

DROUGHT ON MAY 1

Witten-Shumate Bill Passed Virginia Senate, and Saloons at Pocahontas Will Have To Go Out of Business.

The Virginia State Senate passed the Witten-Shumate amendment to the Harman law on Tuesday night, which amendment makes the town of Pocahontas dry on May 1st, when the present licenses expire.

No little credit, also, should be given to the other public spirited citizens of this town and Pocahontas and Graham, who spent much time in Richmond, at their own expense in the interest of the bill.

Rev. Mr. Richmond, the Baptist minister at Pocahontas, spent several days in Richmond fighting for the passage of the bill, as did also Rev. C. R. Brown, G. W. Donk, of this town, and W. B. F. White, composed the "lobby" for this county, who represented the people in the committee meetings and in private caucuses in Richmond, and much of the credit for the enactment of the measure is due these gentlemen.

Drug Stores Shut Off Entirely. The provisions of the Harman law, which is operative in the counties of this Senatorial district, are such that liquor cannot be sold under any conditions.

The "Quart a Month" provision in the Mapp bill cuts no ice in this neck of the woods, for the Harman laws provides that "it shall be neither manufactured nor sold in this district" under any conditions.

The Richmond Times-Discatcher of Wednesday had the following account of the passage of the Witten-Shumate bill in the Senate:

"By a vote of 27 to 5 the Senate yesterday passed the bill introduced in the House by Delegates Witten and Shumate, which was designed to make Pocahontas, in Tazewell county, 'dry' after May 1.

Senator Royall, Tazewell's representative in the Senate, and Senator Trinkle, who comes from the same section of the State, stood sponsors for the measure. Representing property owners, who are vitally interested in the policy laid down by the legislature for the little southwestern town, Senator Buchanan, of Marion, voiced a vigorous protest against the apparent discrimination between Pocahontas and the rest of the State in making it dry six months prior to the time when the general prohibition act goes into effect.

"The public schools of Pocahontas, said Senator Buchanan, would be obliged to close down if the legislature enacted a bill which would deprive the community of \$22,000 of revenue derived from the liquor licenses to be issued on May 1. Many of his constituents, he said, had contracted obligations in the town, predicated upon the belief that the saloons would be allowed to operate until the statewide prohibition becomes operative in Virginia.

Senator Royall plead for the passage of the bill in answer to the demand, he said, of thousands of people of his district who are of the opinion that it is absolutely necessary, in the interests of not only the town itself, but for the surrounding country, that the saloons be closed down. In answer, he said, is a very common occurrence in Pocahontas, which he denominated as "a veritable hell on earth."

The sentiment of a majority of the people, said Senator Royall, had not been brought to bear upon the Senate for the reason that they are not able to employ paid lobbyists to advance their interests.

Yea—Messrs. Allen, Andrews, Barham, Bowers, Byrd, Conrad, Corbit, Davis, Early, Garrett, Gayle, Goodloe, Goolrich, Henson, Jeffreys, Jordan, Lacy, Mapp, Rison, Robertson, Royall, Saunders, Thornton, Trinkle, Walker, Webb, West—27.

Nays—Messrs. Addison, Buchanan, Cannon, Dewry, Pilcher—5.

DOWN IN OLD VIRGINIA. Oh! have you heard the latest news From down in Old Virginia? No more we will make the pizen booze Down in Old Virginia.

Our mint beds are now sown to grass, Down in Old Virginia. And broken is each julep glass, Down in Old Virginia. Its water, water everywhere; Nothing to drink, I do declare; More than us old soaks can bear, Down in Old Virginia.

We have busted all the stills, Down in Old Virginia. From the seashore to the hills, Down in Old Virginia. The Colonel now goes down the line And though he may pine, He's shut it off pretty fine, Down in Old Virginia.

Our revenue we have thrown away, Down in Old Virginia. 'Tis tainted money, so they say, Down in Old Virginia. From Baltimore we will get our quart Of that pure Dr. Cannot sort, When the ship sails into port, Down in Old Virginia.

THE LIME KILN BURNER. MRS. STOWERS DEAD. Mrs. Virginia Stowers, wife of I. F. Stowers, of Grapeland, Bland county, died at her home last Tuesday morning at the advanced age of 78 years.

NO HELP FROM ENGLAND.

(Washington Post.) While France is sacrificing tens of thousands of men at Verdun bearing the brunt of a colossal German drive the British troops everywhere are quiet. There was a bluff at action near Ypres, but it amounted to nothing.

Belgian, French, Russian, Italian, Serbians—all the allies except Great Britain have stood their ground or come back after defeat. Great Britain is the only government that has abandoned a field. The only decisive retreat during the war, the only abandonment of a campaign, has been that of Great Britain at Gallipoli.

Great Britain is the only government that has been asked by its allies to "get busy." It is only against Great Britain that complaint has been found. Great Britain alone is guilty of failure to assist the allies in a pinch. The latest complaint comes from no less a person than George Clemenceau, former premier of France. "None will understand," he writes in yesterday's Post, "why we are throwing men uncounted into the Meuse furnaces, while our British friends who ask no better than that attack, are retained in their trenches."

The measure would be a powerful attack upon the French, who are the north of France would be the measure of help that could afford in Verdun. You cannot always choose your own moment in war. When it is imposed, you must accept it.

It is the same old story. As expressed by Supreme Court Justice Coffey of New York, England is "the evil genius of France and every nation blighted by her allies."

When Belgium was being destroyed England did not save her. When Russia was rolled back, England did not save her. When Serbia was crumpled up, England did not help her. And now, when France is in direct distress, England does not help her.

Actions speak louder than words. The words of England to her allies are cordial, encouraging and full of promise. The acts of England toward her allies are selfish, cruel and perfidious. Thus England is true to her traditions, true to her selfish purpose and win and hold dominion by playing one nation against another and profiting by the misfortunes of all.

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A grazing farm, some 40 years old, 540 acres, with two sets of buildings. Lands adjoin so all can be run successfully either as one or two properties. Lays beautifully. Most all adapted to power machinery. Only 5 miles from Southern railway, and days drive from National capital. Clear title and immediate possession. Never failing streams and well fenced. Located on edge of Loudoun county. Aged owner retiring. \$35,000 for quick sale.

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Registered Southdowns, black headed, by a prize winner from "Hearts Delight." Also Angora and Imported Nubian milk goat bucks.

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CREED FANNING IS FOUND DEAD

Bland County Man is Thought To Have Frozen to Death, While on Way to Burke's Garden on Business.

A special dispatch from Wytheville to the Roanoke Times, says: News has just reached Wytheville of the finding of the dead body of Creed Fanning, age 65, a well known citizen of Bland county, on the south side of Burke's Garden mountain, near the line between Bland and Tazewell counties. Mr. Manning for a number of years, was the proprietor of a hotel at Bland Court House.

According to the reports he left his home at Bland Court House about two weeks ago for Burke's Garden on business. At first his family thought nothing of his failure to return home, thinking that perhaps the inclement weather had detained him or that he was visiting relatives in Burke's Garden.

Finally, becoming alarmed at his continued absence, they sent a messenger across the mountains to the home of a relative, who lives in Burke's Garden, to find out what had become of him. The messenger learned that Mr. Fanning, about ten days ago, had started for his home, one of his relatives accompanying him as far as the top of the Burke's Garden mountain, where he left his relative, telling him that he would walk the remaining distance to Bland Court House. This was the last seen of him alive.

Upon the receipt of this information a searching party of about one hundred men was organized in Bland for the purpose of searching the mountains for Mr. Fanning, or his body.

After a two-days search his body was found on the south side of Burke's Garden mountain, in one of the wildest and most inaccessible sections of the county. The presumption is that in some way he strayed from the road along which he was traveling, became lost and was frozen to death.

The body was in a bad condition, being partially consumed by wild animals.

THE LUTHERAN CONVENTION. Laymen's Missionary Meeting in Biennial Session at Roanoke. The Biennial convention of the Lutheran church in the South, will be held this year in Roanoke, beginning on March 14th, and continuing for two days.

BOOSTER MEETING

Board of Trade of Tazewell and North Tazewell Rejuvenated and Given New Life in Meeting on Tuesday Night.

The Tazewell-North Tazewell Board of Trade, instead of disbanding, is now stronger than ever before, and from the interested manifested at the meeting held last Tuesday night, will be more useful than ever before.

The meeting was held in the Court House and was presided over by the President, R. C. Chapman, with W. G. O'Brien as secretary.

A vote showed that it was the unanimous consent of the members present that the organization continue. Mr. W. A. Scott, of the Tazewell Manufacturing Company, outlined briefly the necessity for an organization of this character in every town, especially in Tazewell, which is far above the average town in many respects.

Mr. B. W. Strass, jr., of Stras, Harman & Company, who recently became a member of the Board of Trade, outlined some of the difficulties encountered by organizations of this character in keeping up the interest and the attendance upon the regular meetings. The suggestions he made will likely be taken up by the body in the near future.

Secretary O'Brien stated that by the provisions there was not a member present qualified to vote or take part in the discussions. There was an immediate rush to pay up, and Treasurer's position was kept busy for a few minutes taking money.

After the members present had qualified themselves to vote, Mr. Chapman, who has been president of the organization for the past year, offered his resignation, as did also Secretary O'Brien. The acceptance of these resignations proved to be very much against the wishes of the members, a vote showing not a single one in favor of their resignations. There was nothing else for them to do but "serve their time," which expires on the third Tuesday in June, at which time new officers of the organization will be elected.

A motion was made to appoint a committee to notify the absent members and those in arrears for dues that one year's dues, (\$2.00) would be accepted in full of account to June, this year, and solicit their continued membership, and urge upon them to come to the meetings.

The question of the new depot at North Tazewell was discussed, and W. B. Strass, W. G. O'Brien and W. T. Gillespie were appointed a committee to take the matter up with the railroad officials and see what could be done.

Other matters of local interest were discussed, among them being a water-pipe for horses, which the civic association have under discussion. It was pointed out that horses coming from the country have nowhere to be watered, and that much suffering on hot days results from the lack of a suitable place for watering the stock. A committee, composed of Jeff Ward, L. A. Tynes and W. B. Leslie was appointed to co-operate with the ladies of the civic association and do what was necessary to provide the trough.

The next meeting of the Board of Trade will be held the third Tuesday in April, at which time a full attendance of all members is urged.

IN MEMORIAM.

At his home near Cove Creek, Tazewell county, Virginia, Mr. Allen Benton Shawver, husband of Louisa Victory Shawver, deceased, died Friday morning, February 11th, 1916, at fifteen minutes past 3 o'clock, from the effects of an accidental gun shot wound, received in calf of right leg December 17, 1915. He was born in Craig county, Va., October 13, 1844, and was therefore 71 years, 3 months and 28 days old at the time of his death. He served in the latter part of the civil war, belonging to Company C, Twenty-third Virginia battalion, under Captain Frank Peery. He received two wounds, one on the right foot finger, in the Valley of Virginia; the other through the upper lip at Dry Creek, W. Va., and was captured the 19th of September, 1864 at Winchester where he was kept a prisoner six months. He was then paroled at Jamestown April the first, 1865, and came home a few days before the surrender. He was married to L. V. Compton July 7th, 1864, and to this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters, all living: Mattie J. Stowers, of Sand Lick, W. Va.; John W. Shawver, of Dickenson, Md.; Sanders L. Shawver, of Dillons Mill, Va.; Bettie B. Wyatt, of Brushfork, W. Va.; George E. L. Shawver, of Cove Creek, Va.; Sarah D. A. Shawver, of Dickerson, Md.; Robert P. Shawver, of Gratton, Va.; Sarah and George being twins. He has 28 living grand children, and 16 great grand children. He leaves a brother, J. M. Shawver, of Shawers Mills, Va., and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Bullard at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, the 12th, after which his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near his home, on the land of Mr. Samuel Shawver. Rev. W. K. Nece was called on to give a talk at the grave, which was very interesting. He joined the Christian church in 1858, having been a consistent member for over 57 years. Many friends join in extending to the family their sympathy and comfort.

R. P. SHAWVER. ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Don't forget the party, Please do not be tardy. St. Patrick will celebrate. This will be the date: Friday night, seventh of March, When the clock at seven-thirty marks, The club room where the ladies meet, Will be the place for this little treat. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of the W. C. T. U. convention fund.

LITTLE CREEK NEWS.

Mr. R. L. Thompson and family has had quite a spell of western fever, but the fever has about worn off now and he has decided not to move.

Mrs. L. F. Hoback paid her parents a visit yesterday.

Mr. L. H. Repass is quite ill with the grip.

Mr. J. W. Hoback, of Burke's Garden and his son, Walter, are to start to Maryland next week.

Mr. J. L. Meredith, of this place, and his brother, Eugene, of Tennessee, are visiting relatives in Wytheville at this writing.

Mr. H. P. Meredith is very busy attending to his fine flock of lambs this cold weather.

Mr. Cooper Hoback caught a large grey fox last week.

PAY CASH AND SAVE MONEY.

Royal Star Roasted Coffee, lb., 25c  
25 lbs. standard gran. sugar, \$1.75  
Kismet Flour, per barrel, \$6.35  
Pure wheat bran, ton, \$28.50  
Pure wheat bran, per bag, \$1.50  
Mixed, per ton, \$30.00  
Same, per bag, \$28.50  
Corn sacked, 2 bushel bags, per bushel, 5c  
White Oats, 5 bushel bags, \$2.1-2c  
Puritan ready mixed lead and zinc paint, worth up to \$2 per gal., \$1.75  
Hold-Fast ready mixed paint, worth \$2.00 per gallon, for \$1.50  
Boon brand wool fibre, ton, \$10.  
\$2 for bags returned in good condition, making net price per ton \$8.00  
Loeke and Line's white, Clinchfield Portland cement, Roofing materials, Furniture and House Furnishing goods, Wire Fencing, etc. Our terms are strictly cash and subject to market change.

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THE TAZEWELL SUPPLY CO.

TAZEWELL BOYS ARE MAKING GOOD

Have Forsaken Old Home For Distant Parts, But Are Measuring up With The Best of Them.

This office has had correspondence this week with Tazewell boys who have left the old home county—two of them the State, who merit special mention and commendation. One of them is B. Y. Peery, now a successful merchant at Coeburn. He is a son of Preston Peery, of this county. Ed. Rosenbaum says of him: he is a fine fellow and straight as a single. T. A. Repass, the insurance man, says "he is as prompt as a clock, and doing a fine business."

The editor has the best reasons in the world to believe it all. When you hit a fellow with a good sized subscription bill and he doesn't even grunt, but says, "here it is, best wishes," you have a pretty safe fellow in hand.

The other two boys are Cecil. They moved to Texas from Tazewell some years ago. Their letter head reads: "Cecil & Company." One of them is W. M. and the other G. W. Cecil. One of these, the writer does not know which one, is a son of the late Chester Cecil, of this county. The other is an uncle, we believe. They have a chain of 6 stores, one in each of towns of Crowell, Cleburn, and Hamlin, Texas, and Cecil-Blair Co., Cecil-Ramsel Co., and Cecil-Holt Co., in Chillicothe, Mo. The boys are evidently making good as Tazewell boys usually do. We are always glad to give the boys a boost, besides keeping them and their old home friends and relatives in touch through the columns of the old paper.

PINCHED.

The recent spell of bad weather following another one about as bad, pinched quite severely, but luckily did not last long. A number of people were caught short of provisions and obtain, some folks seem to forget that the "rainy day" is coming, and fail to provide for it. Like the grass hopper that sang all the summer, they are forced to wait when winter comes. The past twelve months have been unusually favorable for outdoor work, with only now and then a short interval when there was nothing doing outside. As a rule the entire population of the town have come through the winter in fine condition. The same with the stock. Feed has been plentiful and the winter mild. This recent cold spell was severe on young lambs, thousands of which came during the month of February, and are still coming. Perhaps there has been less "pinching" the past winter than for any previous winter for years past, and need not have been any at all.

HAS ANYBODY SEEN THIS PIG?

Houston St. Clair is mourning the loss of a little white pig, a gift from his friend, "Pete" Peirce. The pig wandered away from home last Friday, and has not been heard of since. He was last heard of going towards North Tazewell, but not towards the packing house. Mr. St. Clair is willing to pay a reasonable reward for the return of this pig.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Prices below are strictly cash at our Mill.  
Star Patent Flour, barrel, \$6.50  
Pure Wheat Middlings, per hund. \$6.50  
Pure Wheat Bran, western ton, \$20.00  
Pure Wheat Bran, country, \$20.00  
Pure Wheat Bran, hundred, \$1.65  
No. 1 Corn, 10 bushels and over, 95c  
No. 1 Corn, 1 bushel lots, 1.00  
B-st grade oats, 50 bu. lots, .62c  
Best grade oats, 5 bu. bags, bush. 60c  
Country ground meal, bushel, \$1.00  
Chicken feed, per hundred, \$2.00  
Why pay more for the above goods? But you are doing it every day. All we ask is a trial order.

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MENACE TO UNCLE SAM

Sea Lord Requiring Power and Insisting on U Boat War, Regardless of Neutral Rights, Says House to President.

Washington, March 6.—Col. E. M. House, who has just returned from the belligerent countries, today presented to President Wilson a first-hand report on conditions in the European capitals.

It is understood he told the President there are no reasons for believing that peace is in sight, that all the warring nations are determined to fight it out to a finish and that the terms of settlement are so conflicting that war is likely until either the central powers or the entente allies are exhausted.

One of the most important situations laid before the President by Col. House was the Berlin attitude toward submarine warfare and the position of the United States.

It is understood Col. House told the President that one of the greatest dangers in the present situation is the fact that the von Tirpitz element is getting into the saddle and demanding that Germany go the limit in submarine warfare, irrespective of the rights of neutrals.

He is reported to have pictured von Tirpitz and the Chancellor as being in conflict—with von Tirpitz demanding that submarines be utilized to the limit while Bethmann-Hollweg is attempting to remove the controversy with the United States by placating this government as far as possible.

It is understood Col. House told the President that the reports of strong anti-American feeling in various European countries have been exaggerated.

Col. House was waiting at the White House this morning when the President and Mrs. Wilson returned from their trip on the Mayflower. After breakfast together, the President and Col. House went into the study and talked for more than an hour.

FOUNDING MILL NEWS.

Mrs. L. L. Hunter and Miss H. T. Hunter, of Doanville, Va., came this morning to visit their brother, Mr. C. M. Hunter and family. Mrs. Hunter's husband is a lieutenant in the navy.

Mr. Lyle Houchins, 18 years old, of Cincinnati, who has been spending the winter with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGraw, was here yesterday morning on his way to Bluefield to undergo an operation for appendicitis. He had a very severe attack recently and decided to be operated on and have it over with.

Mrs. Susan Ward, of Thompson Valley and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie, of this place, went to Bondtown last Thursday and returned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Altizer went to Richards Sunday to see the former's brother, Mr. Dock Altizer who has been very ill for the past two weeks.

The following ladies spent last Thursday with Mrs. Wm. G. Gillespie, viz: Mesdames Martha Spurks, C. H. Trayer, Julia Williams, J. Sanders Gillespie and Flora Grear and children.

Rev. R. E. Greer, of Maxwell, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday night. Crawl out of your den, Mr. and Mrs. Groundhog, and hear him.

Robert, the eighteen year old son of the late John Dykes, has been very ill with pneumonia but is better.

The little seven year old son of Sam Brown, died suddenly a few days ago. He was taken ill about noon, and died shortly after dark. The cause of his death was unknown.

Lawson, the little nine-year old son of Fletcher and Ida Walton, colored, died about 3:40 p. m. yesterday at the quarry. The burial took place this afternoon near the old cemetery on W. B. Steele's place. He was a good little boy and the writer was grieved to hear of his death.

James Anderson, another little colored boy age 9, had the first fingers and thumb of his right hand torn off while playing with a dynamite cap the cap was a whistle and rolled it over the stove causing the explosion.

The school closed here yesterday, taught by Misses Sayers and Williamson. The former has decided to remain a month longer and finish some of the grades; Miss Williamson expects to leave for her home in the Eastern part of the State tomorrow, taught by Misses Sayers and Wilrow. They have taught a good school and the patrons are sorry to give them up.

Miss Sallie Britain, governess in Mrs.OLLIE HURT's family, spent the week end as usual with her father, H. P. Britain at Tazewell.

Mrs. James Osborne, who has been very sick, is reported better.

Mr. John Whitt returned Sunday from Paint Lick, where he had been nursing his wife, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Ernest McMullin, of Witten Mills, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mr. W. G. Gillespie and family. He was formerly a clerk in W. B. Steele & Co's store, but now has charge of a store at Liberty Hill.

Mr. William G. Gillespie spent the week end with homefolks, returning to the Cove Monday, where he has charge of the Ruskin store.

POCAHONTAS NEWS.

Personal Mention. Miss Julia Cliff, of Cincinnati, has accepted a position in the store of the Block Company.

Miss Hattie Wiggins, of Fayetteville, N. C., has accepted a position as milliner for Miss Emma Yates.

Mrs. Sol Bauch left Wednesday for Greensboro and Baltimore, to be gone about a month.

Mrs. G. H. Zimmerman left Tuesday for Fishersville to visit her mother in law, who is reported very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hill have been on a visit to their former home in Cincinnati.

James B. Yost was over from Graham Wednesday.

W. B. Snidow, of Pearisburg, was here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Preston, of Roanoke, has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walters.

J. C. Walters has the agency for the Chalmers automobile, and has received one from the factory, which he has in the Hicks-Roberts garage.

C. T. Griffith received bad injuries from a fall of slate in the mines of the Big Vein Pocahontas Collieries Co., and his leg was amputated at the Stump-Alexander hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Dupuy, who has been ill for two weeks, went Wednesday to a hospital for treatment. She has a severe cough.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ferrier, a son.

Miss Josephine Young, of Bristol, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. R. Wild-smith.

Mrs. J. H. McNeer and Mrs. Dr. L. E. Ward were Bluefield visitors on Wednesday.

House No. 84 of the Big Vein Coal Company was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, the occupants, E. Jennings and J. L. Lucado, losing all their household effects. Two of Mr. Jennings children, also Mrs. Jennings received burns, which cause them pain but were not serious.

Prof. C. C. Caldwell attended the educational conference at Radford and reports was very successful meeting.

PLEASED BOTH WAYS.

(Editorial.) The passage of the Witten-Shumate bill gives genuine satisfaction here, as does also the defeat of the Co-Ordinate College bill.

The daughters of the rich men, who want a higher education will be welcomed into the colleges and seminaries of other States nearby if there are none of sufficiently high grade in this State. Nine of ten girls who go to colleges from the High Schools go to denominational schools. If the State has money to spend, "to throw at birds," give it to the poor, starving free schools of the State.

"THE PEP" BEAT US TO IT.

The February issue of the High School paper, "The Pep," is just out. The Pep has beaten us to it. It has succeeded in getting a number of the merchants in this community to do a little advertising. The lesson taught would seem to be "start a school journal"; the number of copies issued makes no difference. Or were the "hoys" just aiming to help a good cause along?

POCAHONTAS "WET" 30 YEARS

Council Now Has Big Job of Providing Funds to Make up Loss of Taxes From The Saloons.

Pocahontas, Va., Mar. 8.—Pocahontas dry after May 1st—that sounds strange, but the passage by the State Senate yesterday of the Witten-Shumate amendment will make it a reality, if signed by Governor Stuart, which he will undoubtedly do. The town has been under license for nearly thirty years, and it will take some time for the readjustment to take place after May 1. There are some problems in financing for the town to solve, as they will not be able to figure on receipts from liquor license any more. The same problem confronts them now that many a town in the United States has had to grapple with in the last few years, as the progress of temperance under the direction of the anti-saloon league has been marvelous. The present instance of course had nothing to do with the anti-saloon league, in fact the anti-saloon league had nothing to do with it. As to the causes that brought it about the writer is not familiar, but we all know that the Witten-Shumate bill did the work.

Russian Killed. Angelo Onicks, a Russian, was killed at the tunnel between here and Bluestone on Saturday night, and John Canoke is in jail here charged with the crime. They had started to Bluestone to catch No. 17. About an hour later John Canoke returned and reported to the authorities that they had been held up by two negroes and that his companion had been shot. The police went to work on the case and on sufficient information proceeded to arrest Canoke. Both men were employed by the Lick Branch Colliery at Switchback.

WORK OF DELEGATES

Legislature Which Will Adjourn This Week, Passed Many Needel Laws—Co-ordinate College Bill Defeated.

Mr. Editor: The Legislature, which adjourns this week has had a memorable session.

It was "stormy" in many ways, and remarkable.

Many important bills were passed, and a number introduced that were not passed, which were of special importance. The most notable action of the General Assembly was the passage of the Mapp bill, which will make the State dry, lacking a quart, on November 1st, next. How this new law will affect such cities as Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Roanoke and some others, remains to be seen. In all these cities and throughout the State public sentiment favors strict adherence to the provisions of the law. Nobody expects that there will not be drinking and drunkenness still. The Mapp bill proposes only to stop the legal sale of liquor in the State except for medicinal purposes, and under certain restrictions as much as one quart is allowed each adult in the State per month. No doubt the next legislature will wipe out this concession and begin with a clean slate.

The passage of the Witten-Shumate bill, which makes Pocahontas dry as a bone six months in advance of the whole state, was an unexpected and sensational measure. Mr. Witten slipped up on the boys and caught "W" napping.

There was a strenuous, hard fight made for and against the measure. Not a few conscientious citizens took the ground that the measure was unfair, that the enabling act provided for the closing of the saloons on November 1st and that this provision should be carried out. A number of people who voted for the enabling act last year fought the Witten bill, and did all they could to give the saloons of Pocahontas six months longer lease of life. To no purpose, however, was all this effort in favor of the open saloons in Pocahontas. And Pocahontas, which has been a stench in the nostrils of the citizens of two states for years, will now soon enter upon a new era. Think of it! Pocahontas without a saloon. What effect this will have upon the business of the little city, judging from the experience of Bluefield and other cities and towns in West Virginia is plain. There will be better conditions all around. The great coal companies will continue to mine coal, and the miners will have more money to spend for groceries and clothing for their families and saloon keepers and others who have grown rich indirectly through the traffic in souls and human misery, no longer bank blood money, and the sidewalks of the streets will be laid in honest concrete instead of blood.

A measure of much importance defeated,