

TO FORBID ANY MERGER

Amendment Offered to the Corporation Measure.

IS AIMED AT RIVAL LINES

Senate Consumes Four Hours in the Dryest Kind of Work—Many Bills Are Passed by the House.

There was but little of public interest in a session of the Legislature yesterday.

The session of the Senate was long and was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the bill regulating the powers and duties of the Corporation Commission, which was reported from the Roads Committee, read a first time and made a special order for Monday at 10 o'clock.

The House adopted the resolution offered several days ago by Mr. Christian, of Richmond, appointing a joint committee to look after the copying of the rolls of the Confederate soldiers in the Civil War, now of record in the War Department at Washington, D. C.

There were but few bills of local interest and they were nearly all of local interest only. The body cleared up its calendar, and adjourned before noon, passing a large number of bills.

None of these passed beyond local interest, and served only to occupy the time of the body for a brief and desultory session.

The Senate.

The proceedings of the Senate were opened without prayer.

The session was begun at 10 o'clock. The act providing for carrying into effect the provisions of the Constitution in reference to the Corporation Commission, was the special order.

The constitutional reading of the bill was dispensed with. It was read for the purpose of amendments being offered. There were many amendments proposed. These will be printed for the use of the Senators when further action is taken upon the bill to-morrow.

The proceedings were quite lengthy, and were of so little interest to the general public that the visitors in the Senate chamber nearly all left the place during the early stages of the proceedings.

Many Senators went away, but a few of them stayed at their post of duty and followed closely the reading of the act and of the amendments proposed. Some railroad attorneys were on hand and paid very close attention to the proceedings. Speeches were present, making careful memoranda of all amendments proposed.

Immediately before the bill was called as a special order, Mr. Byars offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Constitution provides that no bill shall become a law unless, prior to its passage, it has been read at length on the different calendar days;

And whereas, House bill No. 102, concerning corporations, is a lengthy and complicated bill, relating to measures of the greatest importance to this Commonwealth, and the citizens thereof; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, That said bill be read on this day, and then be named a special and continuing order for Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time it shall be read and considered, section by section; and

It is further resolved, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet Monday next, at 10 o'clock.

In advocating the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Byars stated that this measure deserved the serious consideration of every member present; that he did not feel prepared to-day either to vote for the bill or to offer amendments, and he thought that many others were in the same position.

Mr. Lyle spoke in behalf of the resolution. Mr. Melwine and others opposed the resolution and the same was defeated.

Clerk Button and Assistant-Clerk Stone alternated in reading the bill. It was hard work they had to perform, but it was as equally as hard work upon those Senators who remained in the Senate chamber and followed so closely the reading of the act and offering amendments to perfect the measure.

The amendments offered do not affect seriously the integrity of the act. One proposed by Mr. Cogbill would prohibit the merger of rival lines, whether they be operated by electric or steam power.

In other words, it would prevent the merging of the electric line between Richmond and Petersburg by the Atlantic Coast Line, and vice versa.

The reading of the bill was completed at 2:30 o'clock, after four and a half hours of hard work, and the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the amendments will be acted upon, and the bill passed and sent over to the House.

The House.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock by Speaker John F. Ryan, and there was no prayer.

The joint resolution offered several days ago by Mr. Christian, of Richmond, for the appointment of a joint committee to look into the matter of copying the rolls of the Confederate troops in the War Department at Washington, D. C., was reported back from the Committee on Federal Relations and passed.

The following bills were offered and referred:

By Mr. Slinneman: To amend the

Magnolia Camp.

Magnolia Camp, No. 50, Woodmen of the World, will hold their regular meeting at Monroe Hall, No. 611 West Main Street, on Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members of the camp are requested to be present, as there will be a musical entertainment, and refreshments will be served. The programme will be as follows: Selections, West End

Drunkenness IS A DISEASE!

"Will-Power" Will Not Cure It.

Drunk is the greatest curse of mankind. Many a young man of great promise has found the honorable place in society.

Physicians have long recognized that continued indulgence in alcoholic stimulants causes the stomach and digestive organs to become diseased. In the vast majority of cases, therefore, habituated drinkers are a physical disease, and no amount of mental resolve or "will-power" will cure it.

DRINKING IS POSITIVELY AND PERMANENTLY CURS THE DRINK HABIT. We guarantee this and will refund the money if it does not.

"ORRINE" is tasteless, odorless and colorless, and can be given without the patient's knowledge in tea, coffee, water or milk. It tones up the diseased stomach and gives a hearty appetite and good digestion.

By Messrs. Carter and Baker, of Chesapeake. To amend the law in relation to the running at large of stock.

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By Mr. Christian: To amend the law in relation to the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Richmond.

By various members: Petitions favoring the passage of the Mann liquor bill.

FIGURES GIVEN.

Mr. Eiland, of Portsmouth, rising to a question of privilege, interjected some correspondence he had had with the Auditor of Public Accounts, showing that the finances of the State were not, after all, in such a depleted condition. He produced the following letter from the Auditor:

Richmond, Va., March 21, 1903. Hon. Charles T. Bland, House of Delegates.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your inquiry: The amount in the treasury at the close of business last evening was \$314,432.70.

Very truly yours, MORTON MARIYE, Auditor Public Accounts.

Mr. Eiland said that the following figures of the subject were correct as to the appropriations this far made:

Extraordinary appropriations \$124,000
Others pending 672,000

In this is included \$100,000 extra for Capitol Improvement, which was rejected by the House the other day, and the \$200,000 for Jamestown.

Mr. Bland said he knew there were appropriations standing against the amount in the treasury. But deducting the appropriations made from the amount on hand, a very neat balance to the credit of the State is left and that all the howl and cry about a depleted treasury is not borne out by the actual financial condition of the State.

He said the State is in good financial shape, and no bondholder need have the least alarm. The State will meet every obligation promptly. He goes even further and says that the next two years will see a stronger treasury than ever.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

To protect persons, firms, corporations, associations, or unions of workmen in the use of their labels, trade-marks, trademarks, designs, devices, and forms of advertisements, and to provide for the registry thereof.

To provide for a Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics, defining the duties and powers of said bureau, and, for that purpose, amending the acts heretofore passed, approved March 3, 1888, and March 4, 1888, in accordance with section 89, article V, of the Constitution.

To submit to the qualified voters of the town of Manassas, in the county of Prince William, at a special election to be held therefor, the question of the establishment of a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors therein, and in the event of a majority of those voting at said election vote for said dispensary, then further to provide for the establishment and conduct of the same, and to prohibit thereafter, within said town, or within one mile of its corporate limits, the sale, barter, or exchange of intoxicating liquors by any persons, firms, or corporations, except as provided herein.

To amend and re-enact section 57, as to licenses revoked by local option elections.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Highland county to increase the county school levy for Blue Grass magisterial district, in said county.

To allow the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay the salaries and employes of the same at stated periods.

To amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt county to borrow \$2,000 for the purpose of building a bridge across James River in that county, approved March 20, 1902, so as to authorize the said board to borrow \$15,000 for the purpose aforesaid, and to issue bonds of the said county therefor.

To empower the County Court of Botetourt county to authorize and permit the erection of a Confederate monument upon the public square at the county seat thereof.

To authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt county to appropriate and contribute money for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a monument to the Confederate soldiers in said county.

To amend and re-enact section 331 of the Code of Virginia.

When the calendar had been disposed of at 10 o'clock A. M., adjourned until noon on Monday.

PROFESSIONAL EUCHRE ENSNARES MANY WOMEN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March 21.—The movement against gamblers has extended to an investigation of a unique scheme by which a number of Brooklyn women have been making a living out of hundreds of other women. The attention of Captain O'Reilly was called to the fact that advertisements of eucres game, offering prizes of furniture and other articles to the contestants, have appeared in the papers. He found that a remarkable mania for play has seized the women residents of certain districts in the City of Churches.

The women who have been conducting games at halls rented for the purpose have had all the patrons the rooms could contain. Each player is required to pay \$1, and, after the prizes are paid for, the hostess has always had a goodly sum left for herself. Little or no attempt is made to make the eucres a social affair.

Captain O'Reilly has warned the women that no more professional eucres must be given.

30 YEARS IN CONGRESS

This Might Well Be Title of the Darling Claim.

Women Fear La Grippe and Catarrh—Pe-ru-na a Reliable Protection.

Without raising the question as to whether a gripe is produced by a specific microbe or not, at least this much is certain and admitted by all, it will produce chronic catarrh if not promptly and properly cured.

It leaves a person haggard, weak, sallow, frazzled-out, mucous membranes all congested, appetite chancable, digestion capricious, and just empties life of all its joys and enjoyments.

There is no remedy in the world that meets the conditions produced by a gripe better than the remedy, Pe-ru-na. Pe-ru-na strengthens as it restores, soothes while it stimulates, heats as it expurgates.

Pe-ru-na is not a purgative, or cathartic or sedative, or stimulant, nor a vegetable or mineral poison.

Pe-ru-na reaches the source of Catarrhal Diseases—Unhealthy Mucous Membranes.

It reaches the source of all diseases of the mucous membranes by its action on the vaso-motor system of nerves.

Every person who has had la grippe during the last year would take a course of Pe-ru-na. No one need expect perfect recovery unless they do so. The gripe has produced catarrhal inflammation of the whole mucous membrane, and good health is impossible until these are restored to a normal condition.

This Pe-ru-na will do. A great many remedies have been suggested for this condition from time to time, but Pe-ru-na appears to be the only remedy that has any substantial value in these cases.

It has stood the test of forty years' experience, and still occupies the unique position of being the leading (if not the only) specific remedy for the after-effects of la grippe.

At the appearance of the first symptoms of gripe people should stay indoors and take Pe-ru-na in small doses (teaspoonful every hour) until the symptoms have passed. It will prevent the long and distressing sickness and perhaps fatal results.

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