

GOSSIP OF THE STATE SOUVENIRS

Dr. Priddy's Bill to Restrict Exercise of the Suffrage.

After the Mississippi Plan.

Mr. Dupuy's Bill to Create an Insurance Department - How Mr. Shands Found Sentiment at Home - Blows Passed - Notes.

The bill introduced in the House yesterday by Dr. Priddy, amending section one of article three of the Constitution, so as to provide an educational qualification for voters is now being considered in the House touching the suffrage now effective in Mississippi and South Carolina. It provides that persons offering to vote shall be able to read any required section of the United States Constitution.

Mr. Dupuy's bill, creating a Department of Insurance and an Insurance Commission, is very popular in the North Carolina law on the subject, and will raise, it is estimated, fifty thousand dollars, net, annually. The commissioner, by the terms of the bill, is required to examine every close corporation, and to obtain and print annually a statement of the condition of all companies doing business in the State. He is charged with the duty of making an inventory of all assets and liabilities, and of adjusting and paying all claims. A standard form of report is provided. The bill does not affect fraternal beneficial orders.

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The Grimes' Battery bill was reported adversely from committee yesterday. The measure appropriates about \$1,000 to the battery on account of services in connection with quarantine duty. The adverse report was made, it is stated, not because the committee was opposed to the claim, but because of a technical point involved. They would rather than themselves, Mr. Blair, the fight for the measure in the House to-day.

Senator Shands returned yesterday from his home in Southampton, where he had been for several days. The sentiment of the district is almost unanimous in endorsing the course he has followed since the assembly of the Legislature, and in dissenting from the action which has kept him out of the Democratic caucus so far. A great many of those who opposed him at the election, he said, are now with him. Every member of the Southampton Democratic Committee, and seven of the fifteen members of the Grand committee, are indicated in writing their desire to see Mr. Shands admitted as a party man. In the other county of the district, Isle of Wight, Mr. Shands counts several of the committee as being on his side.

The meeting of the Senate Committee on General Laws yesterday morning was marked by an angry scene, in which not alone words, but also, figures. The matter under consideration was the abolition of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, which embraces Roanoke. During the debate Senator Lyle, who advocated the abolition of the circuit, and the Attorney General, who appeared before the committee to oppose the proposition, became involved in a dispute. Finally, Mr. Scott said that one of the statements made by Senator Lyle was untrue. Instantly the Attorney General endeavored to strike him, but he was held back by the gentleman, however, interferred and the antagonists were kept apart.

Later the billers got at it again, but they were separated a second time before any serious damage had been done. The committee finally voted to report in favor of abolishing the circuit.

The House Committee on General Laws reassembled yesterday morning and first they considered a bill permitting telegraph companies to go upon the right of way of railroads, and erect, maintain and operate their lines thereon. Argument was concluded, and the committee reported in favor of the bill, after certain amendments, not yet fully agreed on, have been incorporated in the measure.

Mr. Floyd J. Gregory, for many years the efficient postmaster of the House of Delegates, was at the Capitol yesterday shaking hands with his old friends. Mr. Gregory is now at the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, where he will soon become an M. D. He is a son of Dr. P. J. Gregory, a prominent physician of Charlotte county.

Mr. Gregory is a very popular man and has hosts of friends in the General Assembly.

Speaker Saunders, of the House of Delegates, yesterday issued a writ of election in Norfolk county to fill the House vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Delegate M. S. Newberry. The election will be held on the 25th instant.

The matter of abolishing the office of Register of the Land Office will come before committee on next Tuesday.

The House Committee on Courts of Justice will consider the Parks employers' liability bill on Friday, the 12th instant.

FIFTH DISTRICT'S CLAIM. Its Chances if the Rule of Rotation Applies to Governorship.

Senator R. A. James, of Pittsylvania, left last night for Danville, to be away from the State. His absence is embraced in the Fifth Congressional District, represented for several terms by Mr. Swanson, whose candidacy for the next Governorship has been announced.

DAMAGING FIRE HERE YESTERDAY

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works, it was said, had been reached by the flames. Fortunately, was unroofed, but it was only after a most dogged fight that such a catastrophe was averted, which would in all probability have resulted in loss of many lives, besides inflicting enormous damage to surrounding property.

The large gas holders at the gas house, in the rear of the building occupied by the Cardwell Machine Company, had the red point burned off them by being scorched. The fire engines were stationed on Dock, Seventeenth, Fifteenth, Cary and Main streets, and were working with their fastest speed. It was due only to the great exertions of the firemen that the gas plant was saved from destruction.

At six o'clock the fire was declared to be under control, and some of the apparatus was returned to quarters. An hour afterward, however, they were again called out. The fire, which had been communicated to the south building of the Kligman & Co. plant, and had been considered as extinguished, broke out again, and the entire top floor and upper section of the building was consumed.

The floors of the building were saturated with grease, and they were attacked by the fire. The firemen were unable to get into the building, and the patrol which had been left in the building earlier, were driven out in a short time. The fire-fighters were held at bay temporarily, but finally from a point on the aerial truck from which they could direct effective streams into the blazing interior.

It was almost two hours before they had the fire entirely under control. The Kligman & Co. suffered their greatest loss in this fire.

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ARE KEEPING THEIR PLEDGES

Steadfastness of Justice John's Temperance Class.

FOUND A MAN UNDER THE BED, Miss Brown Screamed and the Man Jumped Out of the Second Story Window - He Went to the Grand Jury.

New Year resolutions are being kept with amazing fidelity by Justice John's temperance class. There are fewer drunks on the January docket than for the same number of days for months and yesterday not a case of intoxication darkened the page of the Chancery court's records of his recalcitrant fellow citizens' short comings.

AT ATTENTION. A large and appreciative audience greeted the Great Dispenser as he gracefully slipped into the Temple of Justice on the new gauds in Justice John's joke-book for the year nineteen hundred and at the same time pulled up their trousers' legs to preserve the crease.

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TRUSTEE'S AUCTION SALE OF THREE SMALL FRAME DWELLINGS.

By John T. Goddin & Co. Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers, Bank and Eleventh streets.

TRUSTEE'S AUCTION SALE OF THE NEAT FRAME DWELLING, No. 802 St. James St.

By virtue of the provisions of a certain deed of trust, dated May 23, 1895, and of record in the clerk's office of Richmond Chancery Court, Deed-Book 135 A, page 23, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured, and being required so to do, I will sell, by public auction, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 1900, at 4 o'clock P. M., that certain LOT OF LAND, with the frame tenement thereon No. 802 St. James Street, lying and being in the city of Richmond, Va., and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of Marshall street 82 feet east of its intersection with the east line of Thirteenth street, thence running eastwardly along and fronting on the north line of Marshall street 100 feet, and extending back northwardly between parallel lines 95 feet to an alley; and thence southwardly along the east line of Thirteenth street 100 feet to the north line of Marshall street 100 feet east of its intersection with the east line of Thirteenth street, thence running eastwardly along and fronting on the north line of Marshall street 100 feet, and extending back northwardly between parallel lines 95 feet to an alley.

TERMS: Cash. JOHN T. GODDIN, Trustee.

By George E. Crawford & Co. Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers, 802 East Main Street.

TRUSTEE'S AUCTION SALE OF DESIRABLE RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS PROPERTY AT TAYLOR'S CROSSING, ON THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD, IN HENRICO COUNTY, JUST TEN MILES FROM RICHMOND.

By virtue of a deed of trust to the undersigned trustee, dated February 28, 1898, and recorded in the clerk's office of Richmond Chancery Court, Deed-Book 134 B, page 440, default having been made in the payment of a portion of the debt therein secured, I will sell, at public auction, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 1900, at 4:45 o'clock P. M., the TRACT OF LAND described in the deed lying immediately at Taylor's Crossing, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, in Henrico County, Va., adjoining the lands of Cornelia A. Lane, George W. West, and others, and containing ten acres, more or less, and consisting of a comfortable six-room dwelling and outbuildings usually found in a garage, a detached house, a detached store, 16x38 feet, and containing three rooms. Nice young orchard of apples, cherries and damsons, stop day, and the farm fronts on two public roads.

Parties desiring to attend the sale can have the main line of the Chesapeake and Potomac Bay Railroad, at the Depot, at 4:18 P. M., and can return to the city on the train arriving at 4:30 P. M. Expenses of sale, any taxes that may be due, and the sum of \$500, with interest from February 28, 1898, to be paid upon terms to be announced at sale.

WALTER SYDNOR, Trustee.

H. A. McCurdy, Real Estate Auctioneer.

TRUSTEE'S AUCTION SALE OF DETACHED FRAME DWELLING, NO. 406, WITH VERY LARGE LOT, SITUATED ON THE NORTHERN LINE OF MOORE STREET, BETWEEN BROOKFIELD AND EXTENDING BACK TO BACON QUARTER BRANCH.

In execution of the provisions of a deed of trust of 25th November, 1897, and recorded in Richmond Chancery Court in Deed-Book 161 C, page 184, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public sale, at 4 o'clock P. M., on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1900, the real estate conveyed by the said trust deed, consisting of a lot, with improvements thereon, consisting of a two-story detached frame dwelling and necessary outbuildings, situate on the east line of Moore street, between the north line of Moore street, and running back to Bacon Quarter branch. The rear portion of said lot is much wider than the front. A map of the premises will be exhibited at the time of sale.

TERMS: Cash as to the cost and expenses of sale, all delinquent taxes and sufficient to pay off two notes aggregating \$600.50, due 25th November, 1899, together with all interest, cost and charges thereon, and the residue that the purchaser or must give his negotiable notes at one and two years from day of sale, payable in equal instalments, with legal interest added, in one and two years, and secure the same by a trust deed on the said real estate. R. E. McCURDY, Trustee.

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TRUSTEE'S AUCTION SALE OF A VERY DESIRABLE MODERN BRICK DWELLING, No. 15 North Beech St., between MAIN ST. and FLOYD AVE.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust, dated February 16, 1897, and recorded in Deed-Book 160 "A," page 185, Richmond Chancery Court, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured, and being required by the holder of same so to do, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1900, at 4:30 o'clock P. M., the above property, fronting 20 feet on the east line of Beech street, between Main street and Floyd Avenue, and extending back between parallel lines 90 feet. The improvements consist of a well-built, modern two-story brick dwelling, containing eight rooms and has every convenience necessary to make it an attractive home. We would call the especial attention of home-seekers to this property, as it is indeed a pretty home.

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TERMS: One-third cash; balance at six, twelve and eighteen months. C. L. & H. L. DENOON, Trustees.

COMMISSIONER'S AUCTION SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE AT THE NORTHERN LINE OF FIFTH AND DUAL STREETS, ON THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1900, at 4 o'clock.

Lange vs. Orth, et al. - In the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. Decree of 20th May, 1899.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned decree, the undersigned, appointed special commissioner thereof, will offer for sale, upon the premises, at the decree in said case, the following REAL ESTATE: A LOT OF LAND, with improvements thereon, having a front of 35 feet and 100 feet on the eastern line of Fifth street, and running back along the northern line of Dyal street 122 feet to an alley 10 feet wide. The improvements consist of a medium-sized two-story brick dwelling and the usual outbuildings, water and sewer connections, and are susceptible of being improved to advantage.

TERMS: One-fourth of the purchase-money to be paid in cash, and as to the remainder the purchaser is to execute three negotiable notes, of equal amounts, with legal interest added from the day of sale, to be paid on the 1st day of January, 1900, 1901, and 1902, the same are fully paid and a conveyance ordered by the Court, or, if he so elect, he may pay the entire purchase-money in cash. H. A. McCURDY, Special Commissioner.

I, P. P. Winston, clerk of said court, certify that the bond required of the special commissioner by the decree in said case, of 20th May, 1899, has been duly given under my hand, this 4th day of December, 1899. P. P. WINSTON, Clerk.

AMUSEMENTS. RICHMOND'S POPULAR PLACE OF AMUSEMENT. BIJOU. MATINEE TO-DAY AT 2:30. TO-NIGHT AT 8:15. A grand array of mirth, magic and music. See the Great Disappearing Golden.

NEW ACADEMY OF MUSIC. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MATINEE SATURDAY. "What Happened to Jones?" By George H. Broadhurst. Author of "Why Smith Left Home," "The Wrong Mr. Wright," "The Last Chapter," etc., etc.

NEW ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TUESDAY, January 9th. Denman Thompson. In His Newest Dramatic Drama, THE OLD HOMESTEAD. A Most Excellent Cast. Seats on sale.

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RE-OPENS! WEDNESDAY, January 10. Auditorium Skating Academy. Admission 15c. Skates 10c. Ladies Free.

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MEETINGS. National Bank of Virginia, Richmond, Va., Dec. 11, 1899.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BANK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND will be held at its banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1900, at 12 M. T. K. SANDS, Cashier.

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