

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

House of Delegates. Wednesday, Dec. 13. House met at 12 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Bittling, of the Second Baptist church.

The Journal of yesterday was read by the clerk. The following bills were reported and placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Walker—Joint resolution instructing the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay the amount of the semi-annual interest on the public debt due and payable on the 1st of January, 1872, as provided in section 4, chapter 34 of the code, until directed so to do by the General Assembly.

By Mr. J. W. B. Atwell—A bill to repeal an act approved July 24, 1870, authorizing a commission on the Asylum and Prisons reported that it do not pass.

By Mr. Wharton—To amend and reenact section 15, chapter 52 of the code, as amended by act of General Assembly approved November 10th, 1870.

By Mr. Head—A bill to amend and reenact section 5 of an act approved July 9th, 1870, entitled "an act to amend the laws relating to the Common Pleas."

By Mr. Noble—A bill to prevent the adulteration of liquors.

The following is the substance of a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works, which the requested be laid before the House.

The Senate requested the concurrence of the House, in the passage of a bill entitled "an act to expedite the execution of the will of William Barrett, deceased."

By Mr. Bagwell—Resolved, That the Committee on rules be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending a rule of the House as to require a notice of motion or resolution under rule 37 to explain the nature thereof.

The following bills passed the House: A bill to authorize an increase of the stock of Cross Road and Summit Turnpike Company.

A bill for the relief of E. S. Gay, late Captain of the Public Guard.

Leave of absence granted Mr. Daniel for two days.

By Mr. Walker—Petition of John S. Evans asking relief from erroneous assessment.

By same—A bill to amend an act approved March 20th, 1867, entitled "an act incorporating the Bedford Iron Company," and for other purposes.

By same—A bill to amend and reenact section 11, chapter 185 of the code, in relation to costs in Court of Appeals.

By Mr. Hill—Resolved, That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of requiring a settlement with West Virginia, by the portion of the public debt.

By Mr. Campbell—Resolved, That the Committee on Revenue inquire into the expediency of amending the General Election Law so as to require the secretary of the election to certify to the public with the publication of the result of elections.

By Mr. Radford—An act to amend and reenact section 2 of an act of the code of 1860, in relation to attorneys at law generally.

By Mr. Russell—Resolved, That the Committee on Courts of Justice be instructed to inquire what regulations, if any, is necessary to prevent and punish the drawing of checks and drafts by parties, upon banks or banking companies, in which they have no funds deposited to their credit, sufficient to pay the same, and to report by bill or otherwise.

By Mr. Talaferro—Resolved, That the Committee on Courts of Justice inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1, of chapter 102, of acts of 1860-70, to extend the time for the filing of all claims of sales of personal property from April 1st, 1872 to April 1st, 1873.

By Mr. Cogbill—Petition of Thomas Whitehead and others praying the incorporation of a company to construct a turnpike in the county of Amherst.

By Mr. Gilman—Resolved, That the Committee on Propositions and Grievances inquire into the expediency of increasing salary of various agents of the State and report.

By Mr. Poague—A resolution of inquiry into the expediency of increasing compensation of jurors in civil cases, and requiring payment for their services by parties requiring them.

By Mr. Butler—Asking the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill ordering reassessment of lands in Caroline county.

By Mr. Scruggs—A resolution that the Committee on Courts of Justice inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to judgment liens.

Senates. The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. B. Burrows.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Board of Public Works, in reference to the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike, which, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Herndon, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, presented a bill to amend and reenact section 15 of chapter 150 of the code of 1860, as amended by an act approved March 29, 1871, concerning warrants for small claims.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, from the Committee on Education, reported, with a recommendation, an act approved July 2, 1871, to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Farmers and Merchants Bank and Trust Company of the city of Norfolk, passed March 22d, 1871. [Subsequently recommended.]

Also Senate bill to provide for the protection of fish in the waters of New river and its tributaries. (Subsequently passed.)

By Mr. Pridemore—To amend and reenact chapter 378 of the acts of '69-'70, in relation to the times of the meeting of the General Assembly, and providing for the time the same.

By Mr. Hundley—To amend and reenact section 9 of chapter 186 of the code of Virginia, edition of 1860, in relation to the enforcement of judgment liens.

By Mr. Herndon—To amend the 11th section, chapter 128, code 1860, in relation to the release of an insane wife's interest in realty.

By same—To amend and reenact an act approved Feb. 3, 1871, to prescribe the time for the holding of the terms of the Circuit courts of the State.

By Mr. Nutting—Relating to the adoption of a fence law in the county of Halifax. ORDERED TO BE PRINTED.

THE HOMESTEAD LAW.

Mr. Wynne presented the memorial of J. P. Bell, of Lunenburg county, in regard to the Homestead Law, which was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

THE PORTRAIT OF LEE.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Superintendent of Public Buildings was requested to have returned to the Senate Chamber, Elder's portrait of Lee, which was purchased at last session.

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Greene, the joint resolution heretofore offered by him, "providing for the selection of a site for a State Reform school and the erection of suitable buildings thereon," was ordered to be printed.

STAUNTON AND PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE COMPANY.

Mr. Cochran presented a bill to ratify and make valid the right of the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike Company to charge tolls on a section of its road in the county of Augusta, and to ratify the acts heretofore performed by the Board of Public Works, by virtue of said right, which was read the necessary number of times, under suspension of the rules, and passed and communicated to the House.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of Edward P. Roberts, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, Thos. C. Walston, of Northampton county, Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Edward P. Roberts, of Northampton county, in said district, who was, on the 25th day of October, 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Dec. 13, 1871.

THOS. C. WALSTON, Assignee.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of George W. Myers, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, John S. Fowler, of Alexandria county, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of George W. Myers, of Alexandria county, in said district, who was, on the 29th day of September, 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Alexandria, December 8, 1871.

JOHN S. FOWLER, Assignee.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of Lawrence Pitman, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, John S. Fowler, of Alexandria county, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Lawrence Pitman, of Fauquier county, in said district, who was, on the 23rd day of October, 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1871.

JOHN S. FOWLER, Assignee.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of John E. Fletcher, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, John S. Fowler, of Alexandria county, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of John E. Fletcher, of Loudoun county, in said district, who was, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1871.

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JOHN R. KELLY, Assignee.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia. In the matter of Edmund F. Rose, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

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LATEST NEWS.

His Condition During the Past Twenty-four Hours.—The Princess Victoria Sumner—Renowned Improved Condition of the Princess.

London, Dec. 12.—At 10 o'clock this morning, London time, the Prince of Wales was still living. The official bulletins published to-day are as follows:

"Sandringham, Dec. 12, 8 A. M.—The Prince of Wales had a very restless night. Delirium is constant. There are no signs of improvement."

"Sandringham, Dec. 12—Noon.—The Prince has been restless all this morning. His condition is unaltered."

London, Dec. 12, 2.30 P. M.—The Royal steam-yacht Victoria and Albert has been dispatched to bring the Princess Victoria, wife of the German Prince Imperial, to England.

London, Dec. 12, 5 P. M.—There are rumors that incidents have occurred at Sandringham which indicate a more favorable condition of affairs. Nothing definite has yet been said to the public, and the report is given with caution.

Ten o'clock, P. M.—The Prince passed an unquiet evening, but his prostration does not increase.

London, Dec. 12.—Unofficial advices regarding the Prince of Wales's condition are not hopeful. The royal patient's voice remains strong.

The Trial of Mrs. Wharton—Poison Tests. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 12.—The court met promptly at 10 o'clock, Prof. Aiken was again called to the witness stand.

The summary of the analysis made by Aiken for the State Attorney in the criminal court of Baltimore city, mentioned in the dispatches of yesterday's proceedings, was introduced into court, and identified by Aiken. The cross-examination was resumed.

Aiken testified that the memoranda made by him at the time of the analysis in July, when he made the summary or report of the analysis in October for the prosecuting attorney, were not referred to by him to refresh his memory of the examination, his recollection was good, the process of analysis simple, and there was no occasion to refer to the memoranda. The witness was asked to state whether this summary, copy introduced in court this morning, contained an error of variance from his statement to the jury yesterday; which he answered in the affirmative.

The experiment or test as described before the judge differed materially from the test as described in the summary. The experiment described in the latter is not a test. Witness thinks a clerical error not an error of judgment. The original report written out is in the hands of Mr. Kevel, counsel for the State.

In question is a copy of the same at the time and made the prosecuting attorney of Baltimore.

(Note.—These statements are in the handwriting of Aiken. The important variance between Aiken's summary or report of his analysis and his testimony before the jury, is that he describes two different and distinct experiments. In the former he says he dissolved some of the white sediment of the sample in water, then added some hydrochloric acid, which gave a white precipitate. This was dissolved in an excess of the acid, then when it was thrown in a white precipitate was given.)

(Note.—This does not occur with tartar emetic. The experiment detailed in the testimony before the jury was different.—It describes a solution of the substance supposed to be sulphide of antimony in boiling hydrochloric acid, and its subsequent reaction.)

The witness was further rigidly questioned as to the quantity of tartar emetic obtained by his analysis, and the means used to ascertain the quantity. At twelve o'clock he left the stand.

Peter Smith, junior of the University of Maryland, testified as to the custody of the key of the laboratory, that the only persons having access thereto while the jar containing the stomach was therein were Professors Chew and Miles and Dr. Williams.

Jacob Weaver, undertaker, testified to taking the body of General Ketchum from Mrs. Wharton's and having it in custody until the post mortem examination.

A. A. Kleinschmidt testified as to an apothecary, the junior partner of the firm of Gorman & Co.; has known the prisoner over two years; on Monday, June 26, between seven and half-past Mrs. Wharton came in his store and asked first for a small phial of tincture of valerian; witness gave her an ounce; the prisoner then asked for a small quantity of tartar emetic, saying she wanted it for a plaster; thinks she gave her twenty grains, which he charged on their books.

The Spanish Elections.—The Geneva Conference. London, Dec. 12.—The elections in Spain, in which the Republicans have been successful, were for the municipal councils and not for the Cortes.

Lord Chief Justice, Sir Alexander Cockburn, has gone to Geneva to attend the preliminary meeting of the board of arbitration appointed under the treaty of Washington. The business to be transacted is purely formal, viz: the ratification of the treaty by the arbitrators.

The British government proposed to dispense with it, but the Washington cabinet objected, and it will be necessary for all the members of the board to be present in person on the appointed day. It is possible that at the first meeting a complete organization may be effected, but the probability is that nothing will be attempted beyond an exchange of credentials.

Cavus of Another of the Banks of Tweed. New York, Dec. 12.—This morning it was rumored that one Bank had been thrown out of the clearing-house. The rumor was well authenticated, but on application to the secretary of the bank it was denied. At noon, however, the report was fully confirmed by the officers of the clearing-house. William M. Tweed is one of the directors of the bank. The failure, it is stated, was occasioned by unreliable assets being received by the bank.

The Indians will join the Mormons in driving out the miners. The Mormon papers about the idea as absurd in the extreme. The Mormons yield obedience to the processes of the courts, and nowhere is there more security for life and property than in Utah. The roads to the mines are open.

The police have arrested all the occupants of the houses of ill fame and held them in \$300 bail each. The prisoners have appealed to the United States court.

The Telegraphers Strike. London, Dec. 12.—The strike of the telegraph employes is still kept up. Business on many lines is greatly delayed. The public are beginning to complain.

FROM NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 12.—The small-pox in seven cases have been reported during the week.

Thirty-two new cases of small-pox and seven deaths are reported since Saturday.

An associated bank meeting has sustained the committee in expelling the Ocean bank. The meeting was private, but it has transpired that some ugly facts have been produced that will discredit the assertions that the Ocean will stay in the bank.

The rumored suspension of the Union Square bank is unfounded.

Trouble Between the Paragonian President and Congress—Several Persons Killed. New York, Dec. 12.—A Rio Janeiro letter of October 16th states that a difficulty between the President and Congress Paragonay, having been attempted, appeared in the halls of Congress, in which the people took part and several were killed and wounded. Many of the disaffected were formerly with Lopez.

Murder of a Bostonian in New York. New York, Dec. 12.—The body of a man supposed to be John Hall, of Boston, was found in the dock yesterday. The police believe he was murdered by some of the Charlton street gang, although nearly a hundred dollars and his gold watch were found on him. The body was taken to the morgue.

Excitement Regarding the Prince of Wales. Toronto, Dec. 12.—The excitement regarding the Prince of Wales is intense; the papers are full of news of his illness. No public demonstration will be held on the arrival of Alexis, who is expected Thursday. He will be received privately by the corporation committee.

End of the Telegraph Strike. London, Dec. 12.—The strike of the telegraph employes in England is over. The employees at one important point have all resumed work and others are following their example.

Abstraction of Musical Notes. New York, Dec. 12.—Julien has absconded with the proceeds of the late concert and bail to the Grand Duke, owing his musicians \$7,000.

Fatal Locomotive Explosion. Cairo, Dec. 12.—A locomotive exploded near Centralia, Ill., on the Central railroad, killing three persons, one of whom was blown two hundred yards.

Summary. —Young Dickens has bought his father's late residence at Gadshill and lives there.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of John W. Douglas to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

G. W. Palmer, a well-known electrical instrument maker, of Boston, was killed yesterday morning by falling down stairs at his residence.

The President yesterday nominated Edward G. Bradford, Esq., as District Judge of the United States for the district of Delaware, in the place made vacant by the resignation of W. Willard Hall.

Wilson that he has tried to bring about a reconciliation between Sumner and President Grant, but unsuccessfully; that he (Wilson) is convinced that the Republican party is stronger than ever, and Grant is the strongest man in the party.

A bridge on the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Junction railroad, 143 feet long and 12 feet wide, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss \$12,000.

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