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STOLE FROM HIS MOTHER. The mother of Douglas Gravatt, one of the runaway boys from Roanoke, who was arrested in Petersburg last week, has written the authorities here that her son stole \$20 from her before he left. Gravatt was searched in jail and \$15 of the money was found concealed in the lining of his coat collar.

Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway Company asks the City Council permission to enter Petersburg on the northern boundary of the city, near Williams Mills, and to run on certain streets in the city. The permission will probably be granted.

High-Street Church to-morrow week, will carry to Buckroe Beach one of the large excursions that has left Petersburg this year.

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TAKES THE STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Dr. Preston Testified Before Investigating Board.

SERVICES OF TRAINED NURSES

Did This Under Protest on Condition That He Pay for Substitute—Thought It Mandatory to Admit Patients When There Were Vacancies.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) MARIETTA, VA., July 10.—When the board convened this morning Dr. A. S. Priddy and J. C. King, assistant physicians since the first of May last, testified as to the opinions they had arrived at relative to certain patients from their observation this far.

Being instanced patients Freeman, Perdue and Taylor as either idiots or dements, and Dr. Priddy thought of Mrs. Whitehead, admitted by special direction of the board, could and should be taken care of at home, and also stated that Elizabeth Welch seemed to be a harmless dement.

Martha Fortune, Mary Swinney, Jennie Robertson, Bertie Talliferro and Minta Robinson are proper inmates in the opinion of witnesses.

Miss Nannie Akers, for four years previous to last May matron of the hospital, testified that the fare in the executive dining-room was more varied and better prepared because less in amount than that in the general dining-room. Witness stated that Dr. Preston in the next year that there was general complaint of cement being kept in the dead room, which he reported was the most convenient place for it and said: "That is my business, Miss Nannie." This was said without anger.

At 2:30 the defense took up its side of the case by the introduction of C. A. Bopp, an expert baker of fourteen years' experience, who had been here nearly two years up to last May. He testified that the bread was always well prepared while he was here. Dr. Preston frequently visited bakery and told witness to make immediate complaint of anything wrong, which was rectified. When witness talked of leaving at one time Dr. Sherrill told him that he should be paid more and retained. On cross-examination witness stated that he told Dr. Sherrill he was leaving because of insufficient pay. Crossing himself on this point a moment later, witness was allowed to go without further question.

DR. PRESTON ON THE STAND. At 3:10 Superintendent R. J. Preston was put on the stand to testify in his own defense. He was called upon to state the medical institutions of which he is a graduate and the high positions held by him. He had visited numerous hospitals over the country to increase his efficiency. Witness had used medicines prescribed by his physicians during his sickness, and that he had been returned to the drug-room several months ago. An item of peptomanagan, purchased by his wife, had been struck out of bill rendered the institution and paid by witness. Witness had used services of trained nurse under the supervision of Dr. Preston, and he paid the wages of substitute. He would have paid wages of nurse he used and board of extra one if his attention had been directed to this point.

THOUGHT IT MANDATORY. Witness had admitted patients without consulting, and thought the law made it mandatory on him to do so when there were vacancies and proper lunacy papers were filed. Witness understood that the law meant that a person born entirely without mind and harmless, and of sane mental condition, though acquired. The cases cited in charges he did not regard as coming under either head. All had proper lunacy papers.

LIST OF BOARD OF VISITORS SINCE THE organization of the institution, to whom Dr. Preston was indebted for his official position, was read in evidence. This was done over the protest of opposing counsel to establish the character of the men who had elected Dr. Preston, and contained the names of some members now on the board investigating these charges.

POSTAL ORDER DELAYED. One Affecting Large Number of Publications Will Issue Next Week. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—Postmaster-General Smith will leave to-morrow for East Gloucester, Mass. He said to-day that owing to the pressure of his duties it would not be possible for him to issue until next week the order ruling out of the second-class rates a large number of publications which offer premiums for subscriptions, and the order must be postponed to the Philadelphia convention to the new civil government.

ANTI-TRUST RESOLUTION. Mr. Goode's anti-trust resolution was then taken up. Chairman Braxton notified the clerk to request Mr. Goode to appear before the committee at its next meeting. The chairman asked the members to give the resolution their earnest thought and investigation before the next session and said it was a very important, far-reaching question and one that would give rise to a great deal of debate.

DR. McMillan stated that he had been approached by a great many business men and asked not to do anything to discourage trusts. They said the State had lost thousands and thousands of dollars in taxes and manufacturing enterprises by compelling them to get charters in other States, though it did not induce them to do so in Virginia. He said he conveyed this information to the committee as it came to him without knowing anything about the matter himself. Chairman Braxton said the trouble was that the independent State action would not be the good of trusts without being able to prevent the evil. If the harmful effects can be remedied by Constitutional action it ought to be done and this was an opportune time.

THE COMMITTEE THEN ROSE. The committee then rose. It will be considered by the Legislative Committee to-night. The Legislative Department Committee, Mr. Walton Moore chairman, held a long session to-night. The following resolutions were discussed and laid on the table: To regulate the hours of labor. To disqualify carriers of concealed weapons from holding office. To provide for working convicts on the public roads. To prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of school houses. Judge G. K. Anderson's resolution to

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prevent the passage of local and private bills by the Legislature except upon recommendation in writing of a joint committee of the Senate and House, was favorably acted upon by the Legislature.

It was determined to adopt an amendment to prevent the passage of any bill repealing any section of the Code without specifying the exact language of the section, the law to be inoperative to any statute then embraced in the subject matter and title of the bill.

The committee seemed inclined to adopt Rev. Dr. Dunaway's resolution prohibiting the granting of any appropriations to schools or institutions not owned by the State. Judge Robertson said he was sure some parties would like to be heard on the measure, and further action was postponed until a subsequent meeting.

The resolution to require compulsory arbitration was about to be tabled, but a member suggested that some might like to discuss it, and Thursday night (to-night) at 8 o'clock was fixed as the time for its consideration. All parties interested were requested to appear before the committee.

Sub-committees were appointed to examine and report on the expediency of adding the word damaged to section 14; also to formulate an ordinance securing greater publicity in proposed legislation; to require a majority of all members of the Legislature to enact a law.

Several resolutions were read and passed over; some referred to other committees, and all generally discussed. There was no speech-making during the whole session last night. The committee accomplished a great deal of work, while not definitely acting on many matters, it paved the way for future progress.

THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY. Committee Recommends That It Remain as at Present. The Committee on the Executive Department, ex-Governor Cameron presiding, considered the special session of the Legislature relating to the Governor's salary, his pardoning and veto power and adopted no amendment. Section one, making him ineligible to succeed himself, if he stand with it, and the salary will remain at \$5,000.

The sections relating to the Lieutenant-Governor were also discussed and favorable action was not taken on the resolution to abolish the office. The committee discussed informally the whole article relating to the Executive Department, but rose without taking a formal vote on any proposition of amendment.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM. Committee Desires More Information Before Taking Action. The Judiciary Committee had a full meeting at its morning session yesterday. The principal work done was in the line of obtaining detailed information as to the costs of the Judiciary System of the State. Statistics already on hand do not give complete expenses.

Resolutions asking for cost of extra allowances to sheriffs, and clerks, by counties, cities or State judges instead of cost of jury, both civil and criminal, etc., were passed. Messrs. Eggleston and Gordon were named as a subcommittee to obtain and prepare this information.

Statistics were read, prepared by the Auditor, showing the following expenses: Total cost of Supreme Court of Appeals, \$28,125.50; Circuit Courts, \$45,425.70; Law and Equity Courts, and Hustings Courts, of Richmond and Norfolk, \$12,550; Salaries of County Judges, \$45,000.

It is evident that the committee intends to thoroughly examine into the whole judiciary system of the State and counties before taking any decisive action, as to any change of the system. Judge G. K. Anderson, by invitation, appeared before the committee and explained the provisions of his resolution.

He said he would have the Supreme Court consist of three judges instead of five provide for five District Courts of Appeal that could hear appeals at much less cost than the present system. He would have two judges elected by the people for each of these districts. He would abolish county judges and have the State divided into districts, one judge elected by the Legislature for each district, courts to be held in each county twice every two months. He would have justices of the peace elected by the people of the county, one for each magistrate district. The Legislature to provide for any further number that might be desired and fix their jurisdiction.

Judge Gordon made a strong argument in behalf of his resolution. A strong point in his favor was the fact that he is himself a county judge and his resolution, if adopted, abolishes his office. That the committee does not look with favor upon the present system of county courts is evident from expressions made during the session. Mr. Cameron, chairman of the Committee on the Executive, asked the committee to fix the status of the Attorney-General, whether that office should be considered by the Executive Committee or the Judiciary Committee. It was the sense of the body that the Attorney-General should be at the head of the Judiciary Department, and consideration of that office properly, came under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee.

GIVEN TEN YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Richard Scott, Colored, Sentenced for Shooting Mr. Stephens.

COUNCILMAN BRINGS SUIT

Asks Ten Thousand Dollars For Alleged Defamation of Character—Yacht Accommodated With Mrs. Tyler Party Aboard Sailed For Eastern Shore.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., July 10.—Richard Scott (colored), who, when Warrant Officer Stephens sought to arrest him recently, shot and wounded him, was today sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary. Scott, who was wanted for threatening to kill a comrade, had a street duel with Stephens, firing six shots at him. His aim was good, but his bullets failed to penetrate Stephens' back far enough to kill him.

Councilman Samuel H. Kelly, who also held the local street railway employees' union, to-day sued Mr. J. B. Lowenberg. He asks \$10,000 damages for alleged defamation of character.

Wm. Jones (colored), who some time since forged the name of the Seaboard and Norfolk News, was today arrested. A check, which he tried to cash here, was taken to-day and got two years in the penitentiary.

SAILED FOR EASTERN SHORE. The yacht Accomac, with Mrs. Tyler and party aboard, which spent last night here, proceeded for the Eastern Shore to-day.

Bradford's Commercial Agency, at Portsmouth, for refusing to pay license, was fined \$20. They appealed.

Mr. Robert L. Nutt, chief clerk of the late Mr. John M. Sherwood, who has been promoted to the assistant treasurer-ship of the Seaboard Air Line, vacated by Mr. Sherwood's death. Mr. Porteous, of New York, succeeds Mr. Sherwood as secretary.

TELEWATER TERMINAL. Neighbors of Mr. Noraworth, whose farm fronts the James river, six miles above Newport News, but on the Norfolk side of the river, reports him recently, saying that he has sold the place to a steam railroad company, who will build a pier and wharf upon it, and that others thereabouts have been approached with offers to buy.

Noraworth, whose land is practically valueless for any other use, had said he got \$100 an acre for the forty-acre tract.

A pier a mile long would have to be built there to reach deep and broad water. It is conjectured that a new railroad from the coal fields to Tidewater is projected.

Opinions differ as to whether this is a case of George Goetz, of the Seaboard Air Line, working in conjunction with the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, or the Louisville and Nashville Railway, whose property has recently been ruined by the Texas oil discovery.

SCENES AT THE ARMY. Much Preparation for the Annual Encampment. Things are animated at the Seventh-Street Army these evenings, caused by preparations for the encampment of the Seventieth Regiment.

Company F met last night, and the following detail was appointed to go to Ocean View twenty-four hours in advance of the regiment to prepare for its coming. Quartermaster T. M. Gill and Privates Webber, Schwartz and Evans.

THE AMBULANCE KEPT BUSY.

A Number of Calls Answered Last Night After 6 O'Clock.

The ambulance worked over-time after 6 o'clock last night, attending to numerous calls which went in for the city surgeon.

At 6 o'clock Dr. Foster attended at the Second Station Mammie Billiehafer, a colored girl, arrested on the charge of robbing guests of a hotel in Baltimore, and found her prostrated from the humiliation of her experience. She was treated and left.

James Ames, a young white man, was taken ill at Ninth and Clay Streets and removed to the City Hospital.

Evid Ross, suffering with a high fever and something like a chill, was treated at the Chesapeake and Ohio depot and left.

At 10:20 a young white girl was taken with a violent chill in Monroe Park, and after being treated by the ambulance physician, was taken to her home. Dr. Foster was on duty.

Walker Light Guard Orders. Captain Miller, of Company B, has issued the following orders to his company: "In compliance with general orders, this company will be in camp at Ocean View, Va., from July 29 to 31, 1901."

Members of the company will provide themselves with a pair of black shoes, a pair of white socks, a high blouse, a high blouse, a pair of handkerchiefs, comb and brush, toothbrush, towel, clothbrush, shoe blacking and brush and at least two pairs of white gloves.

Blankets and other company property will be distributed by the Quartermaster-Sergeant at the Army on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. All equipment must be drawn not later than Wednesday evening.

The following named men will compose the company detail, and will report at 5:30 A. M. Friday, July 19, 1901. They will spend the month of August on two days—viz., Corporal Martens, Artificer Higgins, Privates E. S. and C. M. Ratcliff and J. P. Atkins.

Another Slot Machine. Lewis Miller, proprietor of a saloon at Broad and Adams Streets, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with operating a slot machine in his place of business. Officers Sowell and Amos made the arrest. Miller was bailed for his appearance at the Police Court this morning.

Position of Baptist Ministers. Richmond, Va., July 10, 1901. To the Editor of The Times: Several of the daily papers print a statement to the effect that the Baptist Ministers' Conference took no action on "The request of Mr. John Garland Pollard" that they should express their views on his resolution to eliminate the word "Christian" from the Virginia Bill of Rights.

This statement may leave a mistaken impression. The matter was brought to the attention of the Conference by one of the members and not by Mr. Pollard. The members quite generally expressed their sympathy with Mr. Pollard's resolution. They did not, however, feel that it was necessary for them to give any formal expression to their views, particularly as it is not unlikely that they will find opportunity at an early day to align themselves in the matter of religious liberty on a more ideal embodiment of that great principle.

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WANTED IN BALTIMORE.

Girl Arrested Charged With Robbing Guests in Hotel There.

Mammie Billiehafer, a colored girl about eighteen years of age, was arrested at the True Reform Hall, in Jackson Ward yesterday afternoon by Officers Sowell and Amos, on a telegram from Baltimore. She is charged with robbing the guests of a hotel in that city, and from her trunk yesterday nine pocket-books were recovered, but no great amount of money. She was locked up at the Second Police Station and will await the arrival of officers from Baltimore. Edith Jones, who will return from Virginia Beach to-morrow.

Miss L. W. Seldon, who has charge of the children's ward at the Retreat for the Sick, left yesterday to visit friends in Staunton and Augusta county. She will be absent several weeks.

Miss Estelle de Saussure, who has been visiting New York, Buffalo and Cincinnati with Mrs. T. M. Logan for the past three weeks, is now at Algona, General Logan's mountain home.

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