GOVERNOR READ BILLS AT MANSION

He Remained Indoors Yesterday—County Schools Closing Rapidly.

The Governor did not come to the Capitol yesterday. It was unlikely and not very inviting out and His Excellency decided to remain in doors. The bills which came to him Friday from the enrolling clerks were sent over for him to read and Secretary Ritchie took the mail over, and the correspondence was handled from there.

Commissioner of Labor Doherty will write to the son of Mr. Charles R. Boyd, the decreased mineralogist, and ascertain if any of the report which he was preparing for the Labor Bureau had been completed. If it is not, then the commissioner is considerably "in a hole," for Mr. Boyd had been working for the department since the first of the year in preparation of a report on the mineral wealth of the State, which was to have been included in the annual report of the commissioner. It is now too late to have the work done for this year's report. It would not be surprising if Mr. Boyd's work is now in figures, and such memoranda as only he could understand. In this case his work will be for naught. Mr. Doherty will inform Mr. Boyd's son at the same time that his father's overshoes and case of instruments are at his office subject to his pleasure.

The country schools of the State are now closing. They have been shutting up in the remote sections of the State since the middle of March. Secretary Frank P. Brent, of the State Board of Agriculture, thinks the session throughout the country has been more than commonly successful in its results, and the number of students attended regularly.

WORK AT WYTHEVILLE

Revision Committee Likely to Select That Delightful Place.

It is likely that the Committee on Final Revision and Adjustment, recently named to review the work of the General Assembly, will choose to hold most of its sittings during the summer in the town of Wytheville.

The task is going to be an arduous one, and the members desire to locate where they will have every comfort and convenience.

The place is said to be an admirable one from every point of view. The splendid new Court of Appeals building and library are both available, and, besides, it is said that the atmosphere is fresh and cool, even in the heat of summer. The committee is composed of Messrs. Mann, Walker and Henderson, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Davis, Boaz and Caton, on the part of the House. It will take the committee a long while to dispose of its work, and the members are looking around for some quiet, comfortable place, and it is contended that Wytheville is ideal in every respect. The committee will likely get down to work about the middle of June.

CUT OFF NEW WORK

Legislature Will Soon Begin to Get Ready for Adjournment.

It is likely that there will be a resolution offered in the Legislature in a few days looking to the cutting off of the introduction of all new matter from an early date. This move will be in the line of preparing the way for prompt adjournment on May 15th, the date recently set for the recess of the body, until November 10th.

This course is usual, and is generally taken several weeks before adjournment Well-posted members of both branches express the belief that the body will practically complete its work by May 15th, though the session may possibly be extended as long as June 1st.

Most of the standing committees of both houses which have not already done so are about ready to report, and they have been so carefully considered by sub and full committees that the two houses will require but a short while to dispose of them.

Fairmount News

Miss Ada Holmes, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. N. C. Thomas, has returned to Hanover.

Mr. W. H. Gulley has bought No. 1316 Twenty-second Street, formerly owned by John Witt, and with his family will occupy it.

Mr. John Sinnott, of New Jersey, is visiting his cousin, Jim Sinnott, at 1311 Twenty-first Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bopp, of Washington, are visiting their friend, Mrs. Bradly, at No. 1209 Twentieth Street.

Mr. James Rainey, of Petersburg, will visit his brother, J. W. Rainey, to-morrow.

Miss Blackwall, of Richmond, visited Miss Annie Loving on the Avenue Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Stone, of Pittsburg, Pa., is in Fairmount, having been called to the bedside of her little daughter, Zenia McNeil, who is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. L. Mitchell, of Richmond, has moved his family to No. 2319 Fairmount Avenue.

Mr. Hanna, who lived at No. 1210 Twenty-first Street, has moved his family to Richmond.

Mr. Leslie Butler, who has been sick, threatened with blood-poisoning, is better.

Little Lewelyne Lamkin is convalescing rapidly after a severe illness.

Mrs. Hott, of No. 2121 Fairmount Avenue, continues quite ill.

Rev. C. C. Cox's son, Luther, is slightly better. The doctor has hopes of his recovery.

There will be no prayer-meeting at the Fairmount Christian Mission Thursday night on account of the revival at the Third Christian Church.

The funeral of Percy Vantassel, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, who died Monday morning at 3:20 o'clock, will take place to-day at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, No. 1308 Twenty-third Street.

Mrs. Susan Outland has just completed a pretty house on Twenty-second Street and has enlarged her store considerably.

MEAL TIME DRINKS

Should be Selected to Suit the Health as Well as the Taste.

When the coffee toper, ill from coffee drinking, finally leaves off coffee the battle is only half won. Most people require some hot drink at meal time, and they also need the rebuilding agent to build up what coffee has destroyed. Postum is the rebuilder, the other half of the battle.

Some people stop coffee and drink hot water, but find this a thin, unpalatable diet, with no rebuilding properties. It is much easier to break away from coffee by serving strong, hot, well boiled Postum in its place. A prominent wholesale grocer of Faribault, Minn., says: "For a long time I was nervous and could not digest my food. I went to a doctor who prescribed a tonic and told me to leave off coffee and drink hot water.

"I did so for a time, and got some relief, but did not get entirely well, so I lost patience and said: 'Oh, well, coffee isn't the cause of my troubles', and went back to drinking it. I became worse than ever. Then Postum was prescribed. It was not made right at first, and for two mornings I could hardly drink it.

"Then I had it boiled full fifteen minutes and used good cream, and I had a most charming beverage.

"I fairly got fat on the food drink, and my friends asked me what had happened, I was so well. I was set right and cured when Postum was made right.

"I know other men here who use Postum, among others the Cashier of the Security Bank, and a well known clergyman.

"My firm sells a lot of Postum, and I am certainly at your service, for Postum cured me of stomach trouble." Name Given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

DELINQUENT TAXES

List is Now Ready for Publication in the Papers.

The list of tax-payers on the books of Mr. T. C. Walford, collector of delinquent taxes, is about ready for publication, and will be turned over to the printer for publication to-morrow. All who pay up today may have their names left off.

WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME OUT

The Music Festival Will Be the Most Attractive Ever Held Here.

The programme for the tenth annual festival of the Wednesday Club, which is to occur at the Academy next Monday-day and Tuesday, were issued late yesterday afternoon. They justify the expectation that the forthcoming musical festival will be the most attractive event of the kind ever held in this city possibly in the South.

On Monday night an operatic concert will be given, introducing gems from the operas of Wagner, Verdi, and Gounod. The artists who will appear as soloists are Miss Anita Rio, soprano; Mme. Isabel Bouton, contralto; Herr Andreas Dippel, tenor; Mr. Frederick Martin, bass. They will be assisted by the Wednesday Club chorus and the Boston festival orchestra. The programme will be as follows: Overture, Tannhauser (Wagner), by the orchestra; march and chorus from Tannhauser, by the Wednesday Club and orchestra; Elsa's Dream, from Lohengrin, Miss Rio; Lohengrin's Narrative, from Lohengrin, Herr Dippel; Aria from Rienzi, Mme. Bouton; Miserere from Il Trovatore (Verdi), Miss Rio, Herr Dippel, the Wednesday Club and orchestra; Aria, Infelice from Ernani, Mr. Martin; Quartette, from Rigoletto, Miss Rio, Mme. Bouton, Herr Dippel, Mr. Martin; Pilgrim's Chorus, from Lombardi, Wednesday Club and orchestra.

Entire third act of Faust (Gounod): Marguerite, Miss Rio; Sybil and Martha Mme. Bouton; Faust, Herr Dippel; Mephistopheles, Mr. Martin.

On Tuesday afternoon the Children's chorus and the orchestra will give the matinee concert, assisted by the following soloists: Mme. Louise Homer, contralto, Mr. Carl Webster, violincellist and Sig Emilio de Gogorla, baritone.

The pragromme will be as follows: Symphonic poem, (Volbach) orchestra; chorus, "Joy and Gladness," from Meyerbeer, Children's chorus; Aria, from "Le rio de Lahore," Signor de Gorgoza; violincello solo, "Le Desir,' Mr. Webster; Aria, "O prites de Baal," Mme. Homer; chorus, "Morning is Nigh," Children's chorus.

Part 2.—Orchestra suite by Suk, orchestra; Song, "Great is Jehovah," Mme. Homer; chorus, "Hope Thou in God," Children's chorus; Minuet, string orchestra; Largo al Factotum, Sig. Gorgoza; Chorus, "The Coper's Song,' Childrens chorus.

On Tuesday night the concert will be devoted to the singing of excerpts from two famous oratorios. It will be the chief concert of the festival and will be especially attractive. The soloists will be Mme. Blauvelt, soprano; Mme Isabel Bouton, contralto; Mr. William Wegner, tenor; Mr. Frederick Martin, bass.

The programme will be as follows: Excerpts from St. Paul (Mendelssohn), chorus, "Lord Thou Alone Art God"; Aria, "Jerusalem"; Aria, "O God Have Mercy"; Chorus, "How Lovely Are the Messengers"; Recitative and Aria, "And He Journeyed with Companions"; "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own"; Aria, "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death"; Chorus, "O Great is the Depth."

Part 2.—Overture, Cockaigne (Elgar) orchestra; Excerpts from Stabat Mater, Quartette and chorus; Aria, Cujus Animam; Duet Quis est Homo; Aria, Pro Peccatis; Quartette, Quando corpus; contralto solo, Fac ut portem; Chorus, "Inflammatus."

CARRINGTON'S WEIRD STORY

Shot in the Dark at Unknown Assailant and Hit Another Man—Police Court.

James Carrington, colored, told a wierd tale of how he happened to shoot another negro named Commodore Lipscomb Saturday night. He, with several other negroes, was in a bar until 12 o'clock. Then they left, and in going home were met by a volley of rocks. They ran into an alley, and Carrington was struck on the arm with a rock. No one could tell from whence came the rocks. The negroes crouched to the ground, while the fusillade continued unremittingly.

Slowly, but surely, Carrington crept from the alley and ran to his room nearby. There he secured a pistol and returned to the scene to succor his friends. In a crouching attitude he fired his pistol in the direction from which came the rocks.

Commodore Lipscomb happened to be passing, and a bullet struck him in the arm. Carrington was arrested, and Dr. Flegenhimer dressed Lipscomb's wound.

It was pretty tough on Carrington, but he was sent on to the grand jury.

Justice John dismissed Clark King on the charge of hitting George Williams.

"He retched down after he riz up," said Williams, "and hit me in the back wid a piece of iern. Den I didn't remember nothing for two or three minutes after."

A witness said that Williams started the row.

Robert Adams, with a straw hat on, said Luther White had on a pair of pants belonging to him. Luther said he won the pants from Junie Coles, now in jail, and the case went over to to-day.

Milton Johnson got sixty days for taking a coat and vest belonging to Henry Byrd.

Willie Conti paid $2.50 for hitting Jane Jeragi.

Gilbert Unger was charged $2.50 for abusing and threatening V. Donati in his own home.

Henry Terry was fined $10 for fighting on the street, and George Eatching was charged a similar amount for interfering with an officer.

R. F. Jones struck Rosey Felman; $10.

Tom Brook beat William Wood $5 worth.

Dump Cheatham was disorderly on the street to the extent of $10.

Willie Smith, alias Slick, was charged with beating Lizzie Ely, and he will tell about it to-day.

D. R. Garner and Wylie Morris were sent to jail for thirty days for being drunk.

Fulton News.

Rev. J. Emerson Hicks, of Chicago, who was called to Fulton Baptist Church a week ago, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday and will make known his decision. It is rumored that Rev. Mr. Hicks will be tendered a call by the First Baptist Church of Danville, where he preached Sunday. Fulton Church will make a strong fight to secure Mr. Hicks.

The steam yacht "Courier," of Boston, owned by Mr. B. S. Keith, is anchored in the harbor off from the revenue cutter Mohawk. The Courier will probably remain here several days. She has been on an extended cruise in Southern waters, and will go direct to Philadelphia when she leaves Richmond.

Mrs. Fred. R. Merridue is extremely ill at her residence on Denny Street, and death is expected at any hour. Her family has been at her bedside constantly for the past several days.

The Chickahominy River in the vicinity of Charles City and New Kent counties is rising rapidly. It is now higher than it has been for several years. A number of bridges have been swept away and it is impossible to cross the stream at some places.

The road around Chimborazo Park made another slide yesterday; several feet of the road went down the embankment, making a large and dangerous hole.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Clarke, who died early Sunday morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. William Merridue, of Denny Street, took place yesterday morning from Central Church, in lower Henrico. Mr. Clarke was, probably, the oldest citizen of Fulton, being in his eighty-seventh year, and up to a few months ago he was hale and hearty. He is survived by his aged wife who has been his companion for fifty-seven years.

Rev. W. J. Adams, of North Carolina, occupied the pulpit of Fulton Baptist Church at both services Sunday. The services were largely attended and Mr. Adams favorably impressed his congregations.

Mrs. A. A. Jones, of Denny Street, is visiting her son, Rev. George W. Jones, at Norfolk.

Mrs. John R. Patram continues quite sick at her residence, on Graham Street.

Powhatan Lodge of Knights of Honor will meet to-night at Kerse's Hall.

Mr. G. A. Argenbright has returned from a business trip to Kentucky.

A valuable mule belonging to Contractor Cheatwood, was drowned Saturday afternoon in the dock. The mule was hitched to a cart and in some unavoidable manner he backed in the dock with the cart attached to him. The mule was removed Sunday afternoon.

ARTIFICIAL LIMB SUIT

Plaintiff Wins a Majority of His Claims and an Appeal is Taken.

In the Federal District Court yesterday the jury in the case of J. E. Hanger vs. A. L. Peters, for infringement of patent, returned a verdict for the plaintiff in two claims and for the defendant in the other The verdict awards Hanger $50 in one case and $100 in the other, but what is of vastly more importance it is a decision that Hanger has patents covering two of the portions of the artificial leg made by him.

In the suit, which is an action for damages for infringement of patent, the defendant set up the defense that the device on which the plaintiff claimed a patent had already been patented and had been on the market more than two years. The jury did not sustain this contention. It held that Hanger had patents covering claims 1 and 2, but had no patent covering claim 3. Claim 3 was as to the soft, flexible portion of the limb at the thigh, claim 2 is as to the knee-joint and claim 3 relates to the ankle joint. The verdict of the jury, therefore, gives the plaintiff nearly all he claimed. A motion by the defendant to have the verdict set aside was set for May 6th, when it will be argued, and the court suspended judgment pending determination of the motion. The jury was thereupon discharged for the term.

In the Federal District Court yesterday morning, J. Saloman was forced into involuntary bankruptcy. Harold S. Bloomberg was designated as receiver in the case.

THE STATION HOUSES

Preparations Being Made to Repair and Beautify Them Greatly.

The Committee on Repairs of the Police Committee met at noon yesterday and awarded the following contracts for repairs and improvements at the Second Police Station-house.

Painting to W. L. French, $170.35; carpenter's work to C. J. Mallory, $74.68 tinning to Jno E. Rose and Company, $42.50; paper-hanging to Booth Brothers.

This work has been needed for some time, but the appropriation for making the improvements was not available. The proposed improvements, which are to be made under specifications prepared by Messrs. Peters and Sheppard, of the committee, will not only beautify the station-house, but add materially to the comfort and convenience of officers and patrolmen of the Second District Police.

WANTS HIS RIG

Young Man Hired One from Hicks Which Has Not Been Returned.

Mr. T. B. Hicks, of the Jefferson Livery, is awaiting the return of a horse and runabout, which was hired from him last Saturday morning about 10 o'clock. The man gave the name of M. C. Brough, of Portsmouth, and looked to be about twenty-five years old, of dark complexion and wore a slight black moustache.

When he hired the fix, he stated it would be returned by 1 o'clock.

MARSHALL MILLS WERE NOT PUT UP

The Marshall Cotton Mills property, on the water line in Manchester, was not sold yesterday, the agent, Mr. N. W. Bowe, deciding to postpone the offer of the mills until to-morrow at 1 o'clock on account of the severe rain storm which came up at that hour yesterday. The property will be put up Wednesday at 1 P. M., if the weather be good.

Yesterday was "blue Monday" for sales, and most of the property advertised was not put up on account of the rain and sequent small crowds.

RICHMOND ELKS GO TO BALTIMORE

Arrangements Being Perfected for a Large Attendance from This City.

Arrangements are being rapidly perfected by Richmond Lodge of Elks for the trip to Baltimore to attend the Grand Lodge meeting, July 21st to 23d.

Mr. John C. Weckert, of the committee, has returned from Baltimore, where he went to secure hotel accommodations. He says he has arranged with the Lexington Hotel for the accommodation of as many as 300 persons at very reasonable rates, European and American. This hotel is at the corner of Lexington and Holliday Streets, within three blocks of the Grand Lodge headquarters and seven blocks from the Baltimore Home.

It is the purpose of Richmond Lodge to go in a body in uniform and to compete for prizes. Exalted Ruler Thomas Boudar hopes that at least 300 members of the lodge will take the trip.

At the meeting of Richmond Lodge tomorrow night the details will be discussed and the names of all who are going on the trip will be taken down.

CITY MUST PAY UP

Mr. Charles V. Meredith Appears for the Stewart Iron Works.

Ex-City Attorney Charles V. Meredith, representing the Stewart Iron Works, contractors for the new city jail recently completed and now occupied, sprung a surprise yesterday afternoon, when the Committees on Grounds and Buildings and Finance met in joint session for the purpose of settling the question of payment by the municipality for the extra work done by the builders. As a result no definite action was taken, but City Attorney H. R. Pollard was instructed to submit an opinion this afternoon at 5 o'clock as to whether any action taken by the conference body would be legal or binding. Mr. Meredith contended that it would not.

Briefly stated, Mr. Meredith argued that the original contract, under which the jail was constructed, stipulated that the Stewart Iron Works should be reimbursed for any expense entailed by extra work, and in the event the contractors and the Grounds and Buildings Committee could not agree the question should be left to a Board of Arbitration, their finding to be final. He held that inasmuch as the Grounds and Buildings Committee and the Stewart Iron Works had reached an agreement the matter had been settled, and nothing remained but for the city to pay the money over to the contractors—the amount decided upon by the Grounds and Buildings Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING

Hundred and Twenty New Scholars and Extra Conversions.

The regularly monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday-School Society of Richmond was held Sunday afternoon at Barton Heights. Mr. H. C. Osterbind, president; Mr. C. P. Walford, secretary, pro tem. One hundred and twenty new scholars and sixteen conversions were reported.

An excellent programme was rendered after the reading of the reports, headed by an address by Mr. F. T. Bates on "His Experience as a Sunday-school Teacher."

The next meeting of the society will be held at Highland Park the second Sunday in May. The Board of Directors meet the fourth Sunday at Broad Street Church.

State Council Jr. O. U. A. M.

The statement appeared in The Times-Dispatch Saturday that the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., would meet in Lynchburg April 21st and 22d.

"This is incorrect," said State Councillor E. W. Miner, yesterday. "The State council does not meet until October. It assembles at that time in Newport News. The body that styles itself the State council, but which we do not recognize as such, meets in Lynchburg.

Building Was Wrecked.

(By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 20.—The office building in Hill City, a suburb of this city, was wrecked to-day by an explosion of gas while the generator was being refilled. John Knoedler, plumber in charge of the work, and Sam Thomas, a negro janitor, were badly burned and otherwise injured. The building was occupied by the power house, a drug store and secret society lodges.

FOXHALL KEEN'S PALM BEARER WON

Crossed Wire a Head in Front of Namokie in a Driving Finished.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—Foxhall Keen's Palm Bearer won the Canarsie stakes today. Palm Bearer won driving by a head, heavily played. The weather was clear and cool and the track fast. Summary:

First race—six furlongs—Flying Buttress (7 to 1) first, Royal (16 to 5) second, Demurrer (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:16.

Second race—four and one-half furlongs—Bombino (8 to 5) first, Bruceville (6 to 1) second, Mimon (8 to 1) third. Time, :57.

Third race—seven furlongs—Animosity (2 to 1) first, Torchlight (20 to 1) second, Past (7 to 2) third. Time, 1:28 3-5.

Fourth race—The Carnarsie stakes, four and one-half furlongs—Palm Bearer (4 to 1) first, Namokie (6 to 5) second, Ninepin (30 to 1) third. Time, :55.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Kickshaw (6 to 1) first, Oclawaha (4 to 1) second, Rostran (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:28.

Sixth race—five and one-half furlongs—Sacchrometer (6 to 1) first, Illyria (4 to 1) second, Court Maid (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:07 4-5.

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