THE ANTI-FEE BILL PASSED.

There was consiberable discussion of the Turnbull bill to abolish fees to witnesses for the Commonwealth in criminal cases heard by justices of the peace.

Mr. Flanagan was the first speaker and made a vigrous attack on the measure.

He was followed by Mr. Barnes who spoke against the bill. In his remarks he contended that the measure was not only an unjust one but he believed it was unconstitutional.

Mr. Letcher made a forceful appeal to the Senate to pass the bill. He did not see how any Senator who was in favor of retrenchment and reform could vote against this act which would save the State perhaps $70,000 per year. Mr. Letcher called the attention of the Senate to the enormous expenses to the State by reason of fees paid witnesses in justices' courts and named Warwick and Scott as two counties in which these expenses were largest.

Mr. Barnes made an eloquent defense of Warwick and paid a pretty tribute to the thriving city of Newport News. He said if Rockbridge county had some real live towns instead of so many towns on paper the criminal expenses of Rockbridge would be larger.

Mr. Mellwaine and Blakey supported the bill and it was passed by a vote of 20 to 8.

SPECIAL PENSION LEVY.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Letcher to give aid to soldiers, sailors and marines of Virginia maimed or disabled in the war between the States, and to the widows of soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives in said war in the military service and to provide a special tax therefor to be voted on by the people of Virginia for its ratification or rejection.

The bill in its preamble declares that the provision made for the disabled soldiers and their widows under the present laws, is entirely inadequate to meet the demands. The act then goes on to provide for submitting to the voters at the first general election to be held after the passage of the measure the question of whether or not they will submit to the levying of a special tax as a pension fund, such tax not to exceed 5 cents on the $100 value of real and personal property. The measure provides in detail for the levying of such tax and the distribution of the pension fund.

COLONEL STUBBS CALLED DOWN.

On Wednesday Jan. 19th, the advisory council of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia, met in Lynchburg and investigated the charges against Grand Commander Stubbs. After hearing the testimony the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 21 to 10:

"Resolved, That we, the advisory council, find upon examination of the evidence before us that Commander Stubbs has not been guilty of receiving a bribe, but we do find that he should no longer be the commander of the Grand Camp or a member of the history committee of the Grand Camp."

Colonen Stubbs is a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia and of the board of visitors of the D. D. & B. Institute.

He tendered his resignation as grand commander of the Virginia Department, United Confederate Veterans, and also as a member of the history committee on Friday and it was accepted.

Col. John L. Williams, of Winchester, was elected grand commander of the Grand Camp to succeed Colonel Stubbs. He is commander of Turner Ashby Camp and a member of the history committee.

A LITTLE FARM WELL TILLED.

Louisana claims the largest farm in the world, situated in the southwestern part of the State. It contains 1,500,000 acres. 300 miles of navigable waters, thirty six miles of railway facilities, and $50,000 worth of fencing. A company of northern capitalists own and operate the tract, using steam plows on the cultivated lands. But the farm is chiefly devoted to raising cattle on pasture stations or ranches, existing every 6 miles. There is a great field for capital in the South under thoroughly settled and friendly conditions.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

OLD WOMAN'S DEATH DANCE.

During the festivities at a wedding at Chicago on Wednesday last, Mrs Eliza Grazalski, the 80-year-old grandmother of the bride, stepped out on the floor to dance, in spite of the fact that she was faint and gasping for breath.

"I am not going to die," she said; "not yet. I am going to dance at the wedding first. See—don't say I am going to die." At the first swing she fell heavily, and in a few minutes she was dead.

The body was speedily removed, and then the revelry was resumed. The old woman's son, the father of the bride, declared that it was too bad that his mother had to die at such a time and interfere with the wedding.

Mr. Stubbs disagrees with the proceedings of both the grand camp of Virginia Confederates and its advisory council, in deposing him from the command of the former, and says "he has recognized the fact that all his opportunity for usefulness in that organization has been destroyed by the action of those comrades who precipitated the crisis by instigating proceedings which have worked infinite injury to all Confederate organizations." Why, certainly it was the action of those who made and investigated the charges against him, and not his own, that brought on the whole trouble. Mr. Stubbs had two fair trials, but in his, as in all other cases, the losers have a poor opinion of the courts that try them.—Alexandria Gazette.

"To tell the truth my mother has lived with one foot in the grave," writes Mrs. Eugene Stantzenberg, of No. 1604 Walker Ave., Houston, Texas, in a letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. "With a most thankful heart I will tell you about the wonderful cure effected in her case. She has been a perfect wreck for seven long years. No words can describe what she has suffered. She could not sleep on account of severe pains. She tried every doctor around here and spent hundreds of dollars without benefit. After hearing of your wonderful remedies I wrote to you. My mother has taken six bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and six of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and is now perfectly cured. Please receive the heartiest thanks and blessings from my father and seven children for saving the life of dear mother. May God bless you and your Institution, is the wish of your friend."

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FROM HAVANA.

Shortly after the battleship Maine dropped anchor in the harbor of Havana yesterday and salutes had been exchanged a naval lieutenant of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII. representing the admiral, visited the ship as did also an officer of the German cruiser Guisenau. Both visits were returned by Captain Sigsbee, who at 6 o'clock called upon Rear-Admiral Mantero and Vice-Admiral Pastor, after which he had a prolonged conference with Consul-General Lee. The noise of so many cannons used in the salutes attracted to the warves immense crowds All the balconies and windows of the houses around the bay were also crowded. The Maine will be in port for some time. Captain Sigsbee has expressed himself as much gratified by the reception tendered him.

It is believed in Havana that Gen. Blanco has gone to have a conference with Gen. Maximo Gomez, in order to reach an understanding with the Cuban commander and establish peace on the island.

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ARMY OF WOMEN GOLD HUNTERS.

John G. Brady, governor of the district of Alaska, has just sent to Miss Florence King, of Chicago, a roll of parchment which makes her commissioner of deeds for Alaska. She is the first woman to be appointed or to hold office in the district.

The duties of the position include the filing of mining claims as well as the registration of deeds

Miss King is at the head of the Woman's Alaskan Gold Club, which is to send 150 women to the gold region of the far northwestern territory. She will be stationed in Sunrise City, on Cook's Inlet, one of the southern bays, and ten days out from Seattle. It is just about this inlet that she proposes to lead her army of women, who will start as soon as the weather is open enough for them to venture into the cold country.

President McKinley has appointed a gentleman from Michigan as Consul to Beirenth, Syria, and this relieves Captain Thomas S. Doyle, who will be remembered as the late superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, relieved by the action of the last Legislature.

Captain Doyle has been in office a little over a year.

Major Hanger has been more fortunate. He has served his country at Bermuda over his four years' term, but has been relieved by the appointment fo W. Maxwell Green, of Rhode Island.

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If there be such a thing as an "unreconstructed rebel" left, of which there is great doubt, he must delight in the desire for a war, in view of the destruction of Northern commerce during the war between the States, by the weak and ill armed Confederate cruisers Alabama, Florida and Shenandoah. With no foreign commerce and consequently, a glutted home market, and increased millions of idle laborers, the recent disturbances in Paris, Prague, Algiers and Havana would be as nothing to those that would occur in the cities of the North.

The latest and most unique assigned reason for the support the filibusters receive from the South, is that the Yankees regret and are ashamed of their action in conferring suffrage upon the negroes, and, in the annexation of Cuba, would provide that those in that island be not entitled to it, and that there may be no discrimination between the different elements of its negro population, those of this country will have that privilege taken away from them. Filibusters and annexationists are the only people silly enough to pay any attention to such an absurd idea.

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

London, Jan. 26.—The newspapers here comment on French, Russian and German reinforcements going to the far east while no corresponding addition is made to the British fleet and say: "Happily Great Britain has the countenance instead of the hostility of the United States. But the Japanese navy is a factor of uncertain value." An article in the Pall Mall Gazette says: "If the position is really critical, we run a grave risk in leaving our fleet weak. Indeed we prepare for an open contest by retrograde movements

China has complied with all the demand of Germany in connection with the killing of German missionaries.

Steamers leaving the Pacific coast for Alaska are compelled to refuse passengers, so great is the rush to the gold fields.

Rev Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a sermon in New York on Sunday, said a woman might wear diamonds with propriety as long as she did not try to outshine her neighbor.

Messrs. Brad Beverley and Webb Maddux, representative farmers of the upper end of Fauquier county, report that a much greater acreage is down in wheat in that section than for some years, and the growth is a most promising one.

Smallpox has broken out in several mining towns between Middlesborough Ky., and Nopton, Va. The cases are numerous, and an epidemic is so feared that Bristol, Big Stone Gap and other towns will quarantine against the infected places.

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All parties interested are hereby notified that I have fixed

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1898,

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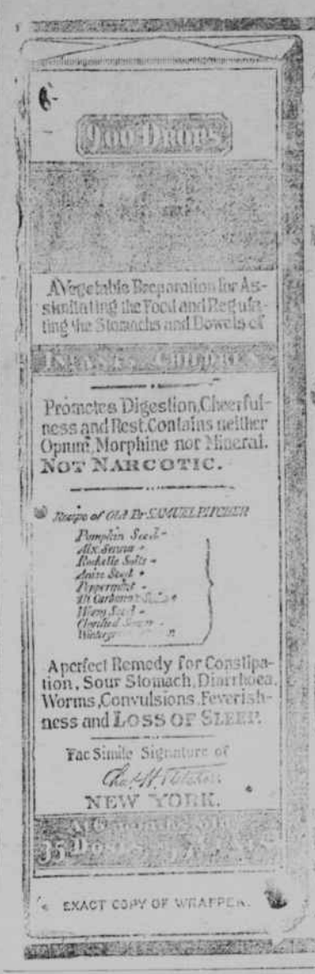

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