



## SHORT SESSION TALK

The Matter of Completing Legislative Work in Four Weeks Discussed Favorably.

WILL BE COMPELLED TO GIVE NEW BONDS

Encouraging Evidence of Business Revival—Chesapeake and Ohio Doing a Wonderful Business—Convicts to Get Acceptable Christmas Gifts—Arrested for Arson.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23.—There is talk of the Legislature completing its work and adjourning within three or four weeks after it reassembles on January 6. The matter was quietly discussed last week and several members were favorable to the plan suggested, which is to pass the bill, disperse the election measures and possibly a few other bills and go home. Some very prominent Virginians not in the General Assembly have been here and urged early adjournment. They argue that there is so little legislation of general interest to the public to be considered there will be plenty of opportunity for objectionable bills to be gotten through. It is said that all the laws absolutely necessary can be passed within three or four weeks.

Mr. Withers' Constitutional convention bill is being received with considerable favor by Senators and Delegates. It provides simply that the people at the elections to be held next May shall be allowed to vote upon the question of calling a convention. Should the proposition be defeated, that would end the matter, but if carried the Legislature would have to arrange for the convention, which could not be held for at least three years, unless the General Assembly should be called to meet in extra session. All the Republicans and Populists would vote against calling a convention and chances are that the question, if put to a proper vote, would be overwhelmingly defeated. Mr. Withers is working very earnestly in behalf of a convention.

Mr. James B. Pace, who failed last week, was on the bonds of Postmaster Cullingsworth, Collector of Internal Revenue Ryan and City Treasurer Charles H. Phillips for large amounts and these officials will have to give new bonds. Mr. Cullingsworth wrote to the Post-office Department informing it of the assignment of Mr. Pace and asking if it would be necessary for him to get other security. He was informed that he would have to renew his bond. The City Treasurer gives bond on the town of \$300,000, the postmaster, \$250,000, and the Collector of Internal Revenue, \$210,000. All three of the incumbents can easily secure bondsmen to take Mr. Pace's place.

As an evidence of revival of business it may be stated that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company that it is doing a better business than in many years. Every engine is at work hauling the immense amount of freight. One day last week the record was broken in the number of cars that passed Clifton Forge. A large part of the freight consists of articles of produce for the export trade, to be shipped from Newport News to Europe and South America.

Nearly every Christmas one or more of the convicts employed on the Capital square is presented with a gift in the shape of pardon papers. To-morrow Gov. O'Ferrall will set free Louis Crowder, of Mecklenburg, and William Graves, of Pittsylvania. The former is serving one year for malicious assault and the latter two years for house-breaking. Both of them have made excellent records.

Councilman Ed. McClay, of Alliance, O., is at Ford's. "I'm for Harrison for the presidential nomination," said he, "and I predict his success. McKimley's friends are bothered more about him than about Reed. Reed, in his present position is bound to make mistakes. The Speakership requires a greater tact and delicacy than he possesses."

## WE MAY NOT ALL BE BEAUTIES,

DR. CAMPBELL'S SAFE ARSENIC COMPLEXION WAFERS

Mr. W. G. Whitlock, who was a sergeant in Company G, Fifteenth Virginia Infantry, died suddenly of heart trouble at his residence No. 703 Twenty-first street, in the sixty-first year of his age. His remains were taken to Henric, near Williams church this morning by a detail of George E. Pickett Camp, C. V., and Richmond Lodge, No. 219, K. of H. Sergeant Whitlock was a gallant soldier and was wounded three times. He leaves six children, three girls and three boys.

Constable B. H. Ferguson, of Henric, to-day arrested Joe Clark on charges of burning the property of J. McKinley and trespassing on the premises of C. K. Woodruff. He was sent on to the grand jury in the first case and fined \$10 in the latter.

Mr. W. C. Cooksey, of Nebraska, who is a prominent farmer of that State, arrived in the city yesterday visiting relatives. Mr. Cooksey is going to Lunenburg county, Va., where he will probably settle.

## THE NEW BATTLESHIPS.

Newport News Will Positively Get One and in Probability Both. Words are almost inadequate to express the intense gratification shown by the people here on receipt of the news that the board appointed by Secretary Herbert to report on the acceptance of the two bids recently tendered for the construction of the battleships, numbers 5 and 6, has recommended that the contracts for both ships be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Christmas has twined quite into insignificance and the discussion of this matter is almost the only topic of conversation in business circles to-day.

Mr. Philip Andrews, of the United States naval ship Raleigh, was in the city to-day, the guest of Mr. Albert Lloyd Hopkins, at the Hotel Warwick. It is likely that the Raleigh will remain at Old Point a week longer to practice target shooting. It is not known what her orders will be after that time. There are at present the Raleigh, New York, Columbia, and Montgomery anchored in Hampton Roads.

Mr. S. S. Archibald, secretary of the Newport News Electric Light Company, left Saturday for Buffalo, N. Y., to spend the holidays with his relatives.

The Misses Morris and Miss Lucy Royal arrived to-day and are the guests of Mrs. Calvin Satterfield. Mr. D. J. Callahan, of Norfolk, is in the city to-day offering holiday rates via Norfolk and Washington steamers to Philadelphia, Chester, Wilmington, and other Northern cities.

Miss Lou Seawell, returned to her home in Gloucester county this morning after a short visit to Mrs. C. L. Putzel.

Miss Louise Nash has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit to Miss Devine Taylor.

Notice to Mariners. The Lighthouse Board gives notice that the experimental whistling buoy, which was discontinued on December 1st last, and is now moored about seventy-five feet W. N. W. from the Godney Channel whistling buoy, entrance to New York Lower Bay.

Also Long Island Sound buoys for trial course of ram "Katahdin" discontinued. The five black, second-class buoys, placed in October last in Long Island Sound, to mark the trial course for the United States Harbor Defense ram, Katahdin, were removed on the 20th instant.

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