

CAN PLAY FOOT-BALL Mr. Barksdale's Bill Prohibiting the Game Defeated in the Senate. BEST DEBATE OF THE SESSION. Fine Speeches Heard by Large Crowd, Including Many Ladies.

WORK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Mr. Ryland Is Re-Elected Second Auditor—Bills Providing for Lists of Ex-Confederates and Reducing Pay of Jurors—Measures Passed.

There will be no legislation against football enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia this session. The very decisive vote by which the Senate refused to order Senator Barksdale's bill prohibiting the game to its engrossment and third reading indicated very clearly that opposition against such legislation is pronounced.

Under a special order, consideration of the bill was set for 12:45 o'clock yesterday, and before that hour arrived the gallery was crowded, the area behind the bar completely filled, and many of the seats of senators occupied by members of the fair sex. Nearly one half of the visitors were ladies, who were deeply interested in the debate, and frequently showed, by vigorous applause, their approval.

SENATOR W. P. BARKSDALE. (Who Led the Fight Against Foot-Ball.)

Mr. Barksdale began by saying that he had not introduced the bill for the sake of cheap notoriety, but had done so because a time had come when we should stop by law such brutality as characterized football games. He said he had received communications from every section of the State urging that fair words be said and action be taken.

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NEW MAN IS BEATEN. MR. TAVENNER DEFEATS HIM FOR THE SHENANDOAH JUDGESHIP. THE FORMER SUPPORTED BUCKNER.

Charge of Inconsistency in Politics Used Against Him—Other Contested Cases Passed—The Gloucester Case Heard—Legislative Gossip.

The Democratic caucus met last night, and after two hours' work nominated Mr. Frank S. Tavenner to preside over the County Court of Shenandoah, and re-nominated Judge George Dillard, of Henry county.

MR. LETCHER FOR THE GAME. Mr. Letcher, of Rockbridge, strongly opposed the bill. He spoke of the very decided lack of prejudice against the game in his county.

MR. FOSTER OF NORFOLK, spoke briefly in support of the bill. He thought it high time for the law-makers to interfere to put a stop to such disgusting exhibitions of brutality.

MR. PARKS TOOK THE FLOOR. Mr. Parks took the floor in support of the bill. He said that he had never seen but one game, and that for Professor Davis, who had been quoted as opposing the game, he had never seen one in his whole life, perhaps; he was a man of books, one who slept all day and read all night.

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DR. NEBLETT DEAD. THE DELEGATE FROM LUNENBURG SUCCEUMS TO APPENDICITIS. THE END WAS SHOCKINGLY SUDDEN. He Appeared to Be Recovering from the Operation When Convulsions Ensued, Causing Death—Will Be Interred in Lunenburg.

Dr. Norman H. Neblett, member of the House of Delegates from Lunenburg county, died at St. Luke's Home, in this city, at 6:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

DR. NEBLETT'S ILLNESS. Dr. Neblett was taken ill last Thursday morning at Ford's Hotel, and was carried to the residence of his sister, Mrs. S. L. Ingram, in Manchester, He was on Friday removed to St. Luke's, where Dr. Hunter McGuire and his son, Stuart McGuire, diagnosed his case as appendicitis in a very severe form.

CONFERENCE WITH BISMARCK. REIMSBERG, December 16.—Emperor William arrived here this evening, and in the afternoon he had a conference with his Majesty left for Friedrichsruhe, where he will spend an hour with Prince Bismarck.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Three Employees Killed—Several Injured—No Passengers Hurt. CLINTON, IND., December 16.—Train No. 3 on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, which left Clinton at 11:34 last night, ran into an extra train near here at 5 o'clock this morning.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE. Dr. Neblett was born in Lunenburg, in "Kinderhook," the residence of his father, the late Hon. William H. Neblett, in 1852. His mother was Miss Anna Elizabeth of the late Charlotte county.

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ACTOR ASSASSINATED. WILLIAM TERRIS STABBED WITH A BUTCHER-KNIFE. MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME UNKNOWN. Assassin, on Being Charged With the Murder, Says, "He Done Me Out of the Benevolent Fund—Now I Am Out of It for Life."

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