WEST POINT'S CASE.

THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE MONOPOLY.

A Council Elected by Fraud and Force—Unequal and Unjust Taxation—The Sufferers Appeal to the Supreme Court.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WEST POINT, VA., January 13.—The case of the property-owners of West Point against the railroad company that makes its terminus at this place and incidentally tries to rule the town to its own interest and consequently in a manner detrimental to the people of the town, will be tried shortly before the Supreme Court. It is a case that will probably excite a great deal of interest, as it is one that deals with the liberties of the people direct. It appears that a number of years since the company having placed a sufficient number of its employees in the Council to control it, made a proposition to the Council that if it would pass an ordinance freeing them from corporation taxes for ninety-nine years, they (the company) would move the general offices of the road to West Point and do many other good things for the town. Having enough members of the Council in their power, and at their call, to carry anything that they should see fit to ask, they readily got all they asked for and, as far as the writer knows, gave no proper guarantee that their part of the deal would ever be consummated.

SIGNS OF AN ERUPTION.

This ran along for years, with now and then signs of an eruption among the taxpayers, who have to pay probably the largest amount of taxes for the smallest amount of benefit of any people in the State. Finally one year ago last November the people revolted and nominated a ticket for Council without a railroad-man on it. The railroad announced its men. The election that followed was a disgrace to free-born American citizens. The railroad applied the whip and made its employees fall into line. It was, Give me your vote or your room. With their henchmen at the polls the employee who dared to vote his convictions had to risk his situation. Not many did, and consequently the railroad Council was elected by a large majority.

AN ANXIOUS PEOPLE.

This election left the property owners of the town with but one resort—the courts. It is now to be seen whether the Supreme Court will allow the Constitution to be continually violated. Taxes, according to the Constitution, should be just and equal. In West Point, as the railroad company owns one half of the taxable property, the other half of the property has to bear the whole burden of taxation. The people are anxiously waiting the result of the pending suit.

PERSONAL.

Hon. H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, was in town on Tuesday, attending to the sale of some marine property, in which he was interested as commissioner.

Mr. L. S. Cottrell, the editor of the *Virginian*, has been quite sick for several days with the grip.

Messrs. Smith, Horsey, and Holland, of Laurel, Del., are in town to-day looking at the manufacturing sites.

Mr. Isaac Diggs has returned from a trip to Washington, where he has been in the interest of the custom-house.

Mrs. W. L. Wheeler, of West Point, left on Sunday for the bedside of her sister, who is quite ill in New York.

Frances Folsom Nun, the little daughter of Mayor Nunn, was buried at the old home of the Mayor, in King and Queen county, to-day.

WOODWORKING-FACTORY.

The Town Council has procured a satisfactory site for capitalists who propose to start a general woodworking-factory. The factory will employ in the neighborhood of a hundred hands, and is one of the many improvements that will be started in West Point during the present year. The parties at the head of this enterprise are from Delaware. Others are expected here in a few days to examine our location.

DEATH'S DOINGS AROUND NORFOLK.

Dense Fogs on the Coast—The County Against the Cities—A Big Contract.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, January 13.—Death continues very busy in this section of the State, and it has been remarked that the obituary columns of the newspapers were never so regularly full of funeral notices as within the past few weeks. This morning young T. W. Wysham, a clerk at John C. Emmerson's lumber-yard, only twenty-two years of age, died at the Centennial House, in Portsmouth, after a short illness. He came to Portsmouth from Baltimore, where, it is said, his father now lies desperately ill.

John J. Sykes, a well-known citizen of the Fourth Ward in Portsmouth, aged fifty-four years, was buried this morning. Several deaths of ladies have occurred, among them the venerable Mrs. Catherine Mahoney, mother of Mr. John Mahoney, of the firm of J. A. E. Mahoney, who buried a son twenty-eight years old on Sunday. She died last night at her home, in Portsmouth. Deaths among the colored people are also numerous.

A prominent farmer from the Nansemond-line section of Norfolk county says there have been more deaths in his neighborhood this winter than for a long time before, owing to the prevailing epidemic.

TROUBLE TO SHIPPING.

The continuously dense fogs along the coast causes considerable trouble to the shipping entering and leaving the Capes. The signal officer has found it impossible to distinguish and report vessels from Cape Henry for several days.

President Kimball, General-Manager Sands, and Mr. Flickwir, of the Norfolk and Western, are engaged to-day in inspecting the property of the company in this vicinity, and leave for the North to-night.

The Board of Supervisors of Norfolk county have instructed their representatives in the Legislature to resist any effort of the city of Portsmouth or Norfolk to extend the city limits.

RE-ELECTED.

All the old officers of the Business-Men's Association were re-elected at the annual meeting last night. A number of speeches were made, and a number of strangers were present, including President Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western.

F. M. Whitehurst, master commissioner in the Atlantic and Danville railroad litigation, has been allowed $1,000 in fees by the United States Court.

The contract has been let for the new Norfolk and Western railroad buildings at Lambert Point to John P. Pettyjohn, of Lynchburg, and the work will be commenced at once.

MAYOR MORRIS, OF NORFOLK, DEAD.

A Good Citizen, Faithful Public Servant, and Gallant Confederate Soldier Gone.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 13.—After several months of severe suffering Hon. Frank Morris, mayor of Norfolk, expired to-night about 7 o'clock at his residence, on Charlotte street. The cause of his death was cancer of the throat, resulting from a wound received in the face during the war. He was greatly respected in the community and served several terms as president of the councils before becoming mayor. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and served throughout the struggle in the Ninth Virginia regiment, Army of Northern Virginia. Except a few years in New York, he had been engaged in business in Norfolk ever since the war—latterly in banking. Deceased was a native of Portsmouth and married there. He was fifty-one years of age and leaves a wife and one son.

A MYSTERIOUS TOMBSTONE.

Who Was "W. R. Gilmore Who Died in 1811"?—Wounded by a Negro.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 13.—A large tombstone about four feet long by two broad was dug from the ground this afternoon at Heald's bark-mill, in Sandy Hook, below this city. The stone bears the inscription: "In memory of W. R. Gilmore, who died September 21, 1811; aged fifty years."

No one here seems to know anything about it, or whether there was ever a burial-ground there or not. The stone was about six feet under ground and is a gray granite slab.

ASSAULTED BY A NEGRO.

Police-Officer Adams, of this city, was struck on the head and seriously hurt early this morning by a negro ex-convict named Lemon Jackson. The policeman had arrested the negro on a charge of jail-breaking, he having broken jail twice at Amherst Courthouse; and while stooping down to look for something, the negro struck him back of the ear with a blunt instrument, which fractured his skull. The negro escaped. The policeman is lying dangerously ill.

A MISSING EXPRESS PACKAGE.

Agent Hammond Finds Himself Short $840—No Clue to It So Far.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., January 13.—The loss on the evening of the 4th instant of an express money package from Washington addressed to the National Valley Bank, of this city, has just become generally known here. Charles T. Hammond, the United States Express Company's agent here, receipted for the package containing $840 at the Baltimore and Ohio depot in this city along with other packages. Upon arriving at his office he failed to find this package in his pouch. Mr. Hammond immediately made good the loss, and Pinkerton's detectives have been here looking over the field, but so far without finding the money. The affair has been kept secret up to this time, that the agent might have the better opportunity to recover the money.

FARMVILLE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The Cumberland Commonwealth Attorney's Vacancy—Coming Marriage.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., January 13.—The members of Knights of Honor and Royal Arcanum of Farmville were entertained last night at Chernault's restaurant, where a sumptuous repast was served.

Mr. Junius L. Wilson has announced himself as a candidate for appointment to the office of Commonwealth's attorney of Cumberland to fill the unexpired term of Colonel S. H. Coleman, who has been elected circuit judge. Mr. Wilson is endorsed by the upper portion of Cumberland for the position.

Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist church here, has been called to Salisbury, Md., to attend the bedside of his aged mother, who is critically ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Cannon accompanied him.

COMING MARRIAGE.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Mattie E. Tunstall and Mr. M. Nelson Leneane at the Presbyterian church, Burkeville, Va., on Wednesday, January 20, 1892, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

A NEGRO WIFE-SHOOTER.

He Fires Several Shots, Only One Taking Effect—Mr. J. C. Wood Dead.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., January 13.—John F. Trice (colored) was arrested to-day charged with shooting his wife. He quarrelled with her over some trifling matter and without provocation, it is said, drew a pistol and fired several shots at the woman. Only one ball took effect, however, and the wound is not serious.

A telegram was received here to-night from Baltimore announcing the sudden death of Mr. John C. Wood, father of Mrs. W. N. Berkley, of this city.

Eighteen Animals Burned in a Stable.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 13.—A large stable filled with horses and mules was burned late this afternoon on the corner of Twelfth and Floyd streets, and eighteen animals were consumed. The property belonged to the estate of the late William H. Ford, and was not insured.

The Buena Vista Hotel "Fire."

The fire which took place Sunday night in the Colonade Hotel, at Buena Vista, was confined to the kitchen and the room above. The entire damage is not over $100. The flames were extinguished in thirty minutes by the use of the city hose.

NEWS NOTES FROM MANCHESTER.

Funeral of Mr. Richardson—Leap-Year Party—Robbery—Personal, &c.

The funeral of Mr. George E. Richardson, whose sudden death on Monday was reported in the DISPATCH, took place from the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The sacred edifice was crowded with the sorrowing friends of this popular young gentlemen. Manchester Lodge, No. 14, of Masons, of which the deceased was secretary at the time of his death, attended in a body and occupied front pews to the left of the right aisle. By an order of Master-Mechanic Thomas Gentry, the employees of the car department of the Richmond and Danville shops were permitted to attend the funeral. The coffin was covered with floral designs which had been sent by loving friends, and among them was a handsome tribute from the operatives of the car shop, in which Mr. Richardson was engaged.

The services were conducted by Rev. L. R. Thornhill, assisted by Rev. Dr. William E. Hatcher.

Mr. Thornhill based his remarks on the 7th chapter of Luke, verses 11-16, and spoke of the Christian character and exemplary life of the deceased and of his work in the church, of which he had been a consistent member for a number of years. Mr. Richardson had done efficient work in many positions in the Sunday school—as teacher, secretary, and assistant superintendent—was organist of the church for fourteen years, and a member of its Finance Committee at the time of his death. The address of Mr. Thornhill was very affecting and tender, and the entire service impressive. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. T. Williamson, J. L. Robertson, Joseph Davidson, G. S. Williamson, Wellington Endis, John Z. Walker, and F. A. Lamb. The interment was made at Maury cemetery with Masonic honors.

LEAP-YEAR GATHERING.

One of the most delightful occurrences of the year was the leap-year reception given by the Misses Harnish Tuesday evening. The weather without was dismal in the extreme, but the affair was largely attended, and the interior of the place presented a brilliant scene. There was music, dancing, and other forms of amusement, and the evening was passed in the most delightful manner. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock, when the mirthful throng assembled around the festive board and enjoyed the repast to the fullest extent. Among those present were: Miss Guy, of Hampton; Misses Cosby, Evans, Carter, and Mrs. Marshall, of Richmond; Misses O'Brien, Harnish, Baird, and Mrs. McFarlane, of Manchester, and Miss Lipe, of Chesterfield; Messrs. Traylor, Whitworth, Garland, Evans, Picot, Harrison, Doyle, and Willis, of Richmond.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

Thieves entered the grocery-store of Mr. John W. Owens, on Hull street between Twelfth and Thirteenth, Tuesday night and carried off a large amount of groceries and other articles. The merchant is unable to ascertain the amount of his loss. They broke a glass in a side-window, but were unable to gain admission. They then went to a side-door, over which there was a glass with several large iron bars in front. This glass was also broken, but they could not bend the bars. They next went to the back-door and with a large iron bar succeeded in prying the door open. A large lamp was burning in the store but was extinguished by the thieves, who visited the money-drawers and took what cash was left in them, which amounted to about $20. It is supposed that a large amount of whiskey was stolen. The police were notified yesterday, but no arrests were made nor any of the stolen property recovered. The tools used in breaking the door were taken from the blacksmith-shop of Mr. W. I. Crostic, on upper Hull street. It is thought that the tools were stolen from the shop Tuesday while the employees were at work, as they were not missed until yesterday morning.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Manchester Lodge, No. 102, International Association of Machinists, at its regular meeting Tuesday night, elected the following officers: George Sturdivant, master machinist; V. L. Turrentine, past master machinist and statistician; W. G. Freeman, foreman; E. Scott Gibbs, recording secretary; W. B. Stone, financial secretary; T. S. Neisler, treasurer; C. H. Gibbs, conductor; J. M. Lee, inside sentinel; R. H. Vaughan, outside sentinel; S. C. Taylor, chaplain and trustee.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

The Hustings Court will meet next Monday.

Mr. Thomas M. Miller, of Powhatan, was in the city yesterday.

The usual Wednesday-night services were held in the different churches last evening.

The Alert Fire Company held a meeting last evening, but nothing of importance was transacted, as they are waiting on the Committee on Ordinances, who have an ordinance in their hands relative to the organization of the fire department.

Judge William L. Clopton, attorney for the Granite Land and Improvement Company, has just closed a sale of eighty acres of the company's property at $500 per acre.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Julia D. Bosher's trustees to Home Building Company, 50 feet on south side Spring street near Pine, $1,000; Abner Colley and wife to Julia Twyman, 30 feet on east side Seventh street near Baker, $300; William D. Cox to Walter J. Norrell, 20 feet on north side Federal street near St. John, $60.73; Mary E. Harvie to A. D. Gordon, 32 feet on west side Randolph street near Winder, $124; Thomas P. Jeter to Julia A. Jeter, his wife, personality, $25; same and wife to the Richmond Perpetual Building, Loan, and Trust Company, 45 feet on east side St. John street between Hill and Orange, $50; Bettie J. Mattox to John W. Brauer, 6¼ feet on west side Twenty-fourth street between N and O, $162.50.

Henrico: Highland Park Company to George W. Poe, lot 19 in square 33, $200; Judith H. Michaels to Lemuel P. and Eva S. Michaels, life estate in tract of land called "Northam," $5; Dr. Thomas J. Riddell to Williams Harris's trustee, 29 feet on south side Taylor street near Lady, $660.

A Hung Jury in the Wheelwright-Baylor Case.

The Wheelwright-Baylor scandal case, in which the plaintiff sues for $10,000 damages, again occupied the entire time of the City Circuit Court yesterday. The evidence was concluded, the argument closed late in the afternoon, and the case given to the jury. Messrs. Moncure and C. V. Meredith appeared for the plaintiff, and Judge Staples and Major Stringfellow for the defendant. The jury, after being out for about twenty minutes, announced that they were unable to agree and were adjourned over until this morning.

A Policeman Fined for Alleged Assault.

The only case of any public interest tried in the Henrico County Court yesterday was that of Policeman George T. Mattern, charged with assaulting William Lindfield, by putting him out of the Exposition building on German-day.

Mr. D. C. Richardson represented the officer. Several witnesses were examined.

The jury were out about ten minutes and brought in a verdict confirming the action of the magistrate in fining Mr. Mattern $2.50 and costs. This brings the total up to about $92.

The preliminary hearing was before Squire Vincent.

The Most Pleasant Way

of preventing the grip, colds, headaches, and fevers is to use the liquid laxative remedy Syrup of Figs, whenever the system needs a gentle, yet effective cleansing. To be benefited one must get the true remedy manufactured by the California Fig-Syrup Company only. For sale by all druggists in 50 cents and $1 bottles.

FOR FREE COINAGE.

SILVER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE PRACTICALLY TESTED.

First Gun in Favor of Freedom and Non-Limitation—Forcing the Fight—No Long Hearings.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.—Representative Pierce, of Tennessee, an ardent free-coinage man, fired the first gun in the committee in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver immediately after the House Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures had effected an organization this morning. This was the first meeting of the committee, and it was expected to be simply of a preliminary nature, but Mr. Pierce forced the subject to the front at once by a resolution to report a free silver bill without delay. The discussion that arose on the resolution showed that the committee is a free-coinage committee, though both free-silver and anti-free-silver men oppose the adoption of the resolution on the ground that it was too precipitate. There was not much talk with regard to the policy of giving hearings, and what little was said was by men favorable to free coinage. The sentiment of the committee appears to be adverse to any prolonged hearings that will prevent consideration of the subject by the House until the session is well advanced, though members are willing to hear argument that will be to the point and not of unusual length. The first business was the call of the roll, and it showed ten out of the thirteen members present, the absentees being Tracy (Democrat), of New York; Taylor (Republican), of Illinois, and McKeighan (Independent), of Nebraska. Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock was fixed as the time for the weekly meeting. This was no sooner agreed upon than Mr. Pierce, of Tennessee, offered the following:

THE CAUSE OF DISTURBANCE.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this committee that a bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver should be reported to the House without delay."

The resolution was unexpected by most of the other members of the committee and was rather irregular, but it had the effect desired of pressing the question to the front.

Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, said he had no doubt the committee would report a free-coinage bill, but he saw no necessity for adopting such a resolution at the first committee meeting.

Mr. Bartine, of Nevada, the leader of the Republican free-silver men in the last Congress, said he was as heartily in favor of free coinage as any man, but it was the first meeting of the committee, and two of the members opposed to free coinage were absent. It might look like snap judgment to pass the resolution, and while in the last Congress a free-silver bill had been grossly wronged by a prolongation of the hearings, it would be better not to go to the other extreme now.

THE FAT SHOULD NOT BE THROWN INTO THE FIRE.

Mr. Williams, of Massachusetts, protested against the resolution in quite a long speech. He warned the majority that if they sincerely believed that they had a just cause, hasty and oppressive methods in forwarding that cause would be the best argument that could be used against them and against their cause.

Mr. Bartine, of Nevada, agreed with Mr. Williams that hasty action would hurt the silver men.

Mr. Stone, of Pennsylvania, opposed the resolution as being a verdict taken before any evidence was put in.

MR. EPES, OF VIRGINIA,

said he was elected on a free-silver platform, but did not wish to have the question forced until he had a little more light.

Mr. Pierce expressed himself as determined to press the resolution.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, came out strongly for free coinage, and against unnecessary delay, but thought the resolution should not be adopted just yet. He would only consent, with the understanding that at the next meeting the question should come up again.

Mr. Bland, of Missouri, the chairman of the committee, thought that the resolution might go over, but intimated that a change in its form might make it unobjectionable. He suggested that the resolution be modified so as simply to announce it to be the purpose of the committee to take up the coinage question at once. No opposition was manifested to this modification, although Mr. Williams inquired if even such a resolution as that ought to be reported at the first meeting.

THE RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Mr. Pierce finally withdrew his resolution for the present, and by common consent the subject went over until the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, in the course of the proceedings, said his views were against free coinage, and he was one of those who opposed the resolution of Mr. Pierce and favored more information being laid before the committee prior to action.

Mr. Bartine, in another speech, drawn out by suggestions of hearings, said he never would consent to any long hearings. The committee had had a surfeit of them last year.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

The meeting closed after Mr. Williams had brought to the attention of the committee the question of the adoption of the metric system.

Mr. Bland proposed to refer the subject to a sub-committee, which will be done. The committee meets again next Wednesday.

A FREE-COINAGE COMMITTEE.

After the meeting Chairman Bland said to an Associated-Press reporter: "There is no doubt that the sense of the committee is in favor of a free-coinage bill. The resolution which Mr. Pierce to-day introduced was merely to test the sense of the committee upon the silver question. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the resolution until next Wednesday to await full attendance of the members of the committee. There is evidently a majority of the committee favorable to the resolution, but we thought that there should be a fair opportunity for full discussion."

UNLIMITED FREE COINAGE AT AN EARLY DAY.

"You think a resolution for a free coinage bill will be adopted?"

"I think the temper of the committee is to take up the subject without delay and report a free coinage bill to the House at an early day."

"Will the bill be a strictly free coinage bill or will the coinage be limited to the American product?"

"There will be no American product about it, or any other limitation. It will be a general free coinage bill, and, in my opinion, such a bill will pass the House."

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS ON THE ISSUE.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The action of the House Committee on Coinage to-day in discussing, with evident intention to adopt, a resolution declaring in favor of a bill for the free coinage of silver has suddenly revived the movement of prominent Democrats for a joint caucus to determine the policy to be adopted by the party on this prominent issue.

Chairman Springer, of the Ways and Means Committee, was asked this evening for his opinion on to-day's action of the committee and the apparent intention to report a free-coinage bill at an early day.

SPRINGER NOT SURPRISED.

"I am not surprised at the action or proposed action of the committee," said he. "It indicates, and I take it for granted, that they will report a bill for the free coinage of silver. That has been expected from the well-known views of a majority of the members of the committee. The only opinion I have expressed on the subject has not been in opposition to free coinage, but has been a conviction that a free-coinage bill could not become a law because of the President's veto.

SPRINGER'S NEW YORK SPEECH.

"I want to say for the benefit of those gentlemen who have taken exception to my New York speech that I have never assumed any leadership on the silver question. In my New York speech I merely stated a fact—that in view of the political complexion of the Senate and House, and the President's well-known opposition to free coinage, no bill could be passed securing free coinage which could become a law. It would be vetoed by the President even if it did pass the Senate."

VIRGINIA MEASURES IN CONGRESS.

Comment About the Mills Interview—His Relations with Mr. Cleveland.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 13.—Mr. Wise had passed in the House to-day a resolution giving the Committee on Foreign and Interstate Commerce the privilege of sitting during the sessions of the House, to summon witnesses, etc. Many important measures will come before the committee.

Mr. Tucker introduced in the House to-day a bill to pay the heirs of Henry Erskine, of Virginia, $1,841, being for pension due them.

Mr. Epes introduced a bill to pay John W. Epes, of Prince George county, Va., $15,606 for property taken during the war.

LOOKING AFTER THEIR INTERESTS.

Captain Oscar Edwards, of Norfolk, chief of the Norfolk Pilot Association and head of the organization in the State, was in the city to-day, accompanied by Mr. R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, attorney for the organization. They came here to look after interests of the pilots and to ascertain as near as possible the date when the Commerce Committee would consider the measures that have been introduced relating to the pilot service. There are two bills pending—the one in the Senate is by Mr. Frye, of Maine, and the one in the House is by Mr. Cutting, of California. The latter measure would, if passed, wipe the State pilots out entirely and place the whole business under control of the national Government. Mr. Frye's bill is practically the same measure that was before the last Congress, and which was so strenuously opposed by the Norfolk Pilot Association.

No time has yet been set for hearing arguments on the measures by the Senate and House committees.

Captain Edwards and Mr. Marshall left this evening for Richmond, where they go on business before the Virginia Legislature.

THE MILLS INTERVIEW.

There is a great deal of comment here on a recently published interview with Mr. Mills at his home in Texas and printed in a western paper. In the article Mr. Mills says he thinks that the competition for the presidential nomination this year in the National Democratic Convention will be between Senator Hill and some western man. He does not mention Mr. Cleveland at all, and this causes many people to wonder what has happened between the Texan and the ex-President.

NEVER FRIENDLY.

As a matter of fact Mr. Mills and Mr. Cleveland have never been friendly, and the latter, when President, strongly urged Speaker Carlisle not to appoint Mr. Mills chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the Fiftieth Congress, but Colonel Morrison insisted on having the Texan promoted. Colonel Morrison believed Mr. Mills was entitled to the promotion.

The reason Congress is making so little progress is due to the fact that the committees have not had time to make reports.

NEW MAIL ROUTES.

Mail service has been ordered established from Aivland by Peanut to Stony Creek, Va., fifteen miles and back, twice a week, by a schedule not to exceed five hours each way, from January 18th to June 30th.

Special mail service in Virginia has been ordered discontinued as follows: From Stony Creek to Aivland, Sussex county, after January 17th; from East Richmond to Highland Springs, Henrico county, after January 13th; and from Stony Creek to Peanut, Sussex county, after January 17th.

NOT FOR CLEVELAND NOW.

It Must Be Hill or Some Western Man, Says Mr. Mills.

[New York Sun.]

WASHINGTON, January 12.—The published statement of Roger Q. Mills to the effect that the next presidential candidate of the Democrats must be Hill or some western man was the one topic of general conversation at the Capitol to-day. The Texas representative's colleagues would be much surprised at his change of heart were they not prepared for anything he might say since his defeat for the speakership. It is possible that Mr. Mills may have learned something during his present visit to his constituents and that he is but voicing their sentiments when he says that Grover Cleveland cannot be the candidate of the Democratic party.

One of the most significant changes of public sentiment in the interest of Senator Hill as against Mr. Cleveland has occurred in Michigan. One of the members of the House from that State, Mr. Whiting, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and a man of influence in his party, says that Mr. Cleveland could not carry the State that a few years ago was supposed to be solid for him under the leadership of Don M. Dickinson, Mr. Whiting was, moreover, a strong Cleveland man up to the time the ex-President wrote his anti-silver letter. He changed his mind then and now thinks that it would be suicide for the party to nominate any man with such a silver record. Mr. Whiting is not a protectionist, either. He is a salt manufacturer who voted for the Mills bill in the Fiftieth Congress, and who is now a supporter of Mr. Springer's bills for free wool, free salt, free lumber, and free other things.

STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS.

Important Case Involving the Matter of Jurisdiction—The Argument.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.—An important case was argued this morning before the United States Supreme Court on an appeal which came up from Georgia. On the one side was the Attorney-General, and on the other was Mr. W. C. Glenn, of Atlanta. The case was regarded as one of importance, as it involved the jurisdiction of the State and Federal courts. Mr. Glenn, in concluding his argument and in urging that the State courts furnish the proper tribunal for the trial of such cases, gave a number of interesting facts. Among other things he stated that a short time ago a conspiracy existed in the mountainous portion of Georgia to intimidate and deter witnesses. This resulted in a number of arsons in the community where the conspiracy existed. A large number of these conspirators were tried in the Federal courts and all were acquitted, whereas, on the same facts, they were tried by the State courts and five were convicted and sent to the penitentiary for life. He stated that the Attorney-General was cognizant of these facts. Mr. Glenn instanced this and other cases as evidence of the temper and spirit of the people in their determination to enforce the laws.

Garza's Band Nearly Disorganized.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, January 13.—General Schofield said to-day that the latest reports from General Stanley, commanding the Department of Texas, indicated that Garza's band was badly scattered and nearly disorganized; that the men were hiding in the chaparral, and that United States troops were close on the trail of Garza with reasonable expectations of capturing him.

The Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

GUTTENBURG, N. J., January 13.—First race—seven furlongs—Xenophon won; Defendant second, Cassella third. Time, 1:35.

Second race—five furlongs—Emma J. won; Repeater second, Houston third. Time, 1:05¾.

Third race—five furlongs—Zenobia won; Consor second, Lucky third. Time, 1:06.

Fourth race—one mile—Birthday won; Sandstone second, Van third. Time, 1:51¼.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Toano won; Badge second, O. P. B. third. Time, 1:17¾.

Sixth race—seven furlongs—Sparling won; Conundrum second, Gloster third. Time, 1:36.

GUTTENBURG ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

First race—six and a half furlongs, beaten horses—Bravo, 116; Richal, 113; Pennyroyal, Happy George, 110; La Grippe, 109; Shotover, 106; Benebt, 104; Under Cover, 89.

Second race—one mile, selling—Pardon, 103; Mixado, 101; Graduate, 99; Yazoo, 98; Insight, Mulligan, Birthday, 97.

Third race—five eighths of a mile—Corset, Dr. Helmuth, 105; Lady Pulsifer, 102; Early Blossom, 93; Fleurette, 91.

Fourth race—five eights of a mile, selling—Algernon, Rosa G. (colt), Onager, 104; Spendall, 102; Occasion (gelding), McCarthy, Criterion, 101; Mart, 89; Longing (gelding), 86.

Fifth race—three eighths of a mile, selling—Irregular, Smuggler, 108; Adalgisa (colt), O. P. B., 104; Corinne, 99; Even Weight, 98.

Sixth race—six and a half furlongs, selling—Onaway, Defaulter, 117; Bill Barnes, 111; Pilgrim, Sam Moss, 108.

Damp, Bad Weather in Georgia.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., January 13.—Heavy rains are reported throughout Georgia to-day. In Atlanta it has been raining for three days, and reports from Rome, Augusta, and Macon state that the rivers at those places are rapidly rising, and the people fear floods. All Georgia streams are very much swollen, but no serious damage has as yet been done.

Iowa's Dead-Lock.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DES MOINES, IOWA, January 13.—Another effort was made by the Senate this morning to elect a secretary, but the Democrats again refrained from voting, thus continuing the deadlock. The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow and the Democrats went into caucus. Engle (Independent) voted with the Republicans.

Richmond's Representative in New York.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, January 13.—J. H. Dooley, of Richmond, was registered at the Windsor Hotel to-day and E. T. Rewick at the St. Louis.

The Result of Merit.

When anything stands a test of fifty years among a discriminating people like the Americans it is pretty good evidence that there is merit somewhere. The value of a medicine is best proved by its continued use from year to year by the same persons and families, as well as by a steady increasing sale. Few, if any, medicines have met with such continued success and popularity as has marked the introduction and progress of Brandreth's Pills, which, after a trial of over fifty years, are conceded to be the safest and most effective purgative and blood-purifier introduced to the public.

That this is the result of merit, and that Brandreth's Pills actually perform all that is claimed for them, is conclusively proved by the fact that those who regard them with the greatest favor are those who have used them the longest.

Brandreth's Pills are sold in every drug- and medicine-store, either plain or sugar-coated.

THE NORTH STATE.

SHE IS ALIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Twenty Thousand Square Feet of Space Already Secured—Exposition Committee Organized.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 13.—The State Board of Agriculture and the Board of World's Fair Managers met here this afternoon. Governor Holt and all the members of both boards were present. Secretary T. K. Bruner made a report on his visit to Chicago just made and stated that he had applied for 20,000 square feet of space for agriculture, horticulture, mines and mining, fish and fisheries, and forestry exhibits, for some of these departments requested 5,000 feet each, which is in excess of the amount proposed to be allowed.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

W. F. Green was elected president of the Board of World's-Fair Managers, *vice* Elias Carr resigned. The following were elected as the Executive Exposition Committee: W. F. Green, J. F. Payne, A. Leazar, W. E. Stevens, and S. L. Patterson. T. K. Bruner was elected commissioner of exhibits, and P. M. Wilson, John Robinson, H. B. Battle, T. B. Keogh, T. K. Bruner, and S. A. Holmes the Committee on the Collection of Exhibits. Governor Holt stated the State Geological Board had authorized him to announce that it would co-operate fully in the work in hand.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE.

The Grand Lodge of Masons to-day heard the report of Superintendent Black, of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which showed that $24,000 was received last year, of which $10,000 was from the State.

The day was mainly devoted to committee work and reports. Most of the recommendations of the Grand Master were carried out.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This evening the annual election of officers was held, all being paid the compliment of a re-election or reappointment, as follows: Grand Master, H. A. Gudger, of Asheville; Deputy Grand Master, J. W. Cotten; Senior Grand Warden, P. M. Moge; Junior Grand Warden, R. J. Noble; Grand Secretary, D. W. Bain; Grand Treasurer, William Simpson; Grand Chaplain, T. W. Nelson; Senior Grand Deacon, L. M. Totten; Junior Grand Deacon, J. A. Leach; Grand Marshal, E. F. Lamb; Grand Sword-Bearer, W. E. Moore; Grand Pursuivant, P. M. Pearsall; Grand Stewards, A. K. Smith and A. L. Brooks; Grand Tiler, R. H. Bradley. Past Grand Officers G. W. Blount and S. H. Rountree were also present. The grand officers were installed, the ceremony being conducted by Past Grand Master George W. Blount.

NEXT MEETING AT WILMINGTON.

It was decided upon special invitation that the session of the Grand Lodge in 1894 should be held at Wilmington in honor of St. John's Lodge, of that city, which then celebrates its centennial. Therefore the meetings have always been held here. The Grand Lodge adjourned to-night.

FOR STRIKING AN EDITOR.

In the Superior Court a fine of $50 has been imposed on John T. Ball, an exhorter, who last month attacked Rev. Dr. J. B. Barrett, editor of the *Christian Sun*, on the street here and struck him with a stick. Rev. Dr. Barrett now lives at Norfolk.

WINSTON'S NATIONAL BANKS.

They All Re-Elect Their Old Officers—Colonel Alspaugh Complimented.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WINSTON, N. C., January 13.—The stockholders of the three national banks in this city, according to law, held their annual meetings yesterday afternoon and organized by the election of boards of directors. The latter upon reorganization elected the old officers and clerks without a single change: First National—J. C. Buxton, president; J. W. Alspaugh, cashier. Wachoria National—W. A. Lemley, president; James A. Gray, cashier. People's National—W. A. Blair, president; T. A. Wilson, cashier.

Colonel Alspaugh, cashier of the First National, tendered his resignation, but the directors declined to accept. It is stated that a number of the latter had committed themselves to vote for the Colonel for president, but didn't do so, as a great many of the patrons of the bank wanted him retained in his present position. Colonel Alspaugh is a shrewd financier, and in every respect a worthy and able man.

COLLISION ON THE A. C. LINE.

A Passenger Train Runs Into a Freight—Nobody Hurt—The Cause.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., January 15.—Passenger Train No. 15, south-bound, ran into a freight train last night on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, near Wilson, smashing several box-cars. Fortunately no one was injured. The passenger engine was in charge of Engineer Hessenger and the freight train was run by Mr. Tom Lawther. The responsibility for the accident has not been ascertained. It is learned here, however, that the accident was unavoidable, owing to a break in the freight. The track has been cleared of the wreck, and trains are now running on schedule time.

Squibs from Scotland Neck.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., January 13.—On the penitentiary farm, near Tillery, there are eighty-eight head of stock at work and one hundred and ninety men. The work of ditching, clearing, ploughing, and the like is reported to be progressing very well.

Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, recently sold his valuable farm on the Roanoke, near Tillery, to Mr. John G. Powell, who has moved upon it.

Dr. Gerald and other hunters from New York and Niagara, have returned to their northern homes, after several weeks of sporting here.

WHY THEY WERE NOT MARRIED.

The Girl's Mother Confiscated the License and Was Arrested for Larceny.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Mrs. Eertha Brenner was charged with the larceny of a marriage-license belonging to Marx Metellets. The accused was represented by Mr. Samuel M. Page and E. A. Randolph, while Giles Jackson conducted the prosecution in a most vigorous manner. The testimony showed that Marx and Mrs. Brenner's daughter were to have been married, and that the former had turned the marriage certificate over to his *fiance* to show to some friends. In this way the prospective mother-in-law, who was opposed to the union, obtained possession of the paper. Marx threatened to have her arrested, and this, it is said, caused the young lady to determine not to marry him. He kept his promise, and although he secured his certificate and failed to get the girl, he had the mother arrested. In consideration of the turn affairs had taken since the appropriation of the paper in question by Mrs. Brenner, the Justice dismissed the case.

Thomas Taylor *alias* Norfolk (colored), charged with breaking and entering the house of R. U. Lincoln and stealing a lot of wearing apparel, admitted his guilt and was sent on to the grand jury.

Malachi Allen (colored), who was caught by Mr. A. N. Scheil stealing money from his cash-drawer, was sent to jail for four months, and also sent on to the grand jury for third conviction of petit larceny.

Ann Eliza Banks (colored) was given sixty days in jail for trespassing on the property of Robert Mosby.

Architectural Draftsmen Organize.

The Richmond Architectural Sketch Club was organized yesterday afternoon in the office of Mr. Edgerton S. Rogers, with a good attendance. The following officers were elected: C. K. Bryant, president; W. H. Wood, secretary and treasurer.

The first regular meeting of