THE STAMP TAX ON MEDICINES.

Ruling by the Department as to the Revenue Law.

A COMMON ERROR CORRECTED.

The Act Not Only Applies to Proprietary or Patent Preparations, But Also to Any Other Article Advertised as a Remedy.

The following circular issued by Internal Revenue Commissioner Scott and sent out from Washington will prove of interest to many people:

The liability of medicinal preparations to stamp tax is to be determined wholly by reference to the first paragraph of schedule B, as construed and interpreted by the proviso of section 20 of the act of June 13, 1898:

The first absolute prerequisite to the imposition of this tax is that the article should be medicinal in its character. It is to be observed, however, that while some articles and substances are used exclusively, or nearly so, in materia medica, other articles and substances which are not so exclusively used, may become medicinal articles, subject to tax by being held out and specially advertised as remedies or specifies for any disease affecting the human or animal body. In this way certain articles usually regarded in the class of foods or beverages may be placed in the category of taxable medicinal preparations. Soaps may also be placed in the category of taxable articles by being advertised as remedies or cosmetics.

A COMMON ERROR.

There is a common error prevailing in the community to the effect that the tax on medicinal preparations is a tax exclusively on proprietary or patent medicines, or those put up under some trade mark. Nothing could be further from the truth. The last sentence of the proviso to section 20 is held by this office to be a legislative construction and interpretation of Schedule B, and it brings within the purview of the law a vast variety of medicinal preparations which are not proprietary, patented, or trade-marked.

The last clause of section 20, act of June 13, 1898, is as follows:

The stamp taxes provided for in Schedule B of this act shall apply to all medicinal articles compounded by any formula, published or unpublished, which are put up in style or manner similar to that of patent, trade-mark, or proprietary medicine in general, or which are advertised on the package or otherwise as remedies or specifics for any ailment, or as having any special claim to merit, or to any peculiar advantage in mode of preparation, quality, use, or effect.

This is undoubtedly entitled to peculiar weight as a legislative interpretation of that part of Schedule B which relates to medicinal articles.

RECAPITULATION.

1. All medicinal proprietary articles and preparations must be stamped.
2. All medicinal patent articles and preparations must be stamped.
3. All medicinal trade-mark articles and preparations must be stamped.
4. All medicinal articles compounded by any formula published or unpublished which are put up in a style or manner similar to that of patent, trade-mark or proprietary medicines in general, or which are advertised on the package or otherwise as remedies or specifics for any ailment, or as having any special claim to merit, or to any peculiar advantage in mode of preparation, quality, use or effect must be stamped.
5. All medicinal articles or compositions whatsoever which if prepared by any formula published or unpublished, or held out or recommended to the public by the makers or vendors or proprietors thereof as proprietary articles or preparations, or as remedies or specifics for any disease or diseases, or affection whatever affecting the human or animal body, must be stamped.

BULK PACKAGES.

Articles subject to stamp tax under Schedule B, act of June 13, 1898, are equally liable to stamp tax when sold in what are termed bulky packages, as when sold in retail packages, and the value of the stamps or stamps to be affixed must correspond with and be proportionate to the price of a single retail package.

This ruling specially applies to bay rum and cologne waters, vaseline and petrolatum, which are taxable under the head of perfumery and cosmetics, and to bitters and other medicines when sold in kegs, barrels, etc.

Dealers may retail directly to the consumer from such bulk packages as have been properly stamped by the manufacturer or importer, drawing from the same in quantities to suit their customers without any additional stamping, but the stamps attached to such bulk packages will only protect the original contents.

If bulk packages are broken up by the dealer drawing off the contents into smaller vessels to be put upon his shelves or otherwise kept for future sales, the content so drawn off thereby cease to be identified with the stamped package in which they were originally put up by the manufacturer or sold by the importer, and such contents so put up become liable to seizure if stamps are not affixed to them.

The contents of bulk packages liable to tax under Schedule B, which were in the hands of retailers on the 1st day of July, 1898, and therefore unstamped, must be stamped when sold at retail from said packages proportionately to the retail price of the whole package.

SAMPLES.

Samples of medicinal preparations and perfumery and cosmetics taxable under Schedule B, may be removed from the place of manufacture for free distribution without stamp or payment of tax.

Every sample so removed, however, must have legibly printed thereon the following notice:

"This is a free sample removed from the factory for gratuitous distribution. Any person selling or exposing for sale this sample at any time will be liable to all the pains and penalties of the law denounced against persons selling or exposing for sale unstamped articles taxable under Schedule B, act of June 13, 1898."

ARTICLES ON HAND JULY 1, 1898.

It is held that articles liable to tax in the hands of a retail dealer who is not the manufacturer thereof, July 1, 1898, must be stamped by such retail dealer when he sells them at retail. In stamping such articles the retail price fixed by the manufacturers must be adhered to by the retail dealer.

Articles liable to tax in the hands of wholesale dealers who are not the manufacturers thereof on the 1st day of July, 1898, may be sold by such wholesale dealer to other wholesale dealers or to retail dealers without stamping the same, the obligation to stamp being limited to sales at retail.

All articles in the hands of manufacturers on said date liable to tax must be stamped before removal from the place of manufacture.

Dealers in stamping articles on hand July 1, 1898, when sold at retail, must adhere to the retail price as fixed by the manufacturer and stamp the article accordingly, and not according to some "cut price."

RETAIL PRICE.

The manufacturer or importer must fix the retail price of value of the taxable articles under Schedule B manufactured or imported by him, and affix the corresponding adhesive stamps to the same before removal from the plac of manufacture or importation. This duty is imposed on the manufacturer or importer by law. It is believed that no one is so competent as he to determine the retail price or value of his products or importations, and he will be held strictly responsible for a due compliance with the statute.

This retail price or value is a price such as a single package or other small quantity would be sold at to consumers at the place of manufacture. If the manufacturer fixes the retail price in good faith acording to this rule, he need apprehend no complaint if at different times and in different places the article is retailed for a greater or less sum than denoted by the stamps affixed thereto.

COLONEL BRADY'S RULINGS.

Colonel Brady last night gave out the appended statement of new rulings touching the war-revenue law:

Collector's Office,
Richmond, Va., August 1, 1898.

The following recent rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, under the war-revenue law, 1898, are of interest to tax-payers:

Foreign Bills of Lading—Duplicates and triplicates required by law, 10 cents each, but copy made by carrier for his own convenience not liable to stamp-tax.

Wines—Druggists, saloonkeepers, grocers, and other dealers must affix the stamp on the bottle when a customer presents a bottle to be filled with wine, 1 cent on less than a pint bottle, and 2-cent stamps on bottles in excess of one pint.

Securities, Pledge for Loans—When stock or other securities are pledged for a loan, the stamp is to be reckoned, not on the face value of the security, but on the amount of money loaned above $1,000. The tax is 25 cents on $1,000, and not exceeding $1,500; and 25 cents on each additional $500.

Deeds—Trust deeds and notes, principal and interest notes, are distinct and separate, and each are required to be stamped. Deeds of release require a stamp according to the value of the interest released or conveyed by such instruments. Entry of satisfaction of the debt on the record does not require a stamp. Certificate of acknowledgments of deeds do not require to be stamped, except as follows: A certificate of acknowledgment to a deed of bargain and sale, when the consideration is $100 or less, a 10-cent stamp; and a certificate of acknowledgment to a deed of trust, when the amount secured is $1,000 or less, 10-cent stamp. Where leases, executed in duplicate, so that both are used as originals, both are required to be stamped; but if there is but one original, copies thereof are not quired to be stamped.

Real Estate Agents—Agents engaging in the business of buying, selling, or leasing real estate, or negotiating loans on real estate, as an agent where there is no sale of the securities, are not liable to the $50 tax as broker, but if the agent makes loans for himself or others, and afterwards sells the securities, he is required to pay said special tax as broker. A person is a broker, under this act, who negotiates purchases or makes sales of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., in the course of business; and this applies to real eseate agents, insurance agents, attorneys, or any persons or firm who, in connection with their profession or occupation, make it a regular part of their business to negotiate purchases of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., either for themselves or others.

Social Clubs—Not required to pay special tax on billiard tables.

Certificate of Incorporation—Require a stamp tax.

Justices of Peace—Their certificate of transcript or other paper to a higher court requires a 10-cent stamp.

Provate of Will—Stamp required on certificate of same.

Marriage Certificate—Requires a 10-cent stamp, unless given for the purposes of the State.

Church Entertainments—No special tax on the ordinary church or Sunday-school entertainment, without hired performers, and the same rule applies to amateur theatricals.

Personal Property Conveyed—A bill of sale of chattels, or an instrument whereby a title to personal property is conveyed, not taxable.

Commercial Brokers—Merchants who receive goods into their possession for sale on commission are not commercial brokers within the meaning of the fourth paragraph of section 2, act June 13, 1898, and are, therefore, not required to pay special tax under that paragraph.

Warehousemen who receive tobacco, cotton, or other produce or goods on consignment for sale on commission, are not liable as commercial brokers.

Auctioneers who receive and sell goods at their auction rooms or on the premises of the owners on commission, are not subject to the special tax on commercial brokers; nor are cattle brokers who receive and sell cattle on commission.

JAMES D. BRADY,
Collector.

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LEFT FOR JACKSONVILLE.

Recruiting Officers of the Fourth Return to Their Commands.

A batch of five recruits for the Second Regiment were shipped over the Southern railway to Jacksonville at noon yesterday. Recruiting officer, Private J. H. Bolen, was in charge. Those who went with him were George A. Mahoney, Thomas E. Goodwin, Charles A. Deitz, Oscar A. London and Frank Schradt.

Captain Boisseux has to secure about twelve more recruits.

All of the recruiting officers of the Fourth Regiment with the exception of Lieutenant Klein, left at noon for Jacksonville. The lieutenant has certain official business matters to look after before his departure. He will leave in a few days. Those who left to-day were Sergeant Wilbon, Corporal Young, Corporal Richardson, and Private Crown.

The Asphalt Paving

The work of laying asphalt blocks on the south side of Broad street between Tenth and Eleventh has been almost completed. The new pavement is a substantial one, the blocks resting upon a bed of concrete. It is estimated that they will last thirty years without requiring any repairs.

The Engineer's Department and the Street Committee are very anxious that the asphalt paving should extend all around the City Hall—that is, Capitol street and Tenth and Eleventh streets, between Broad and Capitol.

The Council has been urged to adopt the policy of putting down a block or more of asphalt every year, as the funds at its disposal may permit.

Invented a Nut Lock.

Col. T. P. Pollard is the inventor of a ratchet nut lock. It is said to be a most useful article. The Standard Valve Gear Company of Philadelphia and Boston has made the Colonel an offer for his patent rights which he is considering.

EIGHTY-FOUR NEW PHYSICIANS

Those Who Passed the State Medical Board in June.

SIXTEEN NATIVES OF RICHMOND.

Out of 130 Applicants Eighty-Four Passed, Forty-Five Failed and One Withdrew—The Graduates and Their Alma Maters.

The Board of Medical Examiners of Virginia met in this city on June 21st last and for three days were engaged in examining into the acquirements of 130 young men who desired to enter upon the practice of medicine and surgery.

The work of examining the papers submitted by the applicants has been a laborious task and has just been completed.

Of the number who entered the lists one withdrew, forty-five failed and eighty-four passed a successful examination.

THOSE WHO PASSED.

The following is a list of the eighty-four who are now full-fledged physicians, and the colleges from which they graduated:

Abbott, Luther M., Abbott, Va., Baltimore Medical College, 1898.
Akers, Silas E., Carthage, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Archer, W. Cartham, Beaver Pond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Armistead, Thomas D., Farmville, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Alsop, Joseph F., Newport News, Va., University of Virginia, 1898.
Amiss, Emile P., Clifton Forge, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Baker, C. L., Leesburg, Va., University of Virginia, 1897.
Barksdale, George E., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1895.
Boyer, Perry L., Woodstock, Va., non-graduate.
Boyd, P. W., Jr., Winchester, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Batts, Henry T., Norfolk, Va., University of Maryland, 1897.
Barker, Joseph M., University of Virginia, University of Virginia, 1898.
Bright, John F., Richmond, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Booker, Frank E., Rustburg, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Coleman, Howe R., Richmond, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Campbell, Hawes, Enfield, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Corbell, R. L., Chuckatuck, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Chumbley, Robert E., Churchwood, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Conduff, Simon P., Riner, Va., Baltimore Medical College, 1898.
Cowardin, William J., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Collins, William S., Oak Park, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Conduff, Samuel I., Willis, Va., Baltimore Medical College, 1898.
Carwell, U. M., Middlebrook, University of Virginia, 1898.
Drewry, F. D., Mason's Depot, Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Dunn, W. W., Richmond, Va., Physicians and Surgeons, New York city, 1894.
Dunlop, Verner W., Middlebrook, Va., Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, 1897.
Doughtie, Charles W., Whaleyville, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Eppes, J. P., Blackstone, Va., non graduate.
English, Beverly J., Rocky Mount, Va., Baltimore Medical College, 1898.
Early, L. S. Jr., Evington, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
H. Early, Bernard, Hillsville, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Emerson, G. O., Leatherwood, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Early, William L., Walltown, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Fairfax, H. Reginald, Lynchburg, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Fortune, Robert E., Damascus, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Garrett, J. R., Norfolk, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Gordon, Pat. L., Camden Courthouse, N. C., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Gwathney, William, Beulahsville, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Giles, George O., Martinsville, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Gravely, Charles R., Norfolk, Va., University of Virginia, 1852.
Gayle, Marcus, Bohanon, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Howle, Paul W., Yale, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Henderson, E. H., Wabash, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Hall, J. Clegg, Star, N. C., non-graduate.
Hughes, T. Jefferson, Chatham Hill, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Hoskins, William, Carlton Store, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Halligan, John B., Petersburg, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Hillsman, B. Canton L., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Hood, Benjamin A., Richmond, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Johnson, Harvey G., Pearisburg, Va., non-graduate.
Jeffress, W. Arthur, Finchley, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Jones, W. Percy, Urbana, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Jarrett, Joesph T., Roanoke, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Keller, William L., Richmond, Va., non-graduate.
Linkons, Maury B., Prices Fork, Va., non-graduate.
Lemons, C. W., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Mancha, Jacob S., Claremont, Va., University of the city of New York, 1884.
Miller, Walter P., Newport, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Newton, McGuire, Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1897.
Olhausen, Frank B., Harrisonburg, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Parrish, Hugh F., Portsmouth, Va., University of Vermont and Bellevue Medical College, 1895.
Pearson, George B., Newport News, Va., Albany Medical College, 1897.
Pope, Benjamin A., Newsoms, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Pemberton, Henry R., Richmond, Va., Physicians and Surgeons, New York city, 1894.
Repass, James F., Farvonia, Va., Louisville Medical College, 1891.
Rennie, John G., Amelia Courthouse, Va., non-graduate.
Robertson, W. Bolling, Plasterco, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Reid, William G., Richmond, Va., King's College, London, Eng., 1897.
Shelton, Rawley M., Elba, Va., University of Virginia, 1897.
Straw, Edwin E., Rural Retreat, Va., Vanderbilt University, 1898.
Thompson, Willie M., Gogginsville, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Taylor, T. M., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Tynes, Archelles L., Tazewell, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Thompson, A. J., News Ferry, Va., New Orleans School of Medicine, 1858.
Thrift, Ernest McCue, Madison, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Upshur, Francis W., Richmond, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1897.
Willis, F. D., Newport News, Va., University of Maryland, 1897.
Wright, J. Alex., Richmond, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Wood, Austin F., Moorman's River, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Wayland, A. B., Covesville, Va., University of Virginia, 1897.
Williams, J. Richard, Richmond, Va., Medical College of Virginia, 1898.
Watson, Edmund C., Roanoke, Va., University College of Medicine, 1898.
Walker, Jasper N., Cove Creek, Va., University of Virginia, 1898.
Wysor, J. C., Clifton Forge, Va., Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, 1878.

Of the above graduates sixteen are natives of Richmond, many of them well known and highly connected here.

GREAT TARGET SHOOT.

The Howitzers to Take Part in an Event at Ocean View.

To-morrow afternoon at Ocean View, a great target shoot for a handsome gold medal will take place. The Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, Richmond Howitzers and Grimes' Battery, of Portsmouth, composing the First Battalion of Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, will take part in this important event, and as all of the batteries boast of excellent gunners the contest will be both interesting and instructive, each battery intending to do its level best to carry off the valuable trophy, which will act as an incentive to bring to the front all of the skill in gunnery possessed by the men.

Besides, there will be an imposing battalion drill, under command of Major W. E. Simons, the gallant artilleryman, so well known in Virginia among the volunteers. Several Portsmouth and Norfolk boys will on that day occupy prominent places in the drill, and it is expected that an immense throng will visit the View and witness the target practice and drill.

FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Why Mrs. McCauley is Suing Mr James Hartley.

On Monday a suit for $5,000 damages was filed in the Law and Equity Court by Mrs. Hattie McCauley, through her counsel, Messrs. Anderson & Anderson, against Mr. James Hartley, one of the best-known business men of Fulton.

The declaration in the case, which will be filed in a few days by Messrs. Anderson & Anderson, will allege that some time ago Mr. Hartley bought a house and lot from Mr. McCauley, the same being situated next to the latter's residence, the understanding being, so it will be alleged, that Mr. Hartley should allow no persons objectionable to the McCauleys to occupy the house.

In spite of this promise, the declaration will allege, Mr. Hartley allowed a family of colored people to occupy the house, and when Mrs. McCauley remonstrated used language to her which are the cause of the present suit. His remarks, the declaration will allege, were slanderous.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN.

There will be a Lively Fight Over the Three From This District.

The District Republican Committee will meet some day next week to fix the time and place for the convention which will nominate a candidate for Congress. Chairman Southward, of the committee, is still very ill and will be unable to preside.

The convention will be called for the first or the second week in September. It is practically settled in advance that Mr. Otis H. Russell will be the nominee for Congress.

There will be a lively fight when it comes to electing the members of the State Committee, who in turn will choose the Executive Committee, which they will select the State chairman.

VETERANS PREPARING.

They are Busily Arranging for Saturdry Night's Trip.

The veterans that belonged to Pickett's Brigade are busily preparing for their trip to Philadelphia next Saturday night. It was at first thought that only a few of them would go, but as the returns came in from all parts of the State it was seen that more than a hundred were anxious to go.

The out-of-town veterans will reach this city Friday night and Saturday morning and will be met and entertained by the local veterans. Committees are now making arrangements to secure plenty of room on the northbound train Saturday night and it is likely that special cars will be put on for them.

Two White Men Fight.

Quite a serious stabbing affray took place Monday night near Anderson's store on west Cary street, in which Joseph Armbright, a young white man was severely cut on the neck by Fred Torrance, another white man. The trouble grew out of a domestic matter.

Dr. Staton was summoned and dressed Mr. Armbright's wounds.

At the instigation of 'Squire J. T. Lewis Torrance was arrested and the case came before 'Squire Lewis yesterday morning.

Torrance asked for time to secure counsel and the case was continued until to-day.

Broad Street Park.

Manager Thomas G. Leath has gathered at Broad-Street Park this week a galaxy of stars, and the promptness with which he was able to substitute the act of the Marrons, who met with an accident on Monday night with pretty little Miss Mattie Borum, who has a robust voice that is easily adapted to negro melodies and popular serio-comic songs, is much to his credit. She made her first bow last night, and her act was a success from the start. Billy Van grows more in comedy every night, and his monologue is a prattle of witty jokes and up-to-date parodies, while Miles and Raymond are in for the week as popular favorites, and their turn is the hit of the bill.

STRONG STATEMENTS.

Three Women Relieved of Female Troubles by Mrs. Pinkham.

From Mrs. A. W. SMITH, 59 Summer St., Biddeford, Me.:

"For several years I suffered with various diseases peculiar to my sex. Was troubled with a burning sensation across the small of my back, that all-gone feeling, was despondent, fretful and discouraged; the least exertion tired me. I tried several doctors but received little benefit. At last I decided to give your Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The effect of the first bottle was magical. Those symptoms of weakness that I was afflicted with, vanished like vapor before the sun. I cannot speak too highly of your valuable remedy. It is truly a boon to woman."

From Mrs. MELISSA PHILLIPS, Lexington, Ind., to Mrs. Pinkham:

"Before I began taking your medicine I had suffered for two years with that tired feeling, headache, backache, no appetite, and a run-down condition of the system. I could not walk across the room. I have taken four bottles of the Vegetable Compound, one box of Liver Pills and used one package of Sanative Wash, and now feel like a new woman, and am able to do my work."

From Mrs. MOLLIE E. HERREL, Powell Station, Tenn.:

"For three years I suffered with such a weakness of the back, I could not perform my household duties. I also had falling of the womb, terrible bearing-down pains and headache. I have taken two bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and feel like a new woman. I recommend your medicine to every woman I know."

MR. D. L. TONEY WAS ELECTED.

He Was Chosen City Superintendent of Manchester.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEET.

Cowardin Avenue Bridge Said to be in a Dangerous Condition—The Manchester Railway Company Summoned to Court—Personals.

MANCHESTER BUREAU RICHMOND TIMES,
1112 HULL STREET, BEATTIE BLOCK

The City Central Committee met last night in the Mayor's Court-room. The following members were present: Messrs. G. W. Gooding, J. L. Redford, W. F. Pugh, A. J. Gallighey, R. E. Owen, D. L. Toney and Charles Burkert.

Mr. Gooding was made temporary chairman and Mr. Burkert temporary secretary.

On motion it was decided to organize and the chair announced that nominations were in order for the office of City Superintendent, but there was some little objection to it on account of the small attendance.

Mr. D. L. Toney was placed in nomination for the position by Mr. R. E. Owen. On motion, Mr. W. T. Pugh was appointed to cast the unanimous vote of the meeting for Mr. Toney for the office of chairman and superintendent of the Manchester Democrats.

On taking the chair Mr. Toney addressed the meeting in a few well-chosen words, thanking his colleagues for the honor bestowed upon him.

Mr. Charles Burkert was unanimously elected as permanent secretary and Mr. W. T. Pugh re-elected as treasurer.

Dr. E. T. Rucker, the newly elected member from the Third Ward, notified the committee that he could not serve and tendered his resignation, which was accepted. The vacancy will be filled at the next meeting.

The body adjourned to meet next Monday night at the same place at 8 o'clock.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The Council Committee on Streets met in the City Engineer's office in the Leader Building yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Only routine business was transacted. A number of bills were approved for payment contracted by this branch of the city government for the past month.

The following were the members present: Messrs. Matthew Morton (chairman) John O'Brien, W. T. Hart and J. R. Green.

The Cemetery Committee met at the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock. Those present were Messrs. R. L. Patram in the chair and L. M. Nunnally and W. O. Randlett.

Superintendent William Allen presented his report for the past month which was accepted. After the transaction of routine business the committee adjourned.

COWARDIN AVENUE BRIDGE.

The Manchester Railway and Improvement Company will be up before the Mayor this morning on a warrant issued by that official. They have been charged with maintaining a dangerous nuisance to the life and limbs of its patrons in hauling them over Cowardin Avenue bridge. Said bridge having been condemned by the City Council and ordered by them to be close up.

The railway people have continued to use the bridge, but they have a man stationed there who notifies all vehicle travellers that the bridge has been condemned and if they cross it they do so at their own risk.

The case will be thoroughly aired before the Mayor and Judge Clopton, the City Attorney, will be present to look after the interest of the city. The bridge in question has been before the Council on several occasions. It was built by the Southside Land and Improvement Company when they owned the electric line. They have made a request of the Council to accept the deed for the bridge but were refused. The Street Committee will soon take up the matter and attempt to find out who are the right parties to keep the bridge in repairs and who is responsible in case any damage should occur from negligence or carelessness on the part of the owners.

HOUSEBREAKERS AT WORK.

It appears as if there is a gang of house-breakers in this city. Every few nights they either enter or make attempts to gain entrance to the residences of the people, and in many cases they succeed.

Yesterday morning one of these burglars entered the slooping-room of Mr. William Grieve and stole a quantity of men's clothing and a sum of money.

Mr. Grieve was asleep at the time, in the room, and the work of the thief was so quietly done that the man was not aroused from his slumbers.

He came down to the station-house and notified the police, but they had no clue to work upon and the chances are that the thief will not be caught.

If some one with nerve and a pistol catches these men and make an example of them it will be a good thing for the community and the city could afford to bury the thief.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The clerk of the Hustings Court, H. E. Duval, reports seventeen deeds recorded for the month of July.

This official also issued five marriage licenses—one to a white couple and four to colored couples.

Chief of Police James A. Lipscomb has made out the following as his report for the force for July:

Total number of arrests, forty-six. The crimes committed were one felony, twelve misdemeanors, thirty ordinance violations and three tramps.

This report speaks well for the morality of the city, when only one person was arrested for felony in thirty-one days in a city of nearly 12,000 souls.

MT. PISGAH PIE PARTY.

Mt. Pisgah Sunday-school will give a lawn and pie party in the Masonic Grove, Midlothian, Va., on Wednesday night, August 3rd. All who come will have a good time.

This will be a good time for the friends of Midlothian to run out in the county and spend a pleasant evening.

Refreshments will be served by the ladies.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mr. James W. Lynch and family left Monday to spend several weeks at Powhatan Springs.

Dr. Thomas P. Matthews was taken quite ill Monday, but was very much improved yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Brodnax is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Owen, in Chesterfield county.

Prof. Walter Holt, of Washington, D. C., came yesterday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Holt, of Ninth and Hull streets.

Mrs. E. A. Simmons, who was stricken with paralysis a short time since, is improving.

Mrs. A. C. Harding and a party of young people will leave the city to-day for Chesterfield Courthouse, where they will take part in a church entertainment.

Miss Minnie Brown, who has been quite ill, is much better and out of danger.

City Collector Charles Walke is detained at his home by sickness.

Labor Day Celebration.

The Central Labor Union of Southeastern Virginia will hold its annual labor day celebration for this year at Virginia Beach on September 5th. Hon. Beverley B. Munford, of this city, who has always manifested a deep interest in labor organizations, has been invited to deliver an address on that occasion, but owing to the fact that it will be necessary for him to be absent from the State at the time, he will not be able to be present. The celebration this year promises to be one of unusual interest to laboring people.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

The entire stock of goods at Nos. 708, 710, and 712 East Main Street, consisting of

Tinners' and Plumbers' Supplies. Housefurnishing Goods. Stoves, Mantles, Bath Tubs, Gas Fixtures, Refrigerators, &c., &c.

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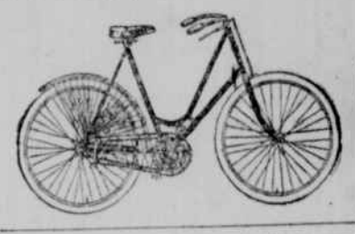

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JUSTICE JOHN.

White Man Placed Under Bonds for Insulting a Colored Girl.

James Washington, colored, and C. T. Mills, white, were arrested for fighting on the street near Fifth and Broad streets.

The evidence showed that Mills had accosted a colored girl friend of Washingtgtof's and that Washington had taken it upon himself to resent this action on the part of Mills. The result was that Mills was placed under $100 bonds for his good behavior for six months, and Washington was discharged. Mr. John A. Lamb represented Mills.

William Carter was dismissed of the charge of throwing rocks in the street.

Joseph Smith, colored, is another recruit for Squire Sugar Bottom Jones' squad of white wings. He was taken up as a vagrant and was fined $5, and sent to the farm for thirty days.

Mary Blackwell, colored, charged Maggie Davis, also colored, with attempting to cut her with a knife, but developments showed that the two women got into a little scrap and a general engagement occurred. Mary and Maggie were assessed $3.70 each.

Eddie Clark had the charge of threatening to shoot G. N. Rice with a pistol loaded with leaden bullets and explosive powder, but nobody could swear to the charge and Clark denied it, so he was dismissed.

S. C. Salamone went out early in the morning to converse with the stars, and his communion was so noisy that Officer Wiltshire was disturbed and he took him to the station house. A commission of lunacy was ordered.

George Williams, colored, will be held to the 9th instant, because his reputation is shady and his record needs looking up.

Fleming Sydnor, a small colored boy, was arrested for jumping on a trolley car and his parents were forced to redeem him with a dollar bill.

John Brown, colored, was disorderly on the street, and it will cost him the sum of $1.20 to once more show himself upon the street.

Elias Johnson is charged with assaulting, cursing and abusing his wife, and the facts in the case will be known on the 3d.

FOR CLEAR WATER.

Mr. F. C. Ebel's Resolution is Heartily Approved.

The resolution introduced in the Common Council Monday night by Mr. F. C. Ebel, providing for clearer water, follows up the work begun by The Times a short while ago, when an interview on the subject with Superintendent Bolling was printed.

Probably never in the history of the city has the water been worse than in the past few weeks. It has been and is impregnated with mud to an extent which renders it positively disgusting, although, it must be said, it has no unpleasant taste.

For bathing purposes it is practically useless. You emerge from a bath feeling that your cleanliness has been by no means improved—rather the contrary.

In accordance with the resolution adopted Monday night, the Superintendent of the Water Works and City Engineer will, as soon as possible, submit a plan which will abate this nuisance. Mr. Bolling has reached the conclusion that sedimentation is the only cheap, safe, and practical way to get rid of the mud. He proposes to construct a large double reservoir, which will be filled, and allowed to settle, sixteen days being taken in the process. The two compartments of the reservoir will be used alternately, thus always supplying clear water.

Roughly estimated, this work will cost about $200,000. The great advantage of this plan will be that the first cash will be practically the entire expense.

The question of clearing the water by means of an immense filter was discussed, but it was decided that the cost would be too great, as alum would have to be used in large quantities, which, it is feared, would be bad for the health of the community.

It is thought that the Council will adopt the suggestion of Mr. Bolling, as they realize that the city will be rendered a much more desirable place by having a supply of clear water.

Chinamon Returns Home.

Lei Yuan, a well-known laundryman, started for China last night to visit his wife and children. He went to Clerk Flegenheimer, of the United States District Court and had that official to fix up the papers which will permit him to return to this country. Lei will be away a year. He has not seen his wife and children for many years.

Waiting on the Judge.

Col. W. F. Wickham, the referee for Richmond and vicinity under the Bankruptcy Act, has not qualified and cannot do so until Judge Waddill returns to the city from the Rockbridge Alum Springs.

Visiting Normal School.

Dr. J. W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has gone to Mount Jackson to pay an official visit to the Summer Normal School there.

THE SENATE MUST RATIFY.

If the Peace Treaty is Arranged They Will Be Called Together.

WILL NOT BE AN EXTRA SESSION

Congress Will Not Convene Before the Regular Session Unless There are Some Extraordinary Developments Now Unforseen.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—There will be no extra session of Congress though the Senate will have to be called together for prompt ratification of the treaty of peace if the present plans of the President prevail. It is stated at the White House that unless there should be some extraordinary development the House will not meet until it convenes in regular session next December.

This statement made on the authority of the President himself, in answer to personal inquiries as in contradiction to reports current among public men that Congress will soon meet to draft legislation to meet the demands that will follow the close of the war, as well as give formal assent on the part of the Senate to the treaty.

LEGISLATION NOT NECESSARY.

The military occupation of the territorial possessions of the government will in nowise necessitate further legislation especially authorizing the continuance of a large military force according to the view of the President.

Persons who conferred with the President to-day positively assert that there is no necessity for special legislation to authorize the keeping together of the great army of volunteers.

NO DISBANDMENT YET.

The President, it is understood, takes the ground that the requirement in the volunteers act for disbandment of volunteers on the termination of war does not contemplate disbandment until the emergencies that are incident to this war are over and does not prevent the maintenance of a large body of troops in our territory accessions until peace is restored.

A well-known public man who was in conference with the President suggested that the necessary military occupation of our conquered territory would involve maintenance for two years of an army of about 100,000.

DR. HOGE'S CONDITION.

He is Well Enough to Come Home When he Desires to Do So.

Dr. Moses D. Hoge, Jr., returned from the White Sulphur Springs Monday after having spent a day or two with his father.

He says Dr. Hoge is well enough and strong enough to come to Richmond any day he chooses, but that he is very comfortable at the White, and does not want to return here until the weather is cooler.

"Should he come back," said Dr. Hoge, "we would want him to go somewhere else, so he stays in the mountains for the present."

Dr. Hoge, Jr., will not return to the White but will give his attention to the demands of his practice.

The Sweltering Police.

At the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners it is said that a question of much importance to the force will be discussed. It seems a comparatively unimportant matter, but the comfort of the patrolmen is largely dependent upon it.

They are required now by the Board to wear white shirts and to keep their vests buttoned up during the day. No matter how torrid the weather may be—and it has been extremely hot lately—the patrolmen must keep tightly buttoned up, and great suffering results therefrom.

In other cities—cities much larger and more pretentious than Richmond—the police are allowed to wear outing shirts without vests during the summer months. Nearly every business man you meet is attired in a similar costume. It is neat and tasteful, and much more in keeping with the season than a costume closely buttoned up. It is hoped that ahe Board will be humane.

Methodist Conferences.

The Richmond and West Richmond District Conferences will meet to-day and continue three days.

The Richmond Conference, which embraces all the Methodist churches in Richmond east of Ninth street, and those of the Peninsula, will be held at Shackelford's on the East King and Queen Circuit. Rev. Dr. A. G. Brown, of Ashland, is presiding elder.

Apple Grove church, in Louisa county, is the place of meeting of the West Richmond body. This district embraces the Methodist churches of Richmond west of Ninth street. Dr. Paul Whitehead is presiding elder. Both conferences will be in session to-day, Thursday, and Friday and will be attended by all the [illegible] and [illegible]