THE ELECTION BILLS.

TWO INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE.

The Three Measures Presented by Mr. Craig and the One Introduced by Mr. Coles Explained by the Patrons.

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Room No. 9 on the upper floor of the Capitol building, for the purpose of wrestling with the various election bills before that body. Mr. Harrison, of Lynchburg, presided. The first measures considered were three election bills introduced by Mr. Craig, of Rockbridge. The patron, who was present, explained the three measures. The first one, he said, provided that the General Assembly shall elect as members of the various Electoral Boards three qualified voters, one each from the two political parties casting the highest number of votes at the preceding gubernatorial election, and provided he is recommended by the chairman of the State Executive Committee of his party. The selection of the third member is left to the General Assembly, and in this manner the party in power is always to be represented by two members on each board.

The second measure is to amend section 117 of the Code of Virginia, and provides that the electoral Board of each city and county is to elect three competent judges of election, each one of whom is to be able to read and write, and two of whom are to belong to different political parties, and have to be recommended by the respective county chairmen.

THE THIRD BILL.

The third bill introduced by Mr. Craig seeks to amend sections 3, 7, 8, and 11 of the Walton law. It provides that the ballots shall be delivered by the secretary of the respective Electoral Boards to the sheriff of the county or sergeant of the city, instead of to the judges, as provided under the present law. Each ballot shall have parallel columns for the various poitical parties and candidates, and the order in which they are to be printed shall be the same for all ballots. The sheriff is to deliver the ballots to the judges of election. Heretofore the latter were expected to go after them, but inasmuch as they did not receive any pay for this part of the work, they often neglected it, and the result was that no election could be had. A voter who is unable to mark the official ballot in the prescribed manner may, under Mr. Craig's bill, be assisted by one of the judges of election in preparing his ballot, but this has to be done in the presence of the other judges. The special constable is abolished by the bill.

After explaining his bills Mr. Craig said he thought the time had come when it was necessary to change the existing election law and the manner of voting. A great apathy was shown among the people, which was caused by the present election law. The Democrats in his county demanded a change, and the law ought to be so altered as to do away even with the suspicion that fraud might be perpetrated.

General Hundley thought the existing election law was as fair as any on the statute-book.

MR. COLES' BILL.

The next bill taken up was the one introduced by Mr. Coles, of Northumberland. That gentleman also spoke of the necessity of bringing about a change in the election law. The bill presented by him, he said, was framed by the conference committee of the members of the General Assembly who called themselves the opposition only as far as the election law was concerned.

The bill had been submitted to some of the best lawyers in the State, and everything political had been eliminated. One of the first changes intended by the bill was in regard to the electoral boards, which at present were very often the seat of the existing evil. The members of these boards, under Mr. Coles' bill, are to be appointed by the county judge, who are to represent three different political parties, provided the latter have polled at least 10 per cent. of the entire vote at the last general election. In the case of a fusion, no more than two judges of election shall belong to one political party, and one clerk has to be selected from each party. Appeals from the registrar shall be taken to the nearest justice of the peace, instead of the county court, which will lessen the expenses and hasten the decision.

LIKE THE OHIO BILL.

The ballot selected is the same one as used in Ohio, where it has been endorsed by both political parties. It is of the blanket form, and has on its top a stub, which is numbered and gives name and residence of the voter. The stub is detached and handed in at the same time as the ballot and its number corresponds with that on the poll-book. The ballot is provided with emblems of the various political parties, and is divided in columns. Three or five copies of the official ballot have to be posted on election-day at certain distances from the polling places, and a penalty is fixed for the removal of these ballots. People who cannot read or write are to go to some justice of the peace to be assisted by him in the preparing of the ballot, and the constable feature has been done away with.

All ballots are to be printed in the same order and type, and they all have to be of the same size. A number of amendments are also made in regard to the challenging of votes, and illegal voting is to be punished like perjury.

In closing, Mr. Coles assured the committee that the minority was ready to co-operate with the Democrats in securing an honest election law, and if the Democrats should prepare a bill that appeared fair to the minority they would support it.

TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Finance Committees of the two houses of the General Assembly met last evening at 8 o'clock, and made some preliminary arrangements in regard to the consideration of the appropriation bill.

The Finance Committee of the House has declined to report favorably an appropriation for a Virginia exhibit at the Nashville Exposition.

NOT TO REMOVE THE COURT-HOUSE.

The House Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns held a session last night, and considered a bill providing for the removal of the court-house of Wise county. A number of interested persons were heard, and it was finally decided to report the bill adversely.

TO CONSIDER MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The House Committee on Military and Militia will meet this evening at 8 o'clock and consider some of the military bills on the Calendar. Persons interested in the measures are invited to be present.

DESERTED HER HUSBAND.

Woman Takes Her Baby With Her and the Money in the Cash Drawer.

A few weeks ago a man giving his name as D. E. Akins, with his wife and baby, came to this city from the southern part of Georgia. Not long after their arrival in Richmond, Akins set up business as a saloon-keeper at No. 20 north Seventh street. The couple appeared to get along well enough, and no one in the neighborhood was given reason to believe they were not happy. It was stated, however, that business was not very lively, and this may have been the origin of the young wife's determination to desert her husband.

Be this as it may, Akins is now very much grieved over the disappearance of his wife, who deserted him, and took along with her the baby and some money which was in the cash-drawer, not thought to be more than $5. Whether she has eloped with a new love, or whether she simply grew tired of the quiet life she has been living since her residence in this city, has not yet been settled, and the wronged husband is pondering over these questions, as well as the reason why she should have deserted him at all.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Akins came down stairs early, and entering the saloon with the baby in her arms, said she was going out for a short walk. She kissed her husband affectionately, and there was nothing in her manner to arouse his suspicions. Akins went on about his business, and thought no more of the matter until about two hours later, when a collector for a brewing concern from which the bar-keeper had been getting beer entered the saloon and presented his bill. The bar-keeper went to the cash-drawer for money with which to settle the account, but upon opening the drawer he was much surprised to find that all the money was missing, and only a note remained. This was addressed to him, in his wife's handwriting. The collector noted that after perusing the note, the bar-keeper threw up his hands in an attitude of mingled astonishment and grief, after which he deliberately tore up the note, and informed the collector that he had been robbed and deserted by his wife.

After seeking for his wife in vain, Akins went to police headquarters and notified Chief-of-Police Howard of what had happened. Major Howard listened to the man's story, and then detailed Sergeant A. M. Tomlinson to investigate the case.

Sergeant Tomlinson made a diligent search for the woman, and finally discovered that she had taken the south-bound train over the Atlantic Coast Line, which left this city at 9:05 A. M. Up to a late hour last night the woman's whereabouts were a matter of conjecture, and it was thought by Akins that she had gone to Savannah, Ga.

A colored servant who disappeared about the same time with the Akins woman is thought to have accompanied the runaway wife.

THE JAMES RIVER CONVOCATION.

Two Sessions Were Held in St. Mark's Church by the Body Yesterday.

The James River Convocation reconvened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Mark's Episcopal church. The first hour was spent by the ministers present in devotional discussions. At 11 o'clock service was held, with holy communion. It was conducted by Rev. P. G. Nash and Rev. L. R. Mason, with Rev. S. S. Hepburn reading the service. The convocation sermon was preached by Rev. P. R. Nugent. His text was from the 8th chapter of St. John and 36th verse—"If the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." This sermon was under two heads, "Implied Slavery" and "Deliverance." The speaker showed how we are all in bondage, being children of habit. He said humanity was a slave to the habits of fashion, politics, worries, and cares, and that it was useless for any one to try and throw off a habit without help from Christ. The sermon was a most able one.

Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock by the ladies of the church, after which the convocation went into executive session, with the president, Rev. J. J. Gravatt, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, presiding. After the minutes had been read and approved, the report of the treasurer of the convocation was received, and it showed that after paying all expenses from October 20th, the convocation had on hand a balance of $7.37.

A number of committees reported, and much routine business was transacted. Several changes in the by-laws of the convocation were made.

After the evening service, the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, of St. Paul's church, opened the discussion for the evening, "The Modern Method of Raising Church Funds."

Rev. R. A. Goodwin and Rev. S. S. Hepburn also spoke aldy upon this subject.

The Convocation will be in session again to-day.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Sallie Stuart, of Alexandria, the secretary of the Virginia branch of Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, talked to the ladies of St. Mark's upon the subject of missions, in the lecture-room of the church.

FISHING IN THE POTOMAC.

Committees to be Appointed by Virginia and Maryland.

The Senate Committee on Fish and Game met yesterday afternoon and reported the resolution introduced by Mr. Mason about two weeks ago, providing that a committee of two on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House be appointed to meet a similar committee from the Legislature of Maryland to confer as to concurrent legislation in regard to the fishing interests of both States.

The preamble and resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, complaint has been made to the Senate of Virginia that the laws relating to fishing in the Potomac river are inadequate to protect the rights of persons in Virginia; and, whereas, under the compact between Maryland and Virginia, no law relating to the same will have any binding effect until the same has been concurred in by the State of Maryland; therefore,

eB it resolved by the Senate of Virginia (the House concurring), That a committee of two on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House of Delegates be appointed to inquire into the cause of complaint, and to request the General Assembly of Maryland to appoint a similar committee to meet the Virginia committee during its inquiry—power hereby being given the committee on the part of Virginia to sit during the recess of the Virginia General Assembly, and to hear evidence, and it shall ask the committee on the part of Maryland to meet it at some convenient point. Each member of the committee hereby appointed shall pay his own expenses, and such committee shall report to this or the next General Assembly by bill or otherwise."

Mr. LeCato offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing that Pocomoke river and sound be included in the inquiry, and that the provision requiring that each member shall pay his own expenses be stricken out.

The Legislature of Maryland Tuesday passed a similar resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint committee to treat with the General Assembly of Virginia to secure legislation for the protection of fish in the tributaries of the Chesapeake.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD."

As Usual, It Is Well Received by a Very Large Audience.

"The Old Homestead" was received with the most flattering applause by a large audience at the Academy last night. The play has been produced in Richmond frequently before, and threatre-goers here are familiar with it. Despite the inclement weather the house was crowded, and every one present appeared to be delighted with the performance. The scenes are well laid and the several roles cleverly executed. There is a certain mingled humor and pathos about the play that appeals to both the sense of the ridiculous and the sentiment in one's nature. The accessories are good, and there is not a feature of the production which is not altogether creditable.

Mr. John Barker as Joshua Whitcomb, Mr. Fred. Clarke as Cy Prune, Miss Carrie Ashley Clarke as Aunt Matilda Whitcomb, and, indeed, the entire troupe sustained their parts admirably. Not the least enjoyable feature was "The Old Homestead" double quartette, composed of Messrs. Orcut, Martin, Wood, Meyers, Akerly, Kammerice, Wright, and Thomas. They sang several numbers, which were enthusiastically received.

"The Old Homestead" will be repeated at the matinee this afternoon and the engagement will close to-night.

Seats are now on sale for the concert and operetta to be given at the Academy Friday night under the auspices of the German-American Ladies' Aid Association for the benefit of the Virginia Hospital. The programme has been devised under the personal supervision of Messrs. Charles Phillips and A. von Rosenegk, and consists of a number of musical features and a clever operetta, entitled "A Masked Ball in a Tunnel." In the latter part Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Richter, Mrs. Liebert, and Mr. H. Rueger will take part.

To Map Out a Plan.

The special joint committee appointed by the two houses of the General Assembly to investigate the charges preferred against the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind will hold an executive session this morning at 10 o'clock to map a plan for the further investigation. It has been very nearly settled that part of the sessions of the committee will be held at Staunton; but it is not yet known when the committee will leave here. No additional witnesses have as yet been summoned, and the taking of testimony will not begin until Monday.

Guests at the Exchange Hotel.

Among the guests at the Exchange Hotel yesterday were the following: Major R. H. Perry and wife of Bristol, R. I., father-in-law of Colonel A. W. Archer, proprietor of the hotel; Captain Oscar E. Edwards, president of the Norfolk Pilot Association; Colonel R. C. Marshall, Commonwealth's Attorney of Norfolk county; Dr. R. W. Saunders, of Wythe county, former member of the House of Delegates.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

A MRS. MARK DAVIS HAS HER HUSBAND ARRESTED IN WELDON.

It is Stated That He Married Miss Anderson, of Richmond, and Miss Houseman, of Manchester.

The Times received the following special last night from Weldon, N. C.:

Mrs. Mark Davis, of Richmond, arrived here yesterday and created the most profound sensation when she went before Major Thomas L. Eury, a justice of the peace, and swore out a warrant charging Mark Davis with having more wives than the law allows. Davis has been at work at Roanoke Rapids, and with him was a woman who claimed to be his wife.

WHAT MRS. DAVIS SAYS.

Mrs. Davis No. 1 stated that she was the lawful wife of Davis. Wife No. 2 said that her maiden name was Houseman, and that she met and married Davis one year ago. She said she was from Manchester, and acknowledged that she figured in the celebrated Houseman trial in Richmond several years ago. She claims that Davis married her in a carriage, and that a Mr. Wright performed the ceremony.

The first Mrs. Davis said that she was formerly Miss Anderson, of Richmond. The justice sent Davis on to the grand jury, and in default of a $200 bond, he was sent to jail. I learn that he admits the former marriage and confesses to bigamy.

NOT RICHMOND'S MARK DAVIS.

Mr. Goodman Davis, a brother of Mr. Mark Davis, former proprietor of the Davis House, now the Imperial Hotel, when seen last night, denied positively that the Mark Davis mentioned above was his brother.

He had recently, he said, received a letter from his brother, who was, on Monday night last, at Fostoria, Ohio, with "The Finnegan's Ball" Company, with which he has been for the past three years. The company has been touring Ohio, and is now on its way to the Pacific slope.

Mr. Davis said that his brother did not marry a Richmond girl, and that his wife's maiden name was not Anderson. He married a lady from Detroit, Mich., whose name he was unable to recall.

RICHMOND MAN DISAPPEARS.

Has Been Missing Nearly Two Weeks and Foul Play is Suspected.

A special to The Times from Weldon, N. C., last night says:

It is reported here to-day that Mr. Frank Gale, who works at the mill, has mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Gale left last Saturday week and has not since been heard from. He left all his belongings at Mr. V. Burton's, where he boarded. He is a Richmond man, and I learn has numerous relatives in your city. It is feared by many that Mr. Gale has been murdered, as there is money due him at the office of the Canal Company, and there is no known reason why he should absent himself. He stated, when leaving, that he would return in a day or two.

MARY ABERNATHY TO GO.

Sheriff Cardoza, of Lunenburg, to Take Her Back To-Day.

Sheriff M. C. Cardoza, of Lunenburg, arrived in the city on Tuesday and registered at the Imperial Hotel.

This morning he will take Mary Abernathy back to Lunenburg with him, she having so far recovered as to be able to travel.

Emma Willard Association.

An organization known as the "Emma Willard Association," of the Troy Female Seminary, of Troy, N. Y., has been formed for the purpose of preparing a biographical record of all the members of the Troy Female Seminary from the foundation of the institution by Madame Emma Willard in 1821 to the retirement of her successors in 1872. Madame Willard was widely known as the author of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and the school has acquired a wide reputation as an institution of learning.

Mrs. Russell Sage, of New York, is the president of the association. An effort is being made to secure the addresses of any ladies in the South who were attendants of the institution, and with this object in view all communications bearing upon this work will be promptly handled by Mrs. A. W. Fairbanks, No. 19 Garrison street, Boston, Mass.

Failed to Have a Quorum.

A meeting of the Council Committee on Water was called for last night in room No. 12 of the City Hall for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Mr. Tomlinson, inspector of pump-houses. In the absence of a quorum, however, no business could be transacted. The only members present were Messrs. Briggs (chairman), Bahen, Lawder, and Trower. It was decided to make another attempt at obtaining a quorum to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. The salary of the position is $1,500 a year, and the following candidates have up to the present time filed their applications with the committee: Peter D. Small, John T. Harwood, J. P. Tompkins, L. N. Waring, and John C. Boyden.

Leap-Year German.

The Leap-Year Ball which took place at the Masonic Temple last night was a brilliant and successful event. It was under the management of Mrs. Charles Loth and Mrs. George Frank. Many of the most prominent and influential Germans were present. The music was furnished by Bascier's orchestra, and Mr. Edward Stumpf, the delightful caterer, served a delightful repast. The and Mr. Edward Stumpf, the efficient of the season's social events, and every one enjoyed himself immensely.

Pretty Church Hill Marriage.

Mr. Gilbert Lee Satterwhite and Miss M. Estelle Blunt, were married last night at 9:30 o'clock at Venable-Street Baptist church, Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, officiating.

The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and a large number of friends of the contracting parties attended.

Poetry and Melody.

"Contentment," a song for soprano or tenor, words by Harvey L. Wilson, music by Jacob Reinhardt, which was recently published, is a gem of melody, such as Mr. Reinhardt might well feel proud of. The words are full of beauty and pathos, and the song will doubtless become quite popular.

For Business Men.

"A Record, not a Prospectus," for 1895, published by the Bradstreet Company, is full of valuable information for business men.

It contains statistical information about business conditions and failures with their causes. The tables are of much service to merchants and others.

Dr. Palmer Worse.

The condition of Dr. W. P. Palmer, who is ill at the Virginia Hospital, was not so favorable last night.

PERSONALS AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

The conditon of Mr. George Gibson was unchanged last night.

Police-Officer Foster is improving slowly, but still he is quite sick.

Mr. J. B. Quesenberry, agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company at Forest depot, is visiting the city.

Prayer-meetings will be held at Calvary Baptist church to-night and to-morrow night. On Sunday the church will begin a series of meetings, conducted by Dr. McConnell, of Lynchburg.

Messrs. Apperson & Co. have sold the four office buildings on Eleventh street, between Main and Bank streets, occupied by John T. Goddin & Co., N. W. Bowe, and others, for $35,250. They were purchased by Mann S. Valentine's executors.

A white woman named Mrs. Ellen Dobson, was arrested on the corner of Seventeenth and Dock streets yesterday morning for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and locked up at the First station.

IRON TRADE DRIFTING.

Some Activity in Foundry Iron—Effect of the Currency Situation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The Iron Age in its weekly review of iron and metal trades to-morrow, will say:

The heavy and widespread subscriptions to the new loan cannot help having a good influence on the general business situation of the country, and in that improvement, the iron and allied trades must have their share. Few are likely to forget, however, that it is merely a palliative, and not a cure for the evils of the currency-question situation and the financial position of the government, so that business men will take advantage of the better feeling in a conservative spirit.

The iron trade is drifting. There is comparatively little doing. Some Bessemer pig is selling from second hands at $12 to $12.25, while steel is peddling at $17.50 to $18.

There has been some inquiry for and moderate selling of wire rods, and a moderate run of business in finished iron and steel all over the country, but there is no vim in the business. In foundry iron there has been some activity. The Chicago furnaces have lowered their price and have charged considerable business in their own market.

In the South the cast-iron pipe men have placed orders for about 19,000 tons and quite some hard tonnage has been placed in tidewater markets at low prices.

Quite a large business has been done in copper for early delivery, and the market has decidedly stiffened.

Lead, too, has shown a rising tendency, and spelter is unquestionably in better shape.

STUART IS NOT ALARMED.

He Says the Fight Will Come Off Despite Congress' Action.

EL PASO, TEX., Feb. 5.—When word reached El Paso to-day that the House of Representatives had taken a hand in the suppression of prize-fighting and passed a bill making it a felony in the Territories, gossip became rife concerning the great carnival which is take place near here in the next two weeks.

Dan Stuart, when asked what effect the bill would have upon his carnival if it became a law, said:

"None in the least. The English Parliament may pass a similar bill to-morrow, and still the carnival will go ahead as advertised."

Joe J. Taylor, of the firm of Lock & Taylor, who gave Mr. Stuart his clue upon which the preparations have been made, was seen, and Mr. Stuart's statement was confirmed. If those most interested were disconcerted over the news they concealed their feelings from those not on the inside.

Mr. Look is in Chihuahua, and reports from there are said to be of a character to make the sports feel safe.

On the other hand, the Minister's Union and other parties opposing the fights are confident that the legislation of to-day, if it becomes law ruins the last chance that Dan Stuart had of keeping his word with the sports of the country. They claim to have positive assurances that Governor Ahumada will not under any circumstances allow the fight in his State, and that the "doubtful strip" talked of is ridiculous.

MORELAND AND HOUSE IN COURT.

They Will Make a Stubborn Fight—A Plea of Not Guilty Entered.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 5.—Major W. C. Moreland, ex-City Attorney for Pittsburg, and his assistant, W. H. House, were called to answer charges of malfeasance in office before Judge Stowe, presiding in the Criminal Court, this morning. They have prepared for a stubborn fight, and began it at the very outset.

There was a fair crowd present at 9:30 o'clock when the cases were called.

The attorneys representing Mr. Moreland were Ferguson & Georhring. Those representing Mr. House were Messrs. Patterson, O'Brien, and Brennan. The defendants sat behind their counsel and closely watched every point in the preliminary proceedings.

Attorney Goehring entered a plea of not guilty.

Attorney Patterson moved that the indictment against Mr. House be quashed. This motion Judge Stowe ruled out of order, but the court, he said, was willing to hear the motion submitted in writing. Mr. Patterson made a short argument in support of the motion, at the end of which the court overruled the motion.

Mr. Ferguson presented a similar motion in behalf of Mr. Moreland, which was also overruled.

The counsel then took the selection of a jury.

The Cashier Responsible.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—Receiver Field, of the insolvent Fifth Avenue Savings Bank, will shake his report of the bank's condition to the Court to-morrow. He says to-day that the shortage in the bank's accounts, so far as he has been able to ascertain, would reach $70,000 at least.

Outstanding liabilities, of which he had not been advised, might raise the figures over $80,000.

Receiver Field stated that Cashier Knight was responsible for the funds for both the Farmers and Merchants and the Fifth Avenue Banks, and it remains for him to tell what became of the missing assets. The assets of the banks are mostly in the shape of secured notes, and it will take some time before they can be realized upon.

The creditors will not lose anything, but they will probably have to wait some time for their money.

President J. M. Loren, of the Fifth Avenue Savings Bank, has called a meeting of the directors and creditors of the bank next Monday evening, at which Cashier Knight will make a statement. So far no proposition has been made to arrest him, and the fact is generally commented upon.

Thirty Days for Whipping a Man.

ORLANDO, FLA., Feb. 5.—John D. Heard, Samuel Pullman, George Ralls, and Frank Lawson were to-day convicted of the whipping of W. A. Brauner and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

An appeal was taken. All the parties are prominent citizens of Maitland, this county.

Last fall many ladies at Maitland received some very vile anonymous letters. It was alleged that Brauner wrote these obscene missives, and to punish him Heard, Ralls, Pullman, and Lawson seized him on the night of October 5th, took him to the woods, tied him to a tree, and whipped him till he was nearly dead.

Brauner has always denied writing the letters, and prosecuted his assailants, with the above result. The Court to-day excluded all evidence in regard to the letters.

John J. Heard and W. O. Ralls, two of the men convicted, are respectively postmaster and assistant postmaster at Maitland.

The St. Paul Inspected.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A board of survey was held aboard the American steamship St. Paul to-day. Five underwriters began the survey at 9 o'clock, and did not finish their labors until late this afternoon. The whole ship was gone over, the visitors being piloted about by Chief Engineer Carnegie. When the surveyors finally left the pier none of them were anxious to talk, and they said that in all probability their report would not be ready until to-morrow.

The officers of the ship and the line are emphatic in the statement that the vessel sustained no injuries as the result of her ten-days' imprisonment on the Long Branch sands.

All of them said that the plan is to dispatch her on her return trip to Southampton on February 19th.

The Yeasey Has Not Sailed.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 5.—The steamer Veasey has not yet sailed, but lies at her dock in Birdy, having no appearance of a filibusterer. Her owners have no objection to a thorough inspection of the vessel, and laugh at the idea that she is under suspicion of being a filibusterer.

The sensational stories sent out by a press association as to her sailing with a large number of men on board have no foundation.

Attempted to Wreck a Train.

WAUPACA, WIS., Feb. 5.—John and William McCunn were arrested at Amherst, Wisconsin, last night for an attempt to wreck a Wisconsin Central passenger train near here on Friday night. They confessed the deed and said their object was to wreck the train and rob the passengers.

KILLED SEVEN PERSONS.

UXORCIDE, MATRICIDE, PATRICIDE, INFANTICIDE AND SUICIDE

Committed by a Man Out of Work—Neighbors Who Called With News of Work Witnessed a Ghastly Sight.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—An entire family, consisting of seven persons, were found dead this morning, the result of the murderous work and suicide last night of Richard Kloettke, a carpenter, residing at 207 Berteau avenue. The dead are: Richard Kloettke, aged thirty-eight; Kate Kloettke, his wife; John Kloettke, his father, aged seventy-three; Mina Kloettke, his mother, aged seventy-one; Mina Kloettke, his daughter, aged nine; Anna Kloettke, daughter, aged eight; Emma Kloettke, daughter, aged seven.

The discovery was made at 7:30 o'clock this morning by a neighbor, who called at the Kloettke residence to get some work done. The victims were all killed by shots from the revolver which was found by Kloettke's side. Kloettke had been out of work for some time, and had no money and no prospect of getting work.

Kloettke had been out of work since Christmas. A pathetic feature of the tragedy is two neighbors called at the Kloettke cottage this morning, each with glad news of employment for him.

Each of Kloettke's victims were shot through the head, and death must have been instantaneous in each case. There was an odor of chloroform in the house, and it is surmised that the murderer had rendered his victims unconscious before firing the fatal shots.

The appearance of Mrs. Kloettke alone, of all the victims, presented any indication of a struggle. Her hands were scratched and her clothing torn.

Little Emma and her mother were found in the rear room, while in the front room the aged grandparents lay in one bed, and the remaining two children in another. Kloettke's body lay on the floor. Beside him, on a chair, were a whetstone and two sharpened knives. He had emptied his revolver and reloaded it.

PULASKI COUNTY COURT.

The Millers and Leo Wheat Make a Fine Impression.

PULASKI, VA., Feb. 5.—Special.—Monday night the Poke Miller-Rush Miller-Leo. Wheat combination made its debut in the opera-house here, and a brilliant success it was. The house was packed and applauded vigorously every piece for the two hours of the entertainment.

Each of the trio was perfect in his line. Leo Wheat's piano almost talked, it was so full of music, the distinguished pianist throwing his whole soul into his accompaniments to the banjo and Confederate songs. Dixie and Yankee Doodle were both heartily cheered by the large audience, while many a Confederate veteran became a boy again as he drank in the familiar music and words of "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and "My Maryland."

This is not the first appearance of Polk Miller or of his "Cousin Rush" either, as Polk calls Rush Miller, but like old wine, they grow better with age. Rush will please pardon the comparison, not found in the Prohibition dictionary.

The combination played last night in Roanoke, to-night in Lynchburg, to-morrow in Danville, and then in North Carolina, all for the benefit of the James A. Walker Confederate Camp, at Pulaski. The camp is thus taking time by the forelock and raising funds for the trip to Richmond to dedicate the Davis monument.

The County Court is in session, Judge Hudson presiding. The Judge is working hard to reduce his docket. He has given two days to the civil cases, and later on will tackle the criminal business.

Our new court-house has passed the foundation stage, and work is rapidly progressing on it.

Farmers report wheat as looking well, despite the absence of the usual amount of snow. The weather is delightful. Another copious rain has fallen, and Peak creek has on her Sunday clothes.

The new suspension bridge across Peak creek at Randolph avenue is nearly done, and is indeed "a thing of beauty, and it looks so strong and firm that one would almost think it will prove "a joy forever."

Our people have enjoyed the beautiful pictures in The Times of the fair daughters of Richmond who were the queens of the Kirmess. God bless the ladies' angles of mercy alike in peace and war, and in every portion of our dear old State. The ladies of Pulaski are now rehearsing "Our Boys," which they will give in the opera-house on the 11th for the benefit of the Pulaski Confederate monument, which they will build.

STILL AFTER RAILROADS.

The South Carolina House Passes Several More Radical Bills.

COLUMBIA S. C., Feb. 5.—To-day was a sort of dooms-day for railroads in the House. All the radical bills aimed at the railroad corporations were called up, and, amid corporations, they were passed—even the "Jim-Crow car" bill, which has haunted every General Assembly for a decade, was passed.

The House was in a humor to go for the railroads, and no time was lost in doing so, the action of the night before in adopting the bill providing for forfeiture of charters for failure to operate rates fixed by the State Railroad Commission having set the pace. A bill was passed to-day fixing an arbitrary first-class passenger rate of three cents per mile, and a second-class rate of two and a half cents per mile. The separate coach bill was passed.

To-night the House came very near passing a bill to absolutely prohibit the running of any freight train between 12 o'clock Sunday and 12 o'clock Sunday night.

A new bill was introduced to-day to regulate the movement of cars, trains, and traffic between lines connecting within this State, and to prevent any discrimination in the rates charged or facilities offered such lines, and to prevent all discrimination, and to require facilities and advantages to all railroad companies in or out of the State with which they directly or indirectly connect, and to provide for the issuance and recognition of through bills of lading by all railroads doing business in this State, to prevent the division of freight, and to provide penalties for its violation; and to constitute the same a misdemeanor, and to provide punishment therefor.

NO CHOICE IN KENTUCKY.

Great Excitement Prevailed, but No Trouble Followed.

FRANKFORT, KY., Feb. 5.—The greatest crowd that has ever attended a joint ballot was present this morning. The galleries were crowded, and some women were present at first, but their fears got the best of them and they went away. The greatest excitement prevailed, and the crowd was with difficulty kept from pushing on to the floor of the House.

When the name of Senator Hayward was called he asked to be allowed to explain his vote. He said he was for sound money, but was confronted by a peculiar crisis. He was not moved by a threat, but in order to secure the greatest good for the greatest number, he would vote for Blackburn.

This announcement was received with great applause. Senator Hayward has heretofore voted for a gold standard Democrat.

Senator Holloway, who has also voted that way, voted for Blackburn.

Senator Stege voted for Hunter.

The result of the ballot was as follows: Hunter, 86; Blackburn, 62; McCreary, 7; Carlisle, 2; Bate, 1.

Mr. Bate offered a resolution that the joint assembly go into the election of a librarian. While he was reading a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was put. The Democrats hissed the Lieutenant-Governor, and say his ruling today will make trouble to-morrow.

Mr. Beckham was worn out this morning. He arrived in the city this morning after driving sixty miles through the country to arrive in time to vote for a senator. He will serve on the same committees as the late Isaac Wilson.

Senator Ogilvie made his appearance on the floor of the Senate this morning for the first time. His physician accompanied him and watched him closely. This makes the last Democrat to come, and gives the same number as the Republicans.

OFF FOR MARE ISLAND.

Six Officers and 160 Men From the Texas Leave Portsmouth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A detachment of 160 men and six officers from the battleship Texas left Portsmouth, Va., at 9:30 o'clock this morning, en route for Mare Island, Cal., the route being by way of the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Pacific railroad (Sunset Route). They were carried by a special train, composed of two baggage cars, five tourist sleeping cars, and one Pullman car, and this train will run through solid from Portsmouth to the coast. Every facility will be used to have this train carried through on the schedule which has been arranged. The time occupied will be about five days and eight hours.

The contract with the Navy Department was made by the Southern Pacific officials.

Wilmington's Distinction.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.—Active work has begun in equipping the American Manufacturing and Export Company's cotton-seed delinting factory at Wilmington.

It will ship the cleaned seed to Europe. It will be the only factory of its kind in the world, and the company will follow it with similar ones at all seaports in the South. The stockholders are from Wilmington, New York, Baltimore, and Indianapolis. The daily capacity will be one hundred tons of seed. Seed exported will be converted into oil and the lint will be sold in the United Staes for paper stock. The factory begins operations March 1st.

Seven or Eight Killed.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 5.—Persons who were at the wreck on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad, at Tanner's Creek, in Dearborn county, Monday, declare that seven or eight persons were killed. William Michaels, a laborer out of work, who was in the wreck, says he is positive he saw or felt six or seven bodies in the car, in which many tramps were riding. Other reports coming from visitors to the scene of the wreck state that at least six or eight lives were lost. The company's officers here still insist that but one life was lost.

Mississippi's Penitentiary.

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 5.—The Board of Control of the penitentiary has postponed the trial of the charges of mismanagement and negligence against Warden Jenkins till Tuesday next, in order that he may prepare defence for himself and sergeants.

In th meantime other complaints are being filed against him.

A negro farmer, who lived a mile from the Rankin State farm, complained to the Governor to-day that convicts roamed all over his neighborhood and had stolen his pigs and fowl.

Brokers Ask 117 for Bonds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—There was some lively bidding for the new 4 per cent. bonds on the curb this afternoon. The quotation on the street at 5 o'clock was 116 3-4 bid and 117 asked. The impression here is that the Morgan syndicate will get the bulk of the new loan. The combination bid about 111 for the bonds, so that if the Secretary should award the bonds to the Morgan syndicate the latter will have a market at once, and at a big profit.

Right of Way on the Central Railroad.

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 5.—The right of way belonging to the Central railroad was sold here to-day, and, with other property, brought $61,140. The right of way was bought originally for a belt line road, but was never used for that purpose. All the property sold to-day by Commissioner Leaken was bought in for Thomas & Ryan, purchasers of the Central. More than half the right of way had been omitted from the legal advertisement, and the commissioner would not sell it.

Shouldn't Ride on Passes.

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 5.—Senator Noel introduced a resolution instructing the joint committee appointed to investigate State officers to appoint a sub-committee to ascertain whether or not the Railroad Commissioners have violated the Code chapter which prohibits them riding on free passes, and if they have to report a bill to secure observance in future.

No Mississippi commissioner or judge is allowed to ride on a free pass.

Mr. Ireland's Condition.

WINSTON, N. C., Feb. 5.—Special.—Mr. H. B. Ireland, who was entombed yesterday by the falling of one of his factory walls, is still alive, and his physicians now have some hope for his recovery. Three ribs on his left side are broken, besides a bad scar above the left eye, and painful bruises on his arms and body. The other factory walls were torn down to-day to prevent another accident.

Texas Probably for Free Silver.

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 5.—The State Democratic Executive committee was in session here to-day. The silver caucus was attended by fourteen members of the committee. Silver was victorious on the one convention scheme in the caucus. It is likely that the majority of the delegates to the National Convention will be free silver men.

OBITUARY.

William Brannan.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—Special.—Mr. Wm. Brannan, one of our oldest citizens, died suddenly at his home to-night, aged eighty-three years. He was the oldest Mason of this city. He was the father of Mr. W. L. Brannan, a prominent merchant here, and had relatives in Baltimore and New York.

Two Nominations Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Senate, in executive session, this afternoon, discussed for one hour the nominations of George H. Newman, of Fayetteville, Tenn., and J. C. Keenan, of Straig Town, Ind., to be assistant auditors in Washington. A fight was made on the ground that it has a violation of home policy.

Senator Bate championed the Tennessee man. By a tie vote of 25 to 25, the nomination was rejected. An effort will be made to have the vote reconsidered, but no one who voted in the negative could be induced to move the renomination.

Australian Scheme of Defence.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 5.—A conference of the commandants of the force of the Australian colonies, after sitting a week, has reached a scheme of concentrated Federal defence, and also that all Australian troops be armed with rifles of the same pattern, calibre, etc., as those supplied to the Imperial troops.

No Legal Protection Against Gum-Chewers

"Mary, the Gum-Chewer," is abroad in the land and the female seminary girl will now have to give up the medal to this new woman with the untiring maxillary. Mary's full name has a musical ring. "Mary May Maloney" was the way it was written on Justice Richardson's docket esterday morning, Mary having been arrested during the night for disorderly conduct.

Officer Sherbert, who made the arrest, asserted that Mary's gum chewing was becoming a source of annoyance to the police force from the fact that she chewed in public so ferociously and incessantly as to attract large crowds.

Sunday night, the officer asserted, Mary stood near the corner of Harrison and State streets manipulating a generous quantity of tolu and the people on their way to the theatres stopped short at sight of her.

"Many of them," declared the officer, "involuntarily worked their jaws in sympathy and with that same magnetic power exercised by the pied-piper, of Hamlintown, over the village children, Mary Maloney held her subjects in a spell."

"Well," said Justice Richardson, when the officer had finished