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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

NEW BILL ADOPTED BY HOUSE.

Views of Mr. Lybrook on the Debt-Election-Law Committee—Hygeia Hotel—Vacant Judgeships—Coupons and Bonds, &c.

The Senate was on yesterday opened with prayer by the Rev. T. G. Dashiell, D. D., of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

In the communication from the House was the bill passed by that body curing the defect in the Riddleberger bill which Judge Hughes's decision recently brought to the attention of the public. Mr. Wickham moved and it was agreed that the bill be placed upon the calendar. He then offered a substitute by instruction of the Finance Committee, which was made the special order for Monday.

The House bill provides: "But such bonds shall not be given for any coupons or interest on registered bonds mentioned in this section maturing after the 1st day of July, 1882. The 1st day of July, 1882, shall be taken as the date of exchange of the several classes of bonds and evidences of indebtedness specified in this act and in the act of which it is amendatory: provided that no coupon bond shall be funded under this act, unless all past-due coupons belonging to said bond, or other coupons of corresponding classes, amounts, and dates accruing since the 1st day of July, 1882, be surrended therewith, nor shall any registered bond be funded under this act unless all interest accruing since the 1st day of July, 1882, be surrendered therewith."

The substitute amends the bill as follows:

Strike out all after the words "eighty-two," in the 42d line to the end of the section, and insert: "Provided that all bonds offered for funding belonging to any class shall have attached thereto all coupons or other interest maturing after the 1st day of July, 1884, which shall be surrendered with such bonds, and no allowance shall be made for any coupons or for any interest maturing on bonds of any class between the 1st day of July, 1884, and the date of exchange and surrender of such bonds; and provided further, that after the 14th day of August, 1884, the new bonds issued shall be issued with such coupons or interest only thereon as shall mature after date of issue.

"And provided further, that by way of provision for coupons and interest which matured between the 1st day of January, 1883, and the 1st day of July, 1884, both inclusive, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, upon the presentation of such coupons or claims for interest or registered bonds which have matured as aforesaid, to receive the same, paying for them a sum equal to that which would have accrued during the period for which such coupons or claims for interest matured had the bond of which it was the product been funded on the basis of this act on the 1st day of July, 1882."

HAVE WE AN ELECTION LAW?

The Chair (Mr. Hurt) announced that Messrs. McCormick, Wickham, and Games were appointed on the Senate's part on the special joint committee to ascertain if we have an election law, and with power to report by bill or otherwise.

The Chair announced several changes in standing committees, necessitated by the death of Judge Crumpler. Mr. Christian goes on Courts, Mr. Turner on Roads, Mr. Towles on Agriculture, Mr. McDonald on Committee to examine Second Auditor's Office.

THE DEBT.

Mr. Lybrook offered the following:

Whereas it is held that there are certain bonds in uncertain hands, variously estimated at from $12,000,000 to $55,000,000, chargeable against the State of Virginia; and whereas every proper and reasonable effort has been repeatedly made by the people of this State, through their representatives in the Legislature, to effect a settlement between this State and the holders of these bonds; and whereas all such efforts have been met by these bondholders with uncompromising resistance, captious opposition, and technical quibbling; and whereas our resources, our patience, our equitable endeavors, and our legal responsibility are all now believed to be entirely exhausted in our efforts to maintain the credit of Virginia, without questioning the validity of her alleged indebtedness, or taking recourse to her inherent and sovereign rights; and whereas no substantial equivalent or valuable consideration can be shown upon which to base these bonds; and whereas the holders of them are not *bona fide* creditors of Virginia, but merely adventurous speculators, who have purchased or otherwise come in possession of the bonds formerly held by creditors, and have already realized much more than their original cost by means of accumulated interest collected from this State, and have positively and persistently refused every offer of a settlement upon equitable terms; and whereas a syndicate has been organized by these speculators for the purpose of perpetuating a legal prosecution of the people of Virginia, and preventing any settlement between this State and the unknown holders of this unproven debt, unwisely made and unjustly charged against her, so that these speculators and holders of bonds may not have their claims tested, but may continue to draw interest thereon; and whereas certain debts are positively prohibited to be paid by any State in Article 14, section 14, of the Constitution of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do here and now express our unalterable opposition to the payment of any part of this alleged debt or interest thereon; and the Auditor of Public Accounts be instructed forthwith to refuse payment of interest on any bond alleged to be held against Virginia.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A communication from the Governor announced the death of Circuit-Judge Dickinson and of County-Judges Newman, of Hanover, and Schell, of Dinwiddie, and the resignation of Hon. W. A. Hudson, judge of the county of Augusta. A resolution was adopted by both houses to go into an election to fill these vacancies (except Augusta judge) on Tuesday.

The Democrats have nominated for circuit judge F. D. Irving, Esq., and for judge of Dinwiddie B. J. Epes, Esq.

No nomination has been made of Hanover judge or of Augusta judge.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Mr. McCormick offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Auditor and Treasurer be requested to inform the Senate what sums, if any, have been paid the Attorney-General since January 1, 1884, from the Treasury, beyond his regular salary, and if any, for what service and by what authority.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Wickham, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, reported, without amendment, Senate bill No. 5 "to amend and reenact section 7 of an act for the establishment of a State Female Normal School, approved March 7, 1884."

PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Edmonds: A bill to provide additional commutation for citizens of Virginia wounded and maimed during the late war, under the provisions of an act approved February 25, 1884.

By Mr. Flournoy: A bill for the relief of William L. Spindle from two flues assessed against him by the County Court of Lee county.

By Mr. Trout: A bill to provide for a new census of the school population of the city of Roanoke.

PASSED.

Senate bill to provide for the interchange of coupon bonds and registered bonds issued under the act approved February 14, 1882, entitled an act to ascertain and declare Virginia's equitable share of the debt created before and actually existing at the time of the partition of her territory, &c.

Adjourned.

House of Delegates.

Mr. Echols offered a resolution, which passed, providing that no bill be printed except by special order of the House or the chairman of the Committee on Printing.

Speaker Stuart (Mr. Pollard in the chair) offered the following:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby, instructed to prepare and report forthwith a bill prohibiting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund from purchasing any bonds of the State, either for the purposes of investment or retirement, which represent in whole or in part coupons maturing since the 1st day of July, 1882, and to provide for the identification of all such bonds.

After an explanation by Mr. Stuart the House adopted the resolution.

OLD POINT COMFORT.

Mr. Barton said that in conversation with Governor Cameron in reference to a resolution that the Governor be requested to inform the General Assembly what action, if any, had been taken in obedience to a resolution of the House of Delegates passed the 19th day of March, 1884, requesting an investigation into the rights of the Commonwealth to the property known as the Hygeia Hotel, near Fortress Monroe, and the land adjoining thereto, that the Governor had remarked that he had not received official notification of the passage of the resolution. Not being a joint resolution, it was not in the Acts of Assembly. This had caused the Governor to be silent, and not any disrespect to the Assembly.

THE ELECTORAL BILL.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections reported the following substitute for Senate bill No. 10, providing for the election of electors for the State:

1. There shall be chosen by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth at the election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884, and at elections to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each fourth year thereafter, so many electors for President and Vice-President of the United States as this State shall be entitled to at the time of such election under the Constitution of the United States. Said elections shall be conducted under the penalties, subject to regulation and provisions of, and the regulations thereof shall be made in accordance with the general election law of this State at the time such election shall be held. Each voter may vote for one elector from each congressional district of the State, as the same shall be constituted and apportioned for the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State at the time when such election shall be held, and two electors from the State at large. And if at the time of choosing electors the law shall provide for one or more representatives from the State at large in said Congress, then and in that event each voter may at such election vote for such number of electors from the State at large (in addition to the two hereinbefore provided for) as shall correspond with the number of such representatives at large; so that the whole number of electors to be chosen at any election shall always be equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the State may at that time be entitled in the Congress aforesaid.

2. Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1873, and chapters 344 and 391 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia, session of 1871 and 1872, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

3. This act shall be in force from its passage.

The substitute was adopted.

NO HOLIDAY.

Mr. Kilgore offered a resolution that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet again next Tuesday. Lost.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Echols: Bill to amend and reenact an act approved February 25, 1884, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Greenville, Augusta county.

By Mr. Graves: Petition of certain members of the bar of the Circuit Court of Bedford asking a change in time for holding said court.

By Mr. Bolen: Bill to provide compensation to the clerks of county and corporation courts for making records of delinquent lands and receiving payment of taxes on same.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message from the Governor was read:

To the General Assembly:

Official notice has reached this department of the following vacancies in judgeships in the Commonwealth which have occurred since the last session of your body:

In the Third judicial circuit, by the death of Hon. Asa S. Dickinson.

In the County Courts of Dinwiddie and Hanover, respectively, by the death of Hons. R. C. Schell, and W. W. Newman.

And in the County Court of Augusta county by the resignation of Hon. W. A. Hudson. WILLIAM E. CAMERON.

On motion of Mr. Barton, it was agreed to go into an election of judges for Dinwiddie and Hanover counties next Tuesday.

AUGUSTA JUDGESHIP.

Mr. Barton's joint resolution to elect judges of Dinwiddie and Hanover counties came back from the Senate with an amendment including the county of Augusta.

The House refused to concur in the amendment.

REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT.

House bill No. 3, providing for the assessment of real estate in the year 1885, and every fifth year thereafter, was reported.

Mr. Munford offered the following as an independent section, which was adopted:

In any county or city in which there is more than one assessor, such assessors, prior to the completion of their labors, shall assemble at least once in each district for the purpose of consultation, with a view of equalizing the assessments of lands in their respective districts and in their counties and cities as far as practicable.

Other amendments of clerical character and unimportant nature were agreed to, and the word "freeholder," in the twelfth line of first section was stricken out.

OPENING THE GATES.

Mr. Trigg offered a bill for the relief of a Mr. Colevell, of Washington county, but the House refused to consider it.

Pending the consideration of an amendment to the Code, offered by Mr. Barton, the House adjourned.

GRAND-MASTER MURRAY.

Funeral at Louisa Courthouse—Special Train Bearing the Richmond Masons.

The funeral of Grand-Master Murray will take place at Louisa Courthouse this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. A special train will leave the Chesapeake and Ohio depot soon after 10 A. M. to carry the Masons. It will return here to-night. The Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13, Knights Templar, is ordered to assemble in full uniform at the depot promptly at 10. The members of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, are invited to unite with No. 13. All the Templars in uniform will have free transportation, the tickets being purchased by the Commandery. Joppa Lodge, No. 40, is ordered to attend the funeral. All Master Masons in good standing will meet at the depôt at the above-named hour. Aprons will be provided. The Master Masons will pay $2 for a round-trip ticket. It is expected that at least fifty Knights and fifty Master Masons will attend.

The Grand Secretary notified by wire Deputy Grand-Master Francis H. Hill and the other officers of the Grand Lodge residing outside of Richmond as to the hour of the funeral. The Grand Secretary also telegraphed to W. H. Young, Worshipful Master of the lodge at Louisa and District Deputy for the Louisa district, that a special train would bring the Masons from Richmond.

The remains of the Grand Master left Charlottesville yesterday afternoon in a special coach, draped with mourning, in charge of a Masonic escort.

St. Albans Hall will be open from 8 to 9½ o'clock this morning so that Knights Templar going to Louisa may get their uniforms. Joppa Lodge will have Master Masons' aprons at the train. The armorers of Commanderies Nos. 2 and 13 will be at the hall.

Francis H. Hill, of Madison county, became Grand Master of Masons in Virginia on the death of Grand-Master Murray. He is a highly-esteemed lawyer.

Church Dedication at Columbia.

St. Joseph's Catholic church at Columbia will be dedicated to-day, and the Catholic societies of Richmond will attend the ceremonies. Before leaving here they will be present at mass to be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral at 6 o'clock. Immediately afterwards they will be formed in line in the basement of the Cathedral and will thence march to the Alleghany railroad depôt, from which their train will leave at 7 o'clock and return in good time to-night.

Bishop Keane will conduct the services, assisted by clergy from this city and Baltimore. St. Peter's choir and other good singers will go along with the visitors from Richmond, who will number several hundred.

The New City Committee.

The recently-elected City Democratic Committee will meet at 8:15 o'clock to-morrow night in the City Circuit Court-room for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. All of the officers are to be elected.

The committee has suffered somewhat heretofore from absentees—from gentlemen who accepted the honor and trust, but who rarely attended the meetings or shared in the labors of the committee. It is believed from the material of the new body that there will be little cause of complaint on this score.

RICHMOND PEOPLE AWAY.

Last of Arrivals of Them at Summer Resorts Since Last Report.

The following Richmond people arrived at Old Point Comfort, Hygeia Hotel, from the 9th of August to the 15th: H. Taylor, Jr., W. B. Hardy, P. Couran, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bowman, William R. Moore, Miss A. B. Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shepherd, J. P. McGuire, C. O'B. Cowardin, Meade Haskins, A. Stokes, Jr., S. B. Witt, Hon. John S. Wise, W. L. Rawson, E. B. Moon, Thomas W. Traylor, Hugh Campbell.

GREENBRIER WHITE SULPHUR.

J. H. Ellerson, John Stewart, Miss E. Hope Stewart, L. C. Buckner, H. M. Barksdale, James R. Branch, Byrd Warwick and family, James W. Allison, Andrew Pizzini and family, E. Cuthbert, Miss Marian Dodson, Miss Jeannette Dodson, Miss Lillian Saunders, E. H. Saunders, Mrs. General T. J. Jackson and daughter, A. M. Parker, W. W. Archer, Major R. S. Archer, W. E. Tanner, A. Osterloh, B. Peyton, Jr., J. O. Wallace, W. C. Knight, George W. Mayo and wife, A. S. Buford, R. M. Blankenship, W. H. Smith, John S. Elliott, General W. C. Wickham, C. E. Wellford, C. Warwick, Thomas N. Carter, John Howard, John Chamblin, E. T. Robinson, M. D., C. P. Young, Branch Cunningham, W. Frederick Pleasants, P. S. Grant, W. D. Davis, A. C. Becker and family, Peyton Wise and wife, Richard W. Flournoy, Legh R. Page, Leigh Buckner.

NATURAL BRIDGE.

R. C. Morton, Miss M. C. Carter, Miss M. N. Carter, Randolph Fink and wife, Miss Hanmer, Miss S. W. Leake, Miss M. Ghislin, A. G. Nolle, George B. McAdams, Miss E. W. Munford, George W. Mayo and wife, E. A. Burress, Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Andrews, L. P. Ecker, R. B. Snead, Miss Mary Cayt, S. L. Woodson, Powhatan Breeden and wife, A. C. Becker, wife, and child; James D. Goodale, Miss MacDonald, Mrs. A. H. Wood, G. C. Lafferty, Miss Lafferty, W. P. Smith, B. Rand. Wellford, A. H. Wood, Dr. F. D. Cunningham, R. H. Cunningham, George L. Street, F. L. Ballauff, Mrs. S. G. Ballauff, A. D. Ballauff, Mrs. T. H. Gunn, S. L. Woodson, A. L. Binford, George Crutchfield, J. J. Hassold, Robert M. Blankenship, C. E. Mahan, P. H. Mayo, W. S. Dashiell, W. R. Bowie, W. D. Davis, Thomas N. Carter, P. S. Grant, Heth Lorton, H. P. Cochran, John W. Martin, Jr., A. S. Emmons and wife, Armin Pollock, Miss M. P. Moore and maid, Dr. and Mrs. Hunter McGuire, Miss McGuire, Mrs. J. E. Moore, Mrs. T. H. Gunn, Miss Lillie Howard, William H. Smith, C. W. Smith, Mrs. C. W. Smith and child, Mrs. J. R. Gott.

ALLEGHANY SPRINGS.

Miss S. I. Bosher, Mrs. M. F. Hundley, Miss Sallie Hundley, George W. Embry, Mrs. George W. Embry, Miss Embry, Mrs. Law. Lottier, Jr., Miss Marion Dodson, Miss Jeannette Dodson, Mrs. J. C. Walton, Miss May Walton, Miss Jennie Fox, Mrs. F. T. Glasgow, Miss Emily F. Glasgow, Misses Glasgow, Mrs. Guilliame, Miss Guilliame, Mrs. [illegible] Winston, Miss Rosalie Winston, Rev. [illegible] Sprigg, Mrs. Sprigg, Edward Cohen, Mrs. Cohen, Charles T. Child, Walter D. Moses, George A. Lyon, W. W. Tinsley, John W. Gordon, C. A. Rose, E. A. Walton, Edmond Bossieux, Mrs. M. A. Bossieux, W. J. Baker, Mrs. R. B. Selden, W. C. Mercer, Miss Nellie Lottier, C. R. Carrington, Mrs. May Jones, Mrs. Taylor, P. W. Pope, S. S. Mitchell, Ro. S. Bosher, Leigh S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Potts, Misses Neeson.

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS.

Mr. L. Lottier and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Upsher, Mrs. Dr. Charles H. Chatkley, Mrs. D. T. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Watt, Colonel J. W. Gordon and family, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Hoffman Allan, Miss Louise Allan, Mr. W. H. Jones and family.

CARLTON HOUSE, SCOTTSVILLE.

T. W. Patterfield, D. L. Cosby, L. P. Harny, George T. Mattern and family, Henry Gunst, Frank Mattern, J. Eulank, Stanhope Bolling; L. Lewis, wife, and four children; Jack Gshlighan, T. P. Howard, H. Cabell Tabb, M. D., W. Augustus Lee, M. D., and D. R. Griffith.

HEALING SPRINGS.

Dr. G. W. Harris, James Woodhouse, M. F. Burke, O. O. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gray, J. L. Schoolcraft, Mrs. Crews, Charles J. Anderson, E. B. Taylor, and R. P. Richardson.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Account of the Interment of the Victims of the Richmond Theatre in 1811.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society was held at the rooms of the Society, in the Westmoreland Club-house, yesterday—Edward V. Valentine, Esq., in the chair, and in the absence of Major Barksdale, Mr. Brock acted as secretary.

A number of gifts of books, manuscripts, etc., were reported, among the first a rare pamphlet: "A Collection of Facts and Statements Relative to the Fatal Event which Occurred at the Theatre in Richmond, on the 26th December, 1811. The second edition, with additions. Richmond. Published by Roberts, Dutton & Co., 1812." 18mo. The final leaf is unfortunately mutilated, but the portion remaining presents some facts concerning the victims of the lamentable catastrophe which are not generally known: "*Interment of the Dead.* The arrangements for this melancholy occasion could not be completed before Sunday, and as the place of interment had been changed from the church to the area where the theatre stood, to that fatal and devoted spot the funeral procession did not move as was originally contemplated by the committee, from the Baptist meeting-house. * * * The relics of the deceased were encased in mahogany boxes. * * * The mournful procession then moved to 'the devoted spot,' and in the centre of the area where once stood the pit these precious relics were buried in one common grave. The service for the dead was read by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan. The whole scene defies description—a whole city bathed in tears. How awful the transition on this devoted spot. A few days since it was the theatre of joy and merriment, animated by the sound of music and the hum of a delighted multitude. It is now a funeral pyre! the receptacle of the relics of our friends! and in a short time a monument will stand upon it to point out where their ashes lay!" From William C. Mayo, Esq., Richmond, Va. Among the manuscript gifts were two vellum documents—a patent to Nathaniel McClure for 140 acres in Augusta county, dated July 5, 1774, and signed by Lord Dunmore, and another for 165 acres in Botetourt county to Christopher Hirsh, assignee of Richard Armstrong, dated November 28, 1789, and signed by James Wood, Governor of Virginia—from Henry Ott Dold, Esq., Lexington, Va. A communication from Colonel Thomas H. Ellis resigning membership in the Executive Committee because of removal of his residence to Baltimore, Md., was read.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: Dr. Edward Cyrus Gray, Oxford, Chenango county, N. Y.; William Alexander Jardine Hicks and Adam George Hicks, Esqs., The Chestnuts, Hornsey Bill, London, N. Eng.; Atwood Violette, Esq., 197 Gravier street, New Orleans, La.; and William Ridgely Penniman, Jr., Esq., Asheville, N. C.

Acceptances of membership were read from Colonel Samuel Adams Drake, Boston, Mass.; General C. W. Darling, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, New York city; C. A. Hack, Esq., Taunton, Mass.; Mrs. Virginia Hannen, Frankfort, Ky.; and G. P. Frierson, Esq., Columbia, Tenn.

The secretary, Mr. Brock, reported that the second and concluding volume of the *Dinwiddie Papers*, of more than 700 pages octavo, with analytical index and portrait of Governor Dinwiddie, his arms, autograph, etc., was nearly printed, and would soon be ready for delivery to the members of the Society.

Mr. Brock exhibited to the committee a recent publication of rare attraction to the reverential Virginian, "The Complete Works of Captain John Smith—1608-1631," combining in one volume each and every offering of his, together with the contemporary publications of Tindall, Archer, Carleton, Wingfield, Chamberlain, Ratcliffe, Spelman, and others, illustrative of the narratives of Smith; *verbatim* reproductions, with the maps, portraits, etc., carefully edited, with an introduction and cross references by Professor Edward Arber, F. S. A., Birmingham, England, and forming No. 16 of "The English Scholars' Library."

Adjourned.

The Western Lunatic Asylum.

Dr. Fauntleroy, Captain Bumgardner, and other members of the Board of Visitors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, called to see the Governor yesterday in regard to that institution. Their object was to get the Governor to recommend to the General Assembly an appropriation of $29,000, to be expended under their direction and in the following manner: $16,500 to defray the current expenses for the year ending September 30, 1884, and the sum of $12,500 for the purpose of effecting