

MORE SUFFRAGE CLAUSES COMING

Captain Parks to Introduce Cn Shortly.

IS AGAINST UNDERSTANDING

Will Fight It in Every Form—Unanimous Report in Favor of Liability Bill.

Captain R. S. Parks, of Page, returned here last night, having been confined at his home in Luray for several days by sickness. He discussed the suffrage question in a most interesting manner and reiterated his views in opposition to any form of an understanding clause. So strongly does the Page county leader feel on the subject that he has determined to prepare and present to the conference shortly a plan of his own, which will contain neither the understanding nor the grandfather clause. He has decided to introduce and fight for his plan in the hope that it will be adopted, and if not that his discussion will emphasize what he calls the danger of anything like an understanding clause.

His scheme is a very simple one. It will provide a poll-tax of \$1.50, the payment of which shall be prior to the election and shall be paid in person by the voter and that the tax shall be cumulative. It will provide further that voting shall be by secret ballot and that the tickets shall be of uniform size and shall remain in the hands of the election officers until applied for by the voter. The Electoral Boards shall designate one judge for each precinct, who shall assist in marking their tickets. After the plan shall have been in force for two years, no person shall be allowed to register who cannot read and write, and that no man make it mandatory upon the Legislature to pass a law making it a felony for any person to offer a bribe to another to secure his vote, and besides other punishment provided for the person so convicted from ever afterwards voting or holding office.

Even members themselves are becoming restless at the slow progress that is being made on suffrage. Senator Glass was able to be in his seat yesterday, but he was not at all well. He will try not to exert himself and will endeavor to get in shape to speak before the conference next Monday night in favor of his plan. But whether Mr. Glass will keep quiet or not in the meantime will depend much upon what comes up in the convention between now and Monday night. It is likely in several of his works as a member of the convention, and if a fight reaches a point where his services are needed, he will throw himself into the breach, "health or no health," as he said in the recent campaign for Governor, and to his duty as he goes it.

The Corporation Committee came to an almost unanimous conclusion on the employers' liability bill yesterday afternoon. Every member was an adherent and Brockley voted to adopt an employers' liability amendment. As amended, it was accepted by both Mr. Meredith, the draftsman of the original resolution, and Mr. Wagoner, who has strongly opposed the measure in his paragraphs.

The getting together of all these friends of the principle involved in the resolution insures for it a safe passage through the convention, and it is believed that the chairman of the committee, who has laboriously endeavored to secure a practically unanimous report.

The resolution, as adopted, is as follows: Every employee of any railroad corporation shall have the same rights and remedies for any injury suffered by him from the acts or omissions of such corporation or its employees as are accorded by law to other persons employed by the same corporation, when the injury results from the negligence of a superior agent or officer of the corporation, or from that of a person employed by it in the discharge of his duties, or from the direct services of the employee by whom he is injured, and also when the injury results from the negligence of a co-employee engaged in another department of labor from that of the party injured, or of an employee on another train, car, or who has charge of any switch, signal point, locomotive engine, or is charged with dispatching trains or transmitting telegraphic orders therefor.

The Committee on Finance was unable to get a quorum yesterday afternoon. The hearing to be given representatives of the dealers and manufacturers in Richmond and beer was postponed until Wednesday, December 12th, at 4 o'clock.

The following representatives were present yesterday to oppose the Harrison tax measure: Sylvanus Stokes, Norfolk; L. Leazarus, Lynchburg; M. L. Hessburg and D. E. Hatcher, Danville; J. M. Higgins, William Zimmerman, Peter Stump, A. A. Klevesahl, J. P. Brown, and A. von N. Rosenick, all of Richmond.

Mr. J. M. Higgins made a post-nominate of the hearing would be perfectly satisfactory to the delegation, who appeared as citizens, realizing that the committee was earnestly seeking for the adoption of such laws as would best advance the interests of the State. He assured the committee that there would be no lawyer's hands to be put on their case on the 12th; that the matter was a simple business proposition and would be argued from a business standpoint by business men.

Nothing further has been done in regard to the securing of a hall for the



GOLD DUST

makes the pans and kettles clean and bright. It does the work much better than soap and in much less time.

At a short meeting of the Committee on Education yesterday morning Mr. Carter Glass proposed a State Board of Education to consist of the Governor, Attorney-General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chairman of the faculties of the University of Virginia, William College and one city and one county superintendent. The latter are to serve in a semi-advisory capacity, not to have a vote in the election of either county or city superintendents. No conclusion was reached, as several members had other engagements to offer.

Bound copies of the convention proceedings on the occasion of the death of President McKinley were yesterday presented to the members, which have been printed and bound under the direction of a special committee, of which Senator Glass was chairman. On the back of the little black booklet, which contains the memorial proceedings in full, and which is composed of fifty-eight pages, is the following inscription, in gold letters: "William McKinley, Virginia's official tribute to his memory." Each member of the convention received ten copies of the volume.

AMUSEMENTS

Miss Rose Coghlan appeared at the Academy last night in Oscar Wilde's play "A Woman of No Importance." There was a good-sized audience present, but he excellence of the play and players served a much greater attendance, none who were not present missing seeing a strong play as will be given here this season.

Miss Sarah Madden was also excellent as Mrs. Altonby. Miss Ann Warrington gave a strong individualized characterization of the role of Lady Hunstanton. Miss Agnes Reelyn presented a distinct type of society woman in Lady Studfield, and looked chic in a dazzling gown of red. All of the characters were well sustained, and the success of star players and play was undoubted.

Thanksgiving Day at the Bijou is to be a merry one. There will be two performances of Weber's Olympia vaudeville stars, and special numbers are to be presented in honor of the foot-ball team of the University of Virginia. Miss Eleanor Paik and her "Sunny South" quartet, twelve pretty girls, who will be the first time, and all of the pretty maidens will wear the University colors, and sing the college song. The show has been greatly strengthened since Monday night. The Rio Brothers, in a wonderful Roman ring act, Muzz and Malarie, the sensational comedy acrobats; fertile, the sensational comedy acrobats; fertile, the sensational comedy acrobats; fertile, the sensational comedy acrobats.

The Thanksgiving Day attraction at the Academy will be the successful play, "When We Were Twenty-one." It will be given at matinee and night performances by a very capable company. The advance sale of seats indicates that the audiences will be very large. The play was given here last year, but was produced here for the first time by Nat Greenwell, introducing his three stars, before last. It is a thoroughly delightful and clearer drama of the "social play" type.

An important attraction is announced for Saturday matinee and night, when the much talked of farce, "The Gay Mr. Goldstein" will be presented by Henry Greenwell, introducing his three stars, "The Gay Mr. Goldstein" is a comedy portraying the humorous side of the Hebrew character, but not of the exaggerated type that the public has been subjected with of late in farce and vaudeville.

MR. MILLER DEAD.

William Peters Cleared of the Charge of Murder. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., November 27.—J. Mason Miller, Jr., of this city, one of the most prominent business men of the State, died this morning at 1 o'clock. About two weeks ago, while Mr. Miller was returning home from his coal mines, in West Virginia, and when about fifty miles from Charleston, W. Va., he was stricken with paralysis. He was brought home and it was thought he was getting along very well, until last Monday night, when he took a turn for the worse. Mr. Miller was 55 years old.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. William Peters (colored), charged with murdering Lottie Fields (colored) on April 24th last in Basic City, which trial has been going on in the County Court for two days, the jury brought in a verdict this morning of "not guilty."

ALL OUR PEOPLE TO GIVE THANKS

Observance of the Day Here to be General.

PUBLIC OFFICES WILL CLOSE.

School Children Will Have Holiday and Business Will Be Largely Suspended. Church Services—have Good Dinners.

A national and a State holiday as well. Thanksgiving Day will be observed pretty generally throughout the city and State today. Business to a certain extent will be suspended and all hands will join in the celebration of the festival.

In Richmond the celebration will be of the usual character. Banks will be closed and all city, State, and Federal offices. The postoffice will observe special hours. All of the public schools will be closed and many of the attending private institutions will have holiday. The Constitutional Convention adjourned yesterday to meet again to-morrow, thus arranging it so that the members can pay proper attention to the day. In addition to these special orders many of the private business establishments will close at least a portion of the day.

The great feature of Thanksgiving here will be, as ever, the foot-ball game. Virginia this year battles against Sewanee, and that the orange and blue will wave in triumph is not a dead sure thing by any means. The boys from Tennessee will put up a good game and will give Virginia a good chase for the pigskin. A display of chrysanthemums always accompanies Thanksgiving Day, and florists this year are reaping no less a harvest than heretofore. The yellow and white varieties are the most popular, and are being bought up at fancy figures. Foot-ball ribbons will give color to the crowds on the streets to-day. Orange and blue for Virginia and purple for Sewanee will be the dominant colors. The game will come out of town at the end of the day is another matter.

ALL WILL CLOSE. As stated above, the banks will be closed during the entire day. The Custom House and the Federal offices will also suspend work. The postoffice will serve special hours. The office will be open from 10:30 A. M. to 12 M. for the delivery of mail and the sale of stamps. Carriers will make a delivery at 10 A. M.; collections at 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. The stations will keep the same hours. All of the city offices will be closed.

WHAT THERE IS TO EAT. A plentitude of good things is on the market for him who eats. Turkeys are in great number, and prices are low. Cranberries are also here in large quantities. Other things which go to make up the bill of fare are equally in evidence. The markets are well supplied with all sorts of fruits, flesh, fish, and oyster things.

Special Thanksgiving dinners will be served in most, if not all, of the hospitable establishments in the city. The occupants of the City Almshouse will also enjoy a special menu, and the boys at Laurel reformatory will have a few turkeys to gobble at. A special dinner will be served at the State penitentiary.

IN THE CHURCHES. The religious feature of Thanksgiving Day will be as is customary. Among the Catholics and Episcopalians, individual church services will be held and special sermons will be preached. At the Grace-Street Church by the Baptists, The Rev. W. H. Whitsett, D. D., of Richmond College, will preach. The union service among the Presbyterians will be held at the Second Church, of which Russell Cecil is the pastor. Dr. E. P. Kerr will preach. The Christians will meet together at the Seventh-Street Church and will hear a sermon by the Rev. H. P. Atkins, of West-End. Two services will be held at the Methodist Church, one at Central and one at St. James. At the former the Rev. R. M. Maxey, of Ashbury, will preach, and at the latter the Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of Broad-Street.

Special services will be held at Beth Ahaba Synagogue, at 11 o'clock. Dr. E. N. C. will preach on "The Survival of the Republic." A special Thanksgiving service will be held at the Venable-Street Baptist Church this evening. Dr. R. J. Birmingham will speak, which church service will be held. Light refreshments will be served. Rev. D. A. Solly will preach at Pine-Street Church at 11 o'clock. There will be Thanksgiving service at 11 A. M. at St. Luke's Church, corner Beverly and Washington Streets, and Thanksgiving service at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Church, No. 210 Washington Street, at night. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited.

The usual Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Andrew's. At night the Harvest Home festival, at which children will sing, will be held at 8 o'clock at night under the auspices of the Chapter of Praise and Chorus Class. The offerings at both services are for the poor.

WOUNDS WERE NOT SELF-INFLICTING

(Continued from First Page.) desiring to have surgeons present to hear the statement, secured a suspension of this testimony until afternoon.

Three colored female servants related incidents of Ayres' life at the Kenmore Hotel. One of them said that she had heard Ayres order Mrs. Bonine to get out of his room and remain out; another, that she saw Ayres and Mrs. Bonine coming out of the room together, and a third that upon an occasion Ayres had shown indifference when told that Mrs. Bonine was ill.

NOT SELF-INFLICTED. After seeing Deputy Coroner Glazebrook retrace his testimony, beginning with a description of his experiments with the pistol with which Ayres was killed to show the distance necessary to make powder burns, such as were found on Ayres' underclothing, he concluded that the wound in Ayres' thigh must have been made by a weapon held more than twenty-four inches from the spot. He also concluded that the arm wound must have been made by a pistol held about fourteen inches away. In the chest wound he thought the muzzle of the revolver must have been eight inches from the body.

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Continuing his statement and still using Joyce's body for the purpose of illustration, Dr. Glazebrook said that the wound in the chest had penetrated the right lung and the lung on the left side, and had ranged to the right and upward, lodging in the back. This wound, he said, was necessarily fatal. He thought from the appearance of the blood found in the chest wound and had been vomited.

Dr. Glazebrook also stated that he had had a conversation with Mrs. Bonine at the jail the Tuesday after the tragedy, and that at that time she had given him her version of the tragedy. He had called at the jail professionally to make an examination of Ayres' body, when she had volunteered to illustrate to him how the tragedy had occurred. He said that Mrs. Bonine had him place both arms around her, the pistol being held in the right hand, and she said, clasped the revolver and the hand which held it, and the pistol was snapped three times in the struggle which ensued.

Mr. Douglas, on cross-examination, brought out the fact that there was a slight opening in Ayres' forehead and several abrasions and bruises on his legs and feet, the purpose of the defense being to show that there had been a struggle. The witness said that on the two legs there were eight of these abrasions, and on the inside of the feet there were five. "COULD HAVE CALLED." Dr. Glazebrook expressed the opinion that the most natural thing for a man wounded as Ayres was would be to grasp at the wound.

Responding to a question from Mr. Dawson, the witness said he thought that a man wounded in the chest as Ayres was could have cried for help in a subdued tone. Coming to the description of the tragedy, given to him at the jail by Mrs. Bonine, Dr. Glazebrook said she had shown him the imprints of her finger nails made in her own hands when she grasped his hand and the revolver. He also said that after proceeding for a short time in the direction of the affair, Mrs. Bonine had stopped suddenly, saying that she had been advised not to talk for the less and that all she could remember to him was that she had seen a visit he had found a bruise or one of Mrs. Bonine's arms which could have been a week before. This he had taken them back to the killing of Ayres. The inner side of the left leg also was bruised from the knee to the ankle, and there were many bruises on the right leg.

The court at this point adjourned until Friday.

Deaths in Berryville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BERRYVILLE, VA., Nov. 27.—Mrs. John W. Locke died last night at her home here from pneumonia, aged sixty-nine years. She was a brave Confederate soldier, having served with the 10th Virginia Infantry. He was born at New-Baltimore, and was a carpenter by trade. For over thirty-five years he was employed by Messrs. Thompson & Ogden, contractors, of this place. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

Southern Station Purged.

(By Associated Press.) ALEXANDRIA, LA., Nov. 27.—The Alexandria Railway station here, filled with local and transfer freight, was totally destroyed by fire to-day. Several passengers lost their trunks in the depot. Two hundred bales of cotton were burned and four hundred bales damaged by fire and water. A number of cars were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 27.—The steamer John K. Speed, bound from New Orleans to Cincinnati, with 700 tons of freight on board, struck an obstruction in the river a short distance below the Memphis Railroad bridge to-day and sank. No lives were lost.

KAPPA SIGMA AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Fraternity of the Third District Cathered in Force Last Night.

Seventy-five members of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity of the Third District were entertained at a banquet at Masonic Temple last night, following a meeting at which fraternity matters were discussed. Several prominent gentlemen were present, the two States, Virginia and North Carolina, and the District of Columbia, each being well represented. This was the first of what it is hoped will become an annual function in the Third District.

In every way the affair was an elaborate one. The decorations of the dining-room were gorgeous, flowers and palms being used extensively, and the fraternity colors draped throughout the room and predominating in the table service. From Washington and from other prominent cities within the area covered by the Third District several parties came to attend the meeting and the banquet. Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond, was toastmaster. The toasts and responses were as follows: "The Third District," Mr. Cary T. Grayson; "Kappa Sigma," Mr. S. E. Osbourne; "The Ladies," Mr. W. J. Wilkinson; "Brothers," Mr. J. S. Barron; "Beta-Beta," Mr. W. C. Pulliam; "The Caducous," Mr. W. P. Mills; "The Future of Kappa Sigma," Mr. W. H. Hallam; "Goats," Mr. T. N. Phelps.

Following the set programme there were half a dozen impromptu toasts, all of which met with happy responses. Among the most prominent of those present were Messrs. John S. Barbour, member of the Constitutional Convention; H. M. Smith, Jr., President Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College; Prof. William M. Lytle, of the University of Virginia; ex-Senator R. E. Boykin, J. G. Hankins, L. M. Martin and S. W. Martin, of Danville; W. Brydon Tennant, W. S. P. Mayo, McChesney Yarbrough, Hal C. Tyler, Dr. John P. Davidson, Horace M. Slater, Dr. Virginia Harrison, W. C. Pulliam, H. F. Robinson, Dr. A. M. Fauntleroy, of the United States navy; H. E. D. Wilson, Rives Fleming, J. M. Coles, H. W. Cole, J. Taylor Robinson, M. S. Martin, Hiram Smith, Arthur DuVal and A. C. Crump.

Bank Cashier Indicted.

(By Associated Press.) MONTGOMERY, ALA., Nov. 27.—An indictment was found to-day against Colonel E. B. Young, cashier of the defunct Eufaula (Ala.) National Bank, by the United States grand jury. Colonel Young, accompanied by his attorneys and F. W. Jennings, of Eufaula, and bondsmen, later surrendered to the Federal authorities, and Judge Jones fixed the bond at \$7,500.

Watch out for S. L. Ulman's auction sale of Fancy Groceries Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS

ACADEMY. MATINEE AND NIGHT TO-DAY: "When We Were 21" SATURDAY (MATINEE AND NIGHT): THE GAY MR. GOLDSTEIN. Prices, 25c to \$1.00.

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