

MR. FOLKES' EXPLANATION. He Tells Why He Thinks the State Might Publish Its Histories. LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Opposition to the Usual University Appropriation—Mr. Flanagan's Election Bill—Second Auditor Elected—Routine of the Two Houses.

Not much of public interest was done in the Legislature yesterday with the exception of disposing of the anti-foot-ball bill.

Rev. Dr. W. V. Tudor made the prayer at the opening of the proceedings of the Senate.

The House resolution in regard to adjournment for the Christmas recess was deferred. A recess will be taken from next Wednesday to January 1st.

Senator Barkdale arose to a question of personal privilege and said he desired to correct an erroneous impression created by an article printed on yesterday.

This publication, the Senator stated, was the effort that he had said he knew of no more important legislation than his anti-foot ball bill.

DESIRED TO BE RECORDED. Senators Mushbach and Mason, who were absent when the vote for United States Senator was taken.

SENATE BILLS PASSED. Appropriating \$2,000 for the purpose of printing and binding the 94th volume of the Virginia Reports.

To amend and re-enact section 863 of the Code in reference to when and where each county and city treasurer shall receive the taxes and levies.

To allow Wm. S. Shan, treasurer of Hanover, and his deputies further time to collect unpaid tax tickets now in their hands.

BILLS INTRODUCED. The following bills were introduced and sent to the proper committees.

By Mr. Kane—For the relief of A. J. Swindall, Ed. Hall, and John Hall, all of Wise county.

By Mr. Ogle—To prevent preferences to creditors by insolvent debtors.

By Mr. Flanagan—To provide for the proper registration of electors and the proper returns of all elections.

By Mr. Barkdale—To amend and re-enact section 282 of the Code.

By Mr. Barkdale—To repeal section 283 of the Code providing for clerks of circuit and corporation courts to file in papers of cause copies of decrees and orders made in such cases.

When the hour for the execution of the joint order arrived, Mr. Blakey placed Mr. Josiah Ryland, Jr., in nomination. He received all the votes cast.

ELECTIONS. The election bill introduced by Senator Flanagan is the emblem ballot law and is in most respects the same that was introduced by him at the last session.

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Mr. Mason, of Notaway, moved to pass by the motion made Wednesday, under which the vote was reconsidered.

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honor be accorded to those to whom honor is due. Under the present system our people cannot even tell five cents blank books or pen points to the children without the consent of publishing trusts.

Some little discussion was again indulged in when House bill No. 21, prohibiting the taking or killing of black bass of less than eight inches in length, came up.

Mr. Pileher, the patron of the bill, offered as an amendment to substitute five inches for eight inches.

Mr. Blakemore, of Rockingham, at once offered as an amendment that his county be exempt from the provisions of the bill, and similar motions were made by the representatives of Craig and Roanoke counties, and of Scott county.

On Mr. Pileher's motion the bill was passed. The next bill taken up was House bill No. 32, of which Mr. Parks, of Page, is the patron.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact Chapter 2 of an act approved March 5, 1896.

The measure provides that it shall be the duty of the several counties and cities of the Commonwealth in the year 1898, upon proper blanks to be furnished by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Mr. N. B. Early, Jr., of Green and Madison, introduced a bill making the 20th of January a legal holiday, to be known as the Lee-Jackson Memorial day.

MR. EMBREY'S BILL. Mr. Embrey, of Fredericksburg, introduced a bill to correct errors in the board-ing-house act and make that act as passed last year effective.

MR. RYLAND ELECTED. At this juncture Senator Blakey, of Essex, informed the House that the Senate was ready to execute the joint order, under which the General Assembly was to elect a Second Auditor.

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the inmates of said home may be selected. No. 26—House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Foundling Hospital of the city of Richmond.

No. 27—House bill to amend and re-enact section 85 of the Code of Virginia, in reference to bonds of city treasurers.

No. 28—House bill to amend and re-enact section 34 of the Code of Virginia prescribing the penalties of bonds of county officers.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. The following bills were introduced and referred to the proper committees:

By Mr. R. G. Turpin, of Bedford: For the relief of Lewis B. Wright, a disabled Confederate soldier.

By Mr. R. G. Turpin, of Bedford: For the relief of Mrs. Nancy C. Johnson, widow of a Confederate soldier.

By Mr. W. G. Williams, of Orange: To amend and re-enact section 34 of the Code of Virginia prescribing the penalties of bonds of county officers.

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SUPREME COURT CASES. THAT OF PETICOLAS AGAINST CITY OF RICHMOND AFFIRMED.

Questions of Unnecessary Avertment, Gross Negligence, Negligent Signals and Competency of Witness Involved.

The following are details of opinions handed down by the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday:

Peticolas vs. City of Richmond. Affirmed. Opinion by Judge Buchanan.

This was an action for damages for injury to land, etc., by reason of the tunnel of the Richmond and Chesapeake Railroad Company.

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