the loan was rendered to maintain or extend a customer's legitimate business enterprise. Accompanying the cashier's report was a comparative statement showing the condition of the bank at the close of each year since it began operations. At the close of business in 1893 the resources were $266,038.88. At the close of the last fiscal year the resources were $390,571.02, which is an increase of $124,332.14.

CLOSES THE INCIDENT.

Dr. W. R. Granger Replies to Rev. W. H. Dixon.

Editor Daily Press:

Kindly indulge these few words, and, with their expression, the incident is closed, so far as I am concerned.

I am informed that Rev. W. H. Dixon saw fit to consider my article in the light of a personal attack upon him and his church, and, after his fashion, excoriated me from his pulpit on last Sabbath evening. If I deemed him a foeman worthy of my steel I might reply to him, but as such a course would work more harm than good to the race, I forbear. While I disclaim any intent of injury to him or his church, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I stand by all I have said, be the consequences what they may.

I thought I had burnt the bridges behind me, and any sensible man would have refrained from any response, but the adage seems applicable—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." I see that Bardam's era has not yet passed.

Instead of asking his congregation to pray for me and my Episcopalianism, I would have been more benefited and my property paid for much earlier had he advised some of his members to come forward and pay me some of those "forty-seven hundred and thirty-five dollars" owed me for professional services in the town.

I thank the gentleman for his free advertisement he saw fit to give me from his pulpit on Sunday and for his vindication of my assertion of some preachers' lack of ministerial dignity and pulpit obligation, and I promise him five dollars as payment from the next fifty dollars accruing from this incident.

With these few remarks, Mr. Editor, I bow myself from the stage.

Respectfully,
W. R. GRANGER, M. [illegible]

Birthday Dance and [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. B[illegible] a number of young [illegible] lence on Twenty[illegible] night in honor [illegible] day of Miss [illegible] ing was [illegible] tastic. T[illegible]

STILL WARMING UP

Interest in the Municipal Campaign Growing.

MAY NOT HOLD A PRIMARY

Some Politicians Favor a Free-for-All Fight. Others Want the Party Lines Drawn. The Democratic Clubs.

Politicians and the people in general are turning their attention to the coming municipal campaign. It is sometime before the election will be held, but it is said that a good politician, the successful one at least, never stops electioneering. He "saws wood" from one election to the other.

Newport News has seen some warm times, but the hottest fight will take place next spring, and it will be red hot too. Already the political pot has commenced to boil. Various organizations are counting noses, reinforcing the depleted ranks and getting everything in fighting trim. Every candidate has his coterie of supporters, and there will be cliques and combines galore.

The question that is engaging the attention of the candidates and the politicians is whether or not the Democrats will hold a primary. As yet the city executive committee has not passed on the matter. In some circles there is considerable opposition to a primary, a free-for-all fight being considered preferable, and some candidates, it is said, will refuse to enter a primary if one is ordered, for they believe that they stand a better show on the outside. On the other hand, there are many persons who favor a primary, and hope to see a strong party fight. However, the general impression is that the executive committee will order a primary unless the sentiment against it increases materially in the course of the next few weeks.

The announcement in yesterday morning's Daily Press that the Newport News Democratic Club would be reorganized on the 24th instant created surprise among the politicians on the outside of this club. It was thought that the organization was dead, buried and beyond resurrection, but it will bob up serenely, for the leading spirits have determined to revive it.

When the American Democratic Club endorses the candidacy of any one, the candidate generally cuts a figure, for this is a strong organization and is kept in tact. It is known that several candidates are seeking the club's approval, but as yet no action has been taken. On Monday night, January 31, the club will celebrate its third anniversary with a banquet at the club rooms in Johnson's Opera House.

There is some talk of reviving the Young Men's Democratic Club, and it is probable that in the course of a few days some action will be taken by the [illegible]ers looking to a reorganization.

[illegible]Mean circles are not astir. Very [illegible] been heard from this party [illegible]ut a still hunt may be on. [illegible]nders Shield, who was for[illegible]ble of this city, has an[illegible]ntention of entering the [illegible]d position.

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RUMOR REVIVED.

Another Report Afloat That Two Pacific Mail Steamers Are to be Built.

That old, old rumor that the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company was about to close a contract for building two large mail steamers to ply in the Pacific waters was afloat yesterday with a few additions tagged on and it spread like wildfire.

According to the report a contract had been signed by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company for the construction of five steamers, two of which were to be larger than the City of Paris now at the shipyard. But the rumor was without foundation.

General Superintendent Sommers N. Smith returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Baltimore, and when seen by a reporter for the Daily Press Mr. Smith said: "I am sorry to say the report is not a fact. We have not contracted to build any merchant marine ships; in fact, I do not believe that any navigation companies are contemplating the building of five large vessels in the near future. I arrived this morning from Baltimore, but did not bring any contracts in my pocket or gripsack." Mr. Smith said he did not know the origin of the rumor. The company was frequently asked to quote prices [illegible] ships, which it did.

It is said that the company has quoted prices for two steamers for the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railway Company and also for one large palatial vessel for the Old Bay Line.

Captain Trinick to be Promoted.

It is understood in marine circles that Captain Trinick, of the Chesapeake & Ohio steamship Greenbrier, which arrived Monday morning from London, will be promoted to the mastership of the new Chesapeake & Ohio liner Rapidan, which is expected to take its place in the fleet in the early part of March.

Captain Trinick is the youngest captain in the employ of the Chesapeake & Ohio Steamship Company and is considered one of the most capable.

A transfer from the London to the Liverpool route is regarded as a promotion and if Captain Trinick takes command of the Rapidan, which will ply between Newport News and Liverpool, he will have the largest ship in the Chesapeake & Ohio service.

Officers Installed.

The newly elected officers of Naomi Lodge No. 9, Daughters of Rebekah, were installed Monday night. Several members of Ruth Lodge, of Phoebus, were present at the installation. The new officers are as follows:

Past Grand—Mrs. T. Evans.
Noble Grand—Mrs. M. J. Pettigrew.
Vice-Grand—Mrs. E. Walton.
Recording Secretary—Miss Shaw.
Financial Secretary — Miss Marion Evans.
Treasurer—Mrs. L. Allen.
Chaplain—Mrs. Klaskey.
Warden—Charles E. Gilderslieve.
Conductor—Robert Gunning.
Right Supporter Noble Grand—P. Allen.
Left Supporter Noble Grand—Miss I. Forbes.
Right Supporter Vice-Grand—John Gilliam.
Left Supporter Noble Grand—Mrs. M. Bevins.
Inside Guardian—Mrs. E. Morgan.
Outside Guardian—Lewis Morgan.

Mr. J. H. Noonan, manager Warwick Wood and Coal Company, returned last evening from a trip to several counties, where he succeeded in purchasing a large quantity of wood. ja 9-tf.

BATTLEFIELD PARK.

Commission From Fredericksburg Confers With Grand Army Men.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A subcommittee of the battlefield park commission of Fredericksburg, Va., consisting of Judge James B. Senor, chairman; Mr. James P. Corbin, secretary; Colonel M. B. Rowe, of Governor Tyler's staff, Hon. J. S. Potter and Major E. T. Morris, met today at the Riggs House in conference with the committee appointed by the Grand Army of the Republic at the encampment at Buffalo last August, consisting of General Edgar Allen, of Richmond; Colonel Daniel W. Grosvenor, and P. B. Ayers, of Wilmington, Del., adjutant of the department of Delaware, and General J. P. S. Gobin, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in regard to the preservation of the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House, into one park. The Fredericksburg sub-committee brought with them the surveys of the proposed lines to be laid out and marked. It seems that the entire acreage of these surveys is only about 6,500 acres, just about the amount of the acreage now embraced in the Chickamaugua park. Although the acreage embraces the four greatest battlefields of the war, most of the lines are in the county of Spottsylvania, including Fredericksburg. It also includes a part of Orange and the Stafford Heights, which were crowned with the federal artillery during the Fredericksburg fight in December 1862. The roads necessary to be laid out and improved are said to be not more than the roads embraced in the Chickamaugua park, and probably not over fifty miles in all. That these fields were the greatest of the civil war are shown by the facts that the federal cemetery at Fredericksburg is the largest except that at Arlington, while the Confederates have also a very large one nearby. The commission now conducting this matter at Fredericksburg was organized by a mass meeting called at Fredericksburg in April, 1896, by the city council of the town, and participated in by citizens of Fredericksburg, Orange and Spotsylvania counties. What little money is used has been furnished by Fredericksburg and the counties named, and no one connected with it receives any salary. The commission is about to become incorporated by the Legislature of Virginia, under the name of "The Fredericksburg and adjacent Battlefield Park Association," with the view of presenting the matter to Congress for its favorable action. Every step in the matter so far has been closely following the precedent of the Chickamaugua incorporation. Many distinguished soldiers on both sides are lending their aid to the enterprise. The committee on sites and location of the national battlefields park commission of Fredericksburg made a report on what points and lines should be designated, and exhibited maps showing their details.

The Hamilton Crossing map includes the works on the hill occupied by Walker's artillery, and the woods along the railway bank where Meade's division broke through Jackson's lines and where General Gregg, of Hill, and General Jackson, of Meade, were killed. The Saloon Church map covers the ground where Sedgwick attacked McLaws, Wilcox and Mahone.

The Chancellorsville map includes the ground around Chancellorsville House, the Fairview Plain where the federal artillery checked Jackson's advance and the Hazel Grove field, the two pine trees under which Lee and Jackson held their last interview, and planned Jackson's great movement against Hooker's right wing; also the oak tree under which was Lee's headquarters at the battle, also the Jackson monument and where General Berry was killed.

The Wilderness map includes the ground along and north of the pike fought on by Ewell and the fiftieth and sixth corps. Also that between the pike and the Orange plank road, where the fifth corps and Wadsworth, and the ninth corps fought and Wadsworth and Hayes were killed. Also the plank road and south of it, where Hancock and Hill fought, and Jenkins was killed and Longstreet wounded, and where Longstreet made his attack upon Hancock's left.

The Bloody Angle map shows the ground works charged by Upton and Hancock, and where occurred some of the most desperate fighting of the war, and where General Edward Johnson's division was captured by Hancock, and the oak tree was cut down by musket balls; also the Sedgwick monument.

The Fredericksburg map includes the sunken road, the stone wall, Marye's Heights and the ground repeatedly charged over by the federal lines.

The Stafford map shows the position of the batteries on the federal right, the Lacy House, Burnside's headquarters and the positions of the pontoons.

The works, the committee reports, are mostly in a fair state of preserva[illegible] and all the points of interest on [illegible]nt fields can be located and [illegible] if done before all who properly marked [illegible] who have took part in these great [illegible] passed away.

COLONEL ALLEN APPOINTED.

Father of Mr. F. F. Allen Nominated for United States Marshal.

Colonel S. Bowen Allen, of Staunton, who was yesterday nominated by President McKinley to be marshal of the western district of Virginia, is the father of Mr. Fred F. Allen, the senior member of F. F. Allen & Co., druggists, of this city.

Colonel Allen is one of the best known Republicans in Virginia. During the administration of ex-Governor William E. Cameron, he was auditor of the state. Since that time he has held several other public offices. Colonel Allen has figured conspicuously in politics in the State. A ready debater, an incisive, logical and forceful speaker, his services on the hustings have had telling effect for his party. Though opposed for the marshalship by two Republican Congressmen from Virginia, Colonel Allen was strongly endorsed for the position, prominent among his supporters being National Committeeman George E. Bowden, the executive committee, and General William Osborne, President McKinley's first cousin.

Deeds Recorded.

Deeds were recorded yesterday as follows:

Inside Land Company to George F. Rowley; consideration $350.

William J. Saunders to R. O. Jessee; consideration, $80.

Cinematograph Pictures Tonight.

One of the marvels of the age, Lumiere's Cinematograph, will be displayed at the Opera House tonight. These pictures are flashed on the canvass in such a manner that the scenes are made to appear as in real life—all of the persons, animals and objects moving naturally and the result is a unique and novel entertainment. About sixty pictures similar to those which delighted the audience at the Opera House Saturday night will be displayed. 1t.

Deposit your clothes money with us it will pay you good interest.
WOODWARD & WOMBLE.

NEWS OF RICHMOND

Proceedings of the General Assembly.

MR. KIZER'S BILL PASSED

Newport News Charter Amendments to be Considered Tomorrow. Mr. Murphy Confident of the Passage of His Whipping Post Measure.

(Special to the Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—Mr. Thomas Temple Powell, of Newport News, today informed me that the committee on counties, cities and towns had decided to take up the question of hearing arguments pro and con on the amendments to the charter of Newport News on Thursday next. All who desire to be heard on the question will be afforded every opportunity to express their views. It is expected that there will be a large number of gentlemen on hand to advocate and oppose the amendments.

Mr. Charles T. Bland today introduced a bill in the House providing for the appointment of two boiler inspectors in the State and for the annual inspection of boilers. The bill also provides that persons in charge of boilers over ten horse-power shall be examined as to their qualifications, and requires such persons to procure license to operate boilers.

The House was today engaged in a discussion over bill No. 108 "to require clubs and corporations to obtain licens, to sell, dispense, distribute or give away wines and ardent spirits, malt liquors or any mixtures thereof, alcoholic bitters, bitters containing alcohol, or fruits preserved in alcohol." Messrs. Cooke, Saunders and Maupin advocated the bill and Messrs. Wenborne, Anderson, Wallace, Pilcher opposed it. The debate was an interesting one, and the opponents of the bill resorted to roll calls, divisions and other such tactics. The bill was finally passed by a decided majority.

In the Senate today the House bill amending the charter of Norfolk was taken up out of its order and passed.

Mr. James moved that the vote by which the House bill requiring storekeepers to provide seats in their stores for female clerks was rejected be reconsidered. His motion prevailed and after some discussion another vote on the bill was taken. All of the Senators except Mr. Morris voted for the bill. Finding himself alone, Mr. Morris changed his vote and the bill was passed unanimously. Delegate Kizer was the patron of the bill. He was in Washington yesterday and on his return last night went to work among the Senators and convinced all of those he talked with, who had opposed the bill, that the measure was one that should pass.

Mr. Morris of the committee on public institutions and education, presented the report of the sub-committee with reference to the enlargement of the penitentiary. He asked that the report be presented as a Senate document and referred to the committee on finance and banks.

Mr. Morris reported favorably from the same committee Mr. James' bill amending the law in relation to expenses of members of boards of visitors. The amendment provides that only actual expenses shall be paid and there shall be no per diem expenses.

Mr. Flannagan offered a resolution providing that the committee appointed to examine the office of the clerk of the Senate shall also examine the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth with a view to ascertaining whether or not additional book cases are needed. It was placed on the calendar.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To amend section 2934 of the Code in relation to limitation of actions.

To amend section 4107 of the Code in relation to jurisdiction of police justices.

To provide for new registration of voters of the town of Culpeper.

To amend section 4407 of the Code in reference to appeals in misdemeanor cases.

To prevent gambling.

In relation to sale of delinquent lands.

To prevent deception and manufacture and sale of imitation butter.

To amend acts allowing fourth-class postmasters to act as notaries.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Mason (No. 188): For the relief of Joseph Perry, a Confederate soldier.

By Mr. St. Clair (No.189): To amend section 95 of chapter 450 of the acts of 1883-'84 in reference to daguerreotype and photograph artists in Dickinson county.

The House committee on privileges and elections met this morning in room No. 5, on the upper floor of the capitol building, with Mr. J. C. Parker, of Southampton, in the chair. The object of the meeting was to take up the election contest of L. B. LeSueur against E. W. D. Blanton for a seat in the House from Cumberland and Buckingham counties.

Senator H. D. Flood, who appeared for Col. Blanton, stated that on last Tuesday, when the case was called up, it was postponed on account of Senator W. M. Flanagan, counsel for Mr. LeSueur, being detained at his county court. Inasmuch as Senator John W. Daniel, who desired to argue the case for Col. Blanton before the committee, was unable to be present, he asked for a postponement until the next meeting.

Mr. Flood then read the following telegram:

Washington, Jan. 11th, 3 A. M.
Hon. B. W. D. Blanton,
Richmond, Va.:

Important finance committee meeting detains me. Your case is clear. Your counsel able, and success assured.

JOHN W. DANIEL.

Mr. Flanagan was opposed to any further postponement and asked that the case be gone into at once. Upon the suggestions, however, that the courtesy should be shown Senator Daniel of giving him an opportunity to appear before the committee at its next meeting. Mr. Flanagan withdrew his objections and it was decided that the case be taken upon next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Parker then submitted the report which he had drawn up at the request of the committee in the election contests of Cole against Newberne, for a seat in the House from Norfolk county. The report is a rather lengthy document, which sets forth all the facts connected with the case.

In the conclusion of the report the committee recommended for adoption by the House of Delegates the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That J. E. Cole was not elected and is not entitled to a seat in the House of Delegates from Norfolk county.

Resolved, That M. S. Newberne was elected and is entitled to a seat in the House of Delegates from Norfolk county."

The report was unanimously adopted and was later in the day presented to the House.

Mr. Thomas B. Murphy is of the opinion that his whipping post bill may pass the House. He says he will present facts and figures that should convince any thinking man of the wisdom of such a law as that proposed. He will contend that when the whipping post act was on the statute books the criminal expenses were small and since the repeal of the law the expenses have been trebled.

It is better, is Mr. Murphy's opinion, to prevent crime than to punish it. If criminals are to be whipped in Virginia they will keep out of this State.

There are many persons, Mr. Murphy says, who steal simply to get into the jails and spend the winter months there at a great expense to the Commonwealth. He is fully convinced that when the subject is carefully considered the law makers will not allow sentimental reasons to cause them to vote against a measure that will prevent crime and save money to the State.

Senator McCune, who has been at the bedside of his sick mother ever since Christmas, was in his seat today. His anti-flirting bill will come up before the Senate committee on public institutions and elections Friday afternoon and Mr. McCune will make a speech in favor of it. He has about fifty letters from persons conducting female schools urging the Legislature to pass this act.

The Senate committee on finance this morning considered the bill offered by Mr. Barksdale to provide that in any action, either at law or motion in chancery, upon a note, bond or other evidence of debt, the court in which said action is brought or motion made or bill in chancery filed, before any decree or judgment is given shall require it to be proven that said note, bond or other evidence of debt has been listed for taxation. The measure was reported favorably with certain amendments.

Governor Tyler has received a telegram from Governor Culberson, of Texas, announcing that he has ordered that Fuxon Atherton be held until an officer from Virginia can come for him. Atherton is wanted at Charlottesville to answer charges of swindling certain people of that place.

The police have heard nothing as yet in regard to the highwayman who made such a desperate attempt to rob Mr. W. L. Gordon on Sunday night. At least, they have nothing they will give out for publication. That they are actively at work is known from the number of telegrams being received by the detective force. There is little doubt but that the man will be caught and get a good, long term in the penitentiary.

A STERLING PERFORMANCE.

"Friend Fritz" as Played by the Manola-Mason Company.

A pretty pastoral play, refreshing as a bit of cool sea breeze on a blistering summer day, a work of dramatic and musical construction that stands alone in the great field of things theatrical; entertaining, amusing, impressive, with fun and sentiment happily blended—that is "Friend Fritz," as played by those well known artists, Marion Manola and Jack Mason, supported by the best company that has ever appeared on the local stage.

Manager Booker has fulfilled his promise and his guarantee has proved genuine. If he can cater to our tastes in the future as well as he did last night, he need entertain no apprehension about our patronage.

A more brilliant audience has rarely assembled in the opera house than that which heard pretty, winsome Marion Manola sing and talk, and saw clever Jack Mason act the part of the defiant but doomed bachelor, to perfection. There were the city's highest officials, members of the Common Council, leading professional men, prominent merchants, all with their wives and best girls, and a number of officers from the battleship Indiana, in fatigue uniform.

Too much cannot be said in praise of "Friend Fritz." As for the play, suffice it to say that it has been the vehicle of Mr. and Mrs. Mason for five theatrical seasons, and it has proved a winner each year except one, during which Mrs. Mason suffered an attack of illness which barely escaped terminating the career of one of America's most charming comediennes.

The play is after the German; the scenes are laid in Alsace, and the costumes are of the modern pattern used in that clime—all pretty and pleasing.

Second only to the bachelor and his bashful but devoted sweetheart was Sol Aiken, as David Sickel, an amusing old robber, who insisted on marrying every girl in sight—to her intended, of course.

Barney McDonough and Henry J. Fitzpatrick made a splendid comedy team, and James V. Fox made the best of a small part.

Adelaide Uldom, a prettier actress than whom has never been seen at the opera house, carried her part well, and was a favorite with the audience. Julia Aiken was very good as the kind-hearted old house keeper.

The music was of the first order throughout, the three acts, each number winning at least one encore and not a few several more.

Tonight the Cinematograph pictures will be given at the opera house.

WHISKEY CASES CONTINUED.

Investigation of the Charges Against Burnett to be Resumed Today.

The case of R. C. Burnett, charged with selling liquor on Sunday and also with selling liquor without a license, was called in the Police Court yesterday morning. After hearing the testimony of Special Officers J. W. Shorter and W. D. Wallace, who appeared against the accused, and of Burnett himself, Justice Brown continued the case until this morning. Burnett testified that he did not own the place at which the liquor was sold, but conducted it for Chas. Edwards, who, he said, had a license. Justice Brown ordered that Edwards be summoned to appear this morning when the investigation is resumed.

The case of G. T. Uzzell, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was set for trial on January 18. When this case is called again the charge will be against Ed. Slater, who rents a room over Uzzell's saloon, and who is alleged to have sold the liquor.

The cases of Minnie Rodgers, Jack Magee and B. C. Clegg will also be heard on January 18. Hon. Thomas Temple Powell represents one of the accused, and it was owing to his inability to be present that the cases were postponed.

Other cases disposed of in the Police Court yesterday morning were as follows:

D. D. McPherson, charged with burying night soil; fined $5 and costs.

S. E. Harwood, charged with disorderly conduct; continued until tomorrow.

Fred Cephus (colored), drunk; fined $2 and costs.

Bert King (colored), vagrancy; sentenced to work ten days in the chaingang.

Eugene Mercoland, drunk; fined $2 and costs.

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STILL IN THE RING

Hanna Has a Majority on the First Ballot.

HIS ELECTION ASSURED

In the Preliminary Vote the House Gives Hinn 56 and the Senate 17. The Fight Not Over. A Strange Statement.

(By Telegraph.)

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—The factional warfare against Senator Hanna is not over. It will have at least one more day of charges and counter charges. The fight has never been more bitter than tonight. Senator Hanna received seventy-three votes today, a majority of one over all in a total membership of 109. The Senate voted nineteen for McKisson and seventeen for Hanna. The House vote stood: Hanna 56; McKisson, 49; Wiley, 1; Warner, 1; Lentz, 1, and one absent.

The only absentee was Representative Cramer, the Democratic-Populist member from Pouling county, who is seriously sick. His physicians stated tonight that he could not possibly be in his seat tomorrow.

After the vote was recorded today in each branch of the Legislature separately, a majority of a quorum of those present is all that is necessary in the joint balloting tomorrow, so that the serious illness of Representative Cramer might become an important factor.

The scattering vote today for Lentz, Wiley and Warner was cast by Representatives Wiley, Hazlett and Hell, all Democrats. If Cramer had been present and all other Democrats in [illegible] McKisson's vote in the House would have been fifty-three, or still short of a majority in that branch of the Legislature. With Hanna [illegible] a majority of three in the House [illegible] Kisson having a majority of two in the Senate, the chair will announce [illegible] row that there was no election [illegible] and that a joint ballot would be [illegible] der.

If the Senators and representatives [illegible] recorded on joint ballot tomorrow they were recorded today on the respective ballots, Senator Hanna [illegible] have a majority of only one o[illegible] But in the absence of Representative Cramer, and in the event of some Democrats refusing to vote for McKisson, he is likely to have a [illegible] majority.

With the result apparently [illegible] on the change of only one vote [illegible] fest has continued all night as [illegible] been going on other nights for a [illegible] two weeks.

The seven Republicans who [illegible] to vote for Hanna today have signed a statement that burns [illegible] bridge behind them. Senator [illegible] Representatives Scott, Mason, and Rutan say they will vote for Hanna if the Otis charges are proved untrue. Representatives Otis [illegible] Bramley, however, simply signed [illegible] cil to the statement of the other dissenters in which they concur [illegible] ing for an investigation. Otis [illegible] however, that he will not vote for Hanna under any circumstances.

While the bureaus of claim [illegible] charges are in full operation [illegible] sides tonight as usual, there a[illegible] reports about the bribery charges being presented to the grand jury [illegible] Hamilton and Franklin counties.

The grand jurors are in session [illegible] both of these counties, and the current reports tonight of efforts [illegible] cure indictments before tomorrow [illegible] As Representative Otis claims [illegible] been offered a bribe at his home [illegible] Cincinnati, the case could be [illegible] only before the grand jury of Hamilton county, and it would be necessary [illegible] Representative Otis to be there [illegible] witness. Mr. Otis and others would be wanted as witnesses [illegible] case are here tonight and it is thought to be probable that Mr. [illegible] would be absent tomorrow. If [illegible] is cast tomorrow as it was cast [illegible] the absence of Mr. Otis and others opposed to Hanna would have no [illegible] on the result. There was talk [illegible] bustering, but the opposition could [illegible] break a joint quorum if all the members should remain away. The [illegible] case of alleged bribery came from [illegible] other side. Representative Snider [illegible] Green county, who has been [illegible] at the Neil House during the past [illegible] voted today for Hanna, for Box[illegible] Speaker last Monday a week, [illegible] tended the Republican House [illegible] one week ago last Saturday. The [illegible]ents of Hanna have been after [illegible]elo ely and constantly. It is alleged Mr. Maddy came to the Neil House [illegible] week to see Mr. Snider and [illegible] claimed to represent Kurtz and Representative Snider had been [illegible]ipating the visit and a stenographer was concealed in the bathroom [illegible] ing his apartments. It is charged Mr. Snider was offered five thousand [illegible] for his vote and that the [illegible] of his backers was given by the [illegible] The stenographic report of the conversation between Snider and Maddey is in the hands of Hon. E. G. Rathborne, who was assistant postmaster general under Harrison, and is here as one of the managers for Hanna. It has been reported for several days that this case was before the grand jury of Franklin county, but when that body closed its work this evening it was unofficially stated that neither the Maddey nor any other case connected with the senatorial contest was before it.

While it is not likely that any indictments will be made, yet it is quite probable that there will be an attempt in the Legislature tomorrow for a dramatic scene on the bribery charges. The opposition is charging the Hanna men tonight with voting down the motions and resolutions today for an investigation of the bribery charges made by Representative Otis. The Hanna men say they will give the fullest consideration to this investigation at the proper time, but that the purpose of these charges now is to stampede the Legislature on the balloting for Senator and that such a scheme cannot be carried through. Some of the Hanna men also state that at the proper time they will reorganize the House, as the vote of today showed that they had a majority of three over all in that body.

The ballot in the Senate for the short term was: McKisson, 19; Hanna, 17. There was no changes in the ballot for the full term.

The ballot for the short term in the House was: McKisson, 49; Hanna, 56; Lentz, 1; Wiley, 1; Warner, 1. The ballot for the long term was the same as for the short term.

A STRANGE STATEMENT.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—Harry C. Mason, of Cleveland, speaker of the House, tonight gave out the following:

"To the Public: The principal reason why I have been opposed to Mr. Hanna is because of the fact that two years ago, when the fifty-year franchise bill was before the legislature, I was approached by a man from Cleveland, who

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