

DUTY ON COAL WAS DISCUSSED

Mr. Vest Debated His Resolution in the Senate. MR. ALDRICH MAKES REPLY

Rhode Island Senator Said Plan Proposed Would Not Accomplish Object Desired—Punishing Matters in House.

Mr. Aldrich said that a Democratic Senate would put a duty of 40 cents on coal in 1904, and that they favored free coal, except on the day when they could have voted free coal but the tariff would not have been raised.

Mr. Vest, replying, said Mr. Aldrich's remarks could lead to a serious conflict between the two Senators. He said it was an open secret how the "duty of forty cents a ton was put on coal in the Wilson bill."

Mr. Vest declared that such resolutions as the one under discussion were idle and futile in securing the object sought and contended that all legislation affecting revenue should originate in the House.

Mr. Vest explained that he thought a resolution instead of a bill, by saying that he felt sure a bill after its reference to committee would never be reached.

"BERRY'S FOR BARGAINS." HERE A Sale HERE

That materially lowers the prices on every Man's Cutaway or Sack Suit in the Store!

Never was a sale more sweeping. The staple blacks and the stylish fancies—all are humbled to wear price tags representing slightly more than one half their former prices!

Remember—the lots are not picked out for a special sale—but every Man's Cutaway and Sack Suit in the entire Store is in this Greatest Clearance Sale, and at your disposal at the following reductions:

- Blue Tag Sale! Full stock of \$22.00, \$25.00 and \$28.00 Cutaway and Sack Suits, including black Thibets, unfinished Worsteds, fancy mixed and black Cassimeres and Cheviots in the very latest cut, style and make—the "J. O. Drew" styles, two; choice, only

- Red Tag Sale! Table after table of \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 Cutaway and Sack Suits, including unfinished Worsteds and Thibets, fancy mixed and plain Cheviots and Cassimeres—Suits that are characteristically the Berry sort—Suits the smartest dressers are wearing; choice, for

- Green Tag Sale! This great sale sacrifices more than in these popular lines we've been selling for by the hundreds this whole season at \$12.50, \$15.00 and many at \$16.50. Every sort of stylish Sack Suit—the black, the mixed, the fancy—in every fabric; choice,

Look for the colored tags—they show you the new prices, and come early—the advantage of choice will repay you.

The Startling Sale of Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats at half value has been crowding our elevator

A Furnishing Tip or Two. \$1.50 stiff and soft bosom white and fancy Shirts, in this sale at \$1.00

\$1.00 and 85c fancy Shirts, at 50c \$1.25 and \$1.00 Flannelette Night Robes, at 85c \$7.00 (per Suit) fancy Silk and Wool Underwear, at \$5.00

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forth a protest from Mr. Cockrell of Missouri, who thought that Congress should not be made a court of appeals to hear applications from officers after they had been declared fit for active service.

Mr. Morgan of Alabama, characterized it as an exceptional case, and said he did not intend that Captain Hobson's reputation or character should be damaged by any objection made against him.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that he would continue to call the bill until justice is accorded to Captain Hobson.

Mr. Morgan of Alabama is not in the habit of twisting, he said, and he is as straight as a die, as straight as you are.

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HON. R. H. ANGEL IS AFTER RAILROADS

World Makes Them Liable for Delays. REGULATE STORAGE CHARGES

Matter to Be Placed in Hands of Corporation Commission—First Brush in Insurance Fight to Come Up This Afternoon—Notes

One of the most interesting and important bills yet introduced in the Legislature at the present session is the one found below, which was presented by Mr. Angel yesterday. It relates to the subject of storage charges by railway companies.

An act to require the State Corporation Commission to fix rates of storage to be charged by railroad companies or car service associations in this State and to prescribe regulations in changing same.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, that from and after the passage of this Act power is hereby conferred on the State Corporation Commission to fix and to prescribe the maximum rates and charges for storage of freight charges by railroad companies doing business in this State, and to fix at what time after the receipt of freight at destination such charges of storage shall begin, with power to vary the same according to the value and character of the freight stored, the nature and place of destination, the resistance of consignee, and such other facts as in their judgment should be considered in fixing the same.

Section 2. That the State Corporation Commission shall fix and prescribe a schedule of detention charges to be paid by railroad companies or car service associations to the consignee, in case of delay in delivery of freight at destination where shipments are held an unreasonable length of time at the station or siding where it originates.

Section 3. That no railroad company or car service association shall make or receive directly or indirectly any charge for storage of freight greater than that fixed by the State Corporation Commission.

Section 4. That if any railroad company or car service association shall violate the provisions of this act, such violation shall be held to be a party injured double the amount involved by such violation to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 5. This act shall be in force from its passage.

The first brush in the great insurance fight, which has been brewing in the Legislature for some weeks, will come this afternoon when the Finance Committee of the House will hear the agents upon the insurance clause of the new tax bill.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST. Friday partly cloudy Saturday rain or snow; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

Highest temperature yesterday..... 37 Lowest temperature yesterday..... 23 Mean temperature yesterday..... 28 Normal temperature for January..... 39 Departure from normal temperature... -11 Precipitation during past 24 hours..... T

President Cabell makes interesting report to annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Urges that some steps be taken to develop the Richmond coal field.

Great conference for education to be held in this city next week. Distinguished men will attend meeting, which will be held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute.

John Henderson, a negro, arrested by Richmond detectives on four charges of burglary.

Subcommittee on Streets recommends ordinance permitting the consolidation of the two telephone companies.

Conference to-night on mode of selecting commissioners of the revenue.

Richmond gentlemen granted a charter to operate coal mines, and will go to work in Southwestern part of the State during the winter.

Ernest Davis will hang this morning in Martinsville for the murder of a man.

'PHONE COMBINE SEEMS ASSURED

Sub-Committee Agrees to Permit Merger of Two Companies. PROVISIONS PROTECT CITY

Lengthy Ordinance, Consenting to Consolidation Unanimously Recommended to Street Committee. May Act Monday Night.

At a meeting of the subcommittee of the Street Committee appointed to consider the petition of the Richmond Telephone Company to be allowed to sell out to the Southern Bell Telephone Company, last night an ordinance, drafted by the attorneys of the corporation and approved by City Attorney Pollard, was recommended to the parent body for adoption, and it is safe to say that it is only a question of time before this action has been ratified by both branches of the Council and signed by the Mayor, thus making the merger a surety.

The ordinance is a lengthy document, and contains several provisions for the protection of the interest of the city. Mr. Pollard having investigated the matter most carefully, it was on his advice that two or three important amendments to the proposed ordinance were adopted, President Maupin, of the Richmond Telephone Company, agreeing to accept them.

Mr. H. H. Chisley, superintendent of the B. B. Company, was present at the meeting, but took no active part in the proceedings. He refused to commit himself as to whether the corporation which he represents would agree to the consolidation under the ordinance as recommended after being amended.

WILL LIKELY ACCEPT. However, the ordinance will be forwarded to New York to-day, and as soon as the Bell officials in that city look into the details they will make known their decision. It is thought that the provisions of the ordinance will be agreeable to these gentlemen and that the merger is only a matter of time.

In the event of the provisions of the ordinance suit the New York office it will doubtless be communicated to the Superintendent (Chisley) by long distance phone to-day, and an effort will be made to get the Street Committee together to-night to consider the ordinance.

Present at the meeting last night were Messrs. Whitner, chairman, Maupin, Burton, Phillips and Huber, of the subcommittee, while Messrs. Chisley, superintendent of the B. B. Company, Mr. Adolphson, president of the Richmond Telephone Company, and Mr. W. Robertson, who was formerly at the head of the new concern.

The petition of the company was read by the clerk, in which it was set forth that the Richmond Telephone Company desired to transfer its physical property, including poles, wires, cables, fixtures, etc., on the streets and alleys and lanes of the city to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, and be released from any obligations to the city under the ordinances under which they have been operating.

FEW AMENDMENTS. Mr. Maupin stated that he had with him a petition signed by over 1,000 subscribers all of whom favored a consolidation of the two telephone interests. He said that 70 of these people were patrons of the Richmond Company, while the others used the Bell phone, and urged that immediate action be taken upon the ordinance, as a further delay would do no good and might precipitate a loss.

HEALTH COMMITTEE. No Business of Importance Considered. Eminent For Next Year. At a meeting of the Council Committee on Health last night bills and pay-roll for the past month were audited and ordered paid, after which the body heard from Mr. Haas, representing a street sweeping manufacturing company. He said that the company had purchased a bid for an elegant revolving street wagon brush for \$50, and was exceedingly anxious to put one in Richmond.

ANTI-TRUST MEASURE. House Judiciary Committee Will Report. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 8.—The House to-day passed the Philippine constabulary bill as it was reported from the committee, except for an amendment limiting the number of assistant chiefs to four. The bill provides that the chief of the constabulary and the assistant chiefs who are United States army officers, shall have the rank, pay and allowances of brigadier-general and colonel, respectively, the difference between such pay and their pay in the regular grades to be paid out of the Philippine treasury.

Mr. Maddox of Georgia, opposed the bill, and said in the face of the request of the Secretary of War yesterday for \$200,000 for the relief of the people of the Philippines. It was wrong to increase the pay of army officers at the expense of the Philippines. He thought there must be plenty of generals in the army who could be detailed for this duty. If higher rank was necessary.

There is General Funston," said he, "who would make a fine chief of police (laughter). If colonels are needed, the woofs are full of them."

An amendment offered by Mr. Jones of Virginia, to limit the number of assistant chiefs under the bill to four was adopted.

WARRANTED WON IN THE HANDICAP. The Winner Got a Purse Worth \$1,430—Other Events at New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 8.—Gannon's ride of Major Mansir, the favorite and Redfern's judgment in placing Warranted tells the story of the Jackson Handicap, the feature of to-day's card and a race worth \$1,430 to the winner. Car Kahler and L'Etrienne were the winning favorites. Summary: First race—Five furlongs—Pineapple Tulane (5 to 1) first, Agnes Mack (3 to 1) second, Appaloosa (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:02.94.

Second race—Selling, six furlongs—Carl Kahler (4 to 5) first, Tom Maybin (5 to 4) second, Paul Creyton (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:13.15.

Third race—Seven furlongs—Harris (6 to 1) first, St. Tammany (25 to 1) second, Paget (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:25.05.

Fourth race—Jackson Handicap, mile and a half—Warranted (5 to 1) first, Major Mansir (3 to 2) second, Ernie (5 to 1) third. Time, 2:37.45.

ILL WITH SMALL-POX IN WASHINGTON HOTEL. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Joseph O. Thompson recently appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Columbia, is ill at a hotel in this city with smallpox. His brother, Representative Charles W. Thompson, of the Fifth Alabama District, is quarantined in the hotel. It was not regarded by the health authorities of the city as necessary to quarantine the hotel or other guests. Mr. Thompson was taken sick last Saturday, but it was not determined until to-day that his illness was smallpox.

FUND FOR FOXING MATCH. "Parson" DAVIS anxious to Arrange a Match Between Two "Sports." (By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 8.—"Parson" Davis has deposited \$1,500 with "Honest John" Kelly, of New York, who is at present in New Orleans, as a forfeit to bind a match on behalf of "Kid" Broad to box either Terry McGovern or Oung Corbett, at 125 pounds for the largest purse offered. Davis is willing to have Broad box in San Francisco, Louisville, Port Erie or any place where a purse is offered.

CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 8.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of J. A. Crawford to be postmaster at Whitfield, Ga.

EMPLOYEES ARE INVESTING. They Take 12,000 Shares of Steel Corporation in Stock. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—An official of the United States Steel Corporation reports that applications to the amount of 25,000 shares have thus far been made by over 12,000 employees who wish to avail themselves of the considerable plan. The original proposition called for the distribution of only 25,000 shares, but in order to meet the increased demand extra stock probably will be bought in the open market. The right to subscribe expires on February 1st.

ILL IN BALTIMORE. Mrs. Taliaferro's Condition Regarded as Very Critical. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FALLING TOWN, MD., January 8.—Mrs. Sallie Taliaferro, widow of Dr. Philip Taliaferro, of Gloucester county, Va., is critically ill at the home of her sister, Miss Evelyn MacCandlish, No. 507 Park Avenue, this city.

FROM YORKTOWN. Seven Cases of Smallpox Reported in York County. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

YORKTOWN, VA., Jan. 8.—The York county supervisors met here yesterday and took up the consideration of the smallpox near Hestead's Point, four miles from here. Drs. S. G. Cooke, J. H. Crawford, and E. R. Martin stated there were seven cases now.

DREADFULLY BEATEN. Moonshiners in Henry County Surprised and Reported Stills. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MAKINSVILLE, VA., Jan. 8.—There has been a case of moonshining in Henry county, recently. A. Y. Heller was caught on the highway and dreadfully beaten. A report of a suspicion on the part of the moonshiners that he reported these stills to the revenue department. None of the moonshiners have been caught.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 8.—The consolidated Naval Stores Company has purchased the Chattanooga Pottery, owned at Daley Town, from P. Montague, of this city, and will manufacture turpentine pots for the products of the company. This branch is capitalized at \$50,000.

THE CONFEDERATE MUSEUM. TWELFTH ANNY CLAY STREETS. Opens daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission, 25 cents. Free on Saturdays.

ACADEMY. Tuesday, January 13th. MATINEE AND NIGHT, OTIS SKINNER

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An Eye For An Eye. Prices, 25c to \$1.50; Matinee, 25c to \$1.00. SEATS NOW ON SALE.

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Easy to Take Easy to Operate. Hood's Pills